

# Portland State University Launches Online Certificate in Criminal Behavior



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Portland, OR - (August 12, 2009) – Beginning Fall 2009, Portland State University (PSU) will begin offering an online Certificate in Criminal Behavior, further augmenting its portfolio of online coursework. PSU's Division of Criminology & Criminal Justice, part of the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government, is launching the Certificate in Criminal Behavior to fill a growing interest in this area of study.

Kris Henning, Program Director of Criminology & Criminal Justice Online said, "We're very excited about the new Certificate in Criminal Behavior. Popular culture has been driving public interest in this area for some time and we believe this is an offering that laymen and Criminal Justice professionals alike will find informative, helpful and relevant."



The Certificate in Criminal Behavior will explore a variety of criminal typologies, ranging from juvenile offenders to white collar criminals. Coursework will also focus on psychological and social factors that lead to aggressive behavior. Additionally, students will learn about various rehabilitative techniques that are used with offender populations.

The Division of Criminology & Criminal Justice already offers an online bachelor's program in Criminology & Criminal Justice as well as

certificates in Advanced Crime Analysis, the American Justice System and a post-baccalaureate certificate in Criminology & Criminal Justice online.

The Certificate in Criminal Behavior will only be available online.

For more information visit <http://www.online.ccj.pdx.edu>.

**About Portland State University**

Portland State University is located in the heart of downtown Portland, Oregon. PSU was founded in 1946 to help educate returning World War II veterans, and continues this tradition of adapting to changing social and educational circumstances. It is currently the largest and fastest-growing institution in the Oregon University System.

A significant number of students have begun their studies at other institutions; PSU's faculty and staff work hard to adapt to diverse student needs. The online learning program enables distance learners to interact with an interesting, passionate group of fellow students.

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