



BERNARD

POLITICAL SCIENCE,
CRIMINAL JUSTICE &
CRIMINOLOGY

ABOUT MY MAJOR

I'm a double major in Political Science and Criminal Justice and Criminology. In Political Science, we study politics and power. We go through a lot of Supreme Court cases, as well as current politics that are going on. For Criminology and Criminal Justice, we discuss the criminal justice system, how it works, the flows it has and then how we can change in the future. They go hand in hand with each other.

CHOOSING MY MAJOR

I knew I was going to do Criminal Justice and Criminology. I grew up in Kenya and there was always a cloud of violence and injustice around me. As a young kid, those kinds of influences impact you. There should always be a person who has to step up and help others. So that's why I chose to go into Criminal Justice. Political Science goes together with this because I'm a first-generation immigrant American. We always have a kind of struggle with the laws because it's not like we have bad people, but we don't understand how things work in America. In Kenya, things over there things function a little bit differently than what others are used to here.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Right now I'm in the Criminology Club. We have a lot of speakers who come and talk to us, like forensic scientists, FBI, judges, ambassadors, etc.

ADVICE

Keep pushing through! It's hard to start, but once you get into the majors they are pretty interesting and you'll meet great professors. The professors have experiences in the field they're teaching in. I would even push you to reach out and get to know your professors because they really do care about you and your studies.

CAREERS

After graduation, I'm planning on going to graduate school. However, if that doesn't work out, I'm thinking of becoming a police officer. I'm also interested in working for the State Department, like working for the US Embassy. There's a lot of things I could go into, but those are the ones I have in mind. There are so many options - you can become a probation officer, a law clerk- there's a lot of things. My major opens up a lot of opportunities for me and other students which is what I think matters the most.