

***SCHOOL OF CRIMINOLOGY,  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE, AND  
LEGAL STUDIES***

***Weekly Announcements  
March 25, 2024***

**2024/2025  
REGISTRATION IS  
OPEN!**



# Interested in a CJ internship?

## **Organizations seeking interns for the 2024/2025 semesters:**

- Covenant Academy
- Exodus Place
- Law enforcement
- Various Juvenile options
- Child and Adult Protective Services
- Legal Field Exploration
- Victim Services field
- And many many more!

## **Benefits**

- Explore career interests
- Enhance relationship building skills
- Apply classroom knowledge
- Learn and practice skills essential to the workplace
- Gain professional connections
- Earn elective credits
- Build your resume

● **Contact Laura Marsh for more information!**  
**[marshla1@gvsu.edu](mailto:marshla1@gvsu.edu)**

## Using a Virtual Reality Courtroom for Experiential Learning: A Study of Student Perception.

### Participants Needed for Research

To qualify for the study, participants must meet the requirements listed below:

- ❖ 18 years of age or older; and
- ❖ Meet one of the following criteria:
  1. Current GVSU students enrolled in Legal Studies courses;
  2. Current GVSU students pursuing a law-related program; or
  3. Recent graduates of GVSU's Legal Studies program.

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- ❖ Participants will complete a virtual reality courtroom experience and take a brief survey related to the experience.
- ❖ Some participants may be randomly selected to complete a follow-up interview.
- ❖ The anticipated involvement will be for approximately 30 to 75 minutes.

If you would like further information about the study or would like to schedule an appointment to participate, please contact:

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Department of Criminology, Criminal Justice and Legal Studies  
College of Education and Community Innovation



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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VIRTUAL REALITY RESEARCH STUDY

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Thank you for considering participating in this voluntary research!



## **COLD CASE INVESTIGATIONS WORK WITH MICHIGAN STATE POLICE ON REAL COLD CASES!**

**We invite you to apply for our new Cold Case class!  
Requirements include but are not limited to:**

- 3.0 GPA
- Junior or senior status
- Apply and be interviewed.
- Consent to a background investigation
- Sign & comply to a confidentiality agreement.
- Commit to both Fall and Winter semesters (6 total elective credits)
- Class typically meets one afternoon or evening per week. Schedule TBD

### **COLD CASE INVESTIGATIONS**

**Work with Michigan  
State Police on REAL  
Cold Cases**

**Apply now for Fall  
2024 & Winter 2025!**

**Limited Space!**

**Don't miss this  
unique opportunity**

### **APPLICATIONS AND QUESTIONS?**

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# **MPHI TEMPORARY PARALEGAL POSITION**



**MPHI is a Michigan-based and nationally engaged, non-profit public health institute. We are a team of teams, process and content experts dedicated to building a world where tomorrow is healthier than today.**

**Please see below a link to the paralegal posting on our MPHI careers page. The posting includes specifics on pay range, education, and experience requirements.**

**[Paralegal – Smoke Free Air Law Enforcement Program](#)**

# THE DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT (DART) POLICE DEPARTMENT

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The Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Police Department is recruiting applicants for our open Police Officer positions and we invite your students to attend our upcoming [Open House & Career Fair](#):

**When:** Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (come and go at any time)

**Where:** DART Police Headquarters  
2111 South Corinth Street Road in Dallas, Texas  
(adjacent to the Illinois Train Station)

**-or-**

virtually via [Zoom](#)



DART Police Department is a Recognized Agency by the Texas Police Chiefs Association Best Practices Recognition Program



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## **FORENSIC SCIENCE CLUB**

**FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO GET INTO  
THE FORENSIC SCIENCE CAREER AND  
LEARN MORE ABOUT FORENSICS!**

**MAK BLL126 | EVERY OTHER MONDAY | 6-7 P.M.**

**CONTACT: [SMITSKYL@MAIL.GVSU.EDU](mailto:SMITSKYL@MAIL.GVSU.EDU)**

We are currently looking to hire 20 police officers, security, and dispatch to enhance the safety and security of our campus and hospitals.

## WE'RE HIRING!

The University of Michigan's Ann Arbor campus currently has multiple roles, including police, security, and dispatch officers within the Division of Public Safety and Security (DPSS).

Join Us in Ensuring a Safe  
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### Community Engagement Opportunities

Our officers collaborate with the community at large in outreach and partnership efforts.

### Job Training

No police experience? Don't let that stop you from applying! We provide opportunities for covered Police Academy training.

### Make A Difference

Be a part of a team that is dedicated to making University of Michigan's campus a safe place to live, learn, work and heal.

### Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

We create an environment where our community feels welcomed, appreciated, and safe.

### Tuition Reimbursement

Employees can qualify for college tuition support while employed at DPSS.

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Announcing the **Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU)** program at  
The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

*Crime Analytics*

May 27 - August 3, 2024

<https://crime-analytics.uncc.edu/>

Would you like to earn **\$6,000** this summer to conduct research, develop data skills, and build your resume? Are you interested in presenting your work at a national criminal justice conference?

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded a Research Experience for Undergraduates Program in Data Science and Crime Analytics to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. This NSF summer program is designed for undergraduate students who want “hands-on” research experience and for those who are interested in pursuing graduate degrees or careers in fields such as Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Crime Analysis, Analytics, and Data Science. The program is targeted to undergraduate students who are rising sophomores and juniors. Nine students will be selected to participate, and students from underrepresented groups, HBCUs, and community colleges are **strongly** encouraged to apply.

Students will have the opportunity to work closely with faculty from Charlotte’s Departments of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Geography & Earth Science, College of Computing and Informatics, and the School of Data Science. The REU faculty members are nationally recognized for their expertise in working with large data sets, data mining and manipulation, quantitative data analysis, and data visualization.

Student teams will work with faculty mentors in their research track for 40 hours per week to complete one or more projects during the summer experience. In some cases, students may work with a local criminal justice agency as part of their project. Students will present their research at a final luncheon, and could potentially submit a manuscript for publication.

Students will be paid a **\$6,000 stipend**, and will have their housing provided on campus, as well as an allowance for food. Students will also visit industry leaders in data technology and the CMPD Crime Analysis lab, and participate in social events.



The application is available on the program’s website at [crime-analytics.uncc.edu](https://crime-analytics.uncc.edu). **Reviews of applications will begin on March 4, 2024.** All materials must be submitted electronically. Please contact **Dr. Michael Turner: [Crime-Analytics@uncc.edu](mailto:Crime-Analytics@uncc.edu)** if you have questions.

# **CAREER SERVICES EMPLOYER SHOWCASE**

**Employer Showcase**: Several employer partners will be hosting weekly informational tables starting next week. Students and faculty are encouraged to stop by for casual conversations with professionals. Employers under the Human and Public Service community will host tables on ***Wednesdays from 9:30 am – 2 pm*** with location varying by month.

# RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

**Academic  
Calendar**

**Banner**

**Blackboard**

**Career Center**

**CECI Dean's  
Office**

**CECI  
Undergraduate  
Advising Center**

**Course Catalog**

**GVSU Course  
Equivalencies**

**GVSU Forms**

**Handshake**

**Navigate**

**Police Academy  
Employment  
Opportunities**

**SCCJLS Job  
Opportunities &  
Internships**

**SCCJLS  
Scholarships**

**Veterans  
Network**

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**Monday – Friday**

**8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

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