



Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice

Union Commonwealth University seeks applicants for a 9-month full-time faculty position at the rank of Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, with appointment beginning in the Fall 2026 semester. Candidates must possess a minimum of a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice, but preference will be given to candidates with a terminal degree in criminal justice, criminology, or closely related discipline. Preference will also be given to candidates with a terminal degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in a different discipline. Faculty holding a terminal degree will be eligible for tenure-track appointment.

This position will serve as the primary faculty member serving the University's Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement majors, and this is an area where the University sees potential, and desires to invest in, strategic growth, especially in aligning our current curriculum with emerging fields including emergency management and homeland security. The University's goal is to foster career pathways for students seeking a wide variety of jobs in federal, state, and local law enforcement, emergency and disaster management, case management, corrections, and other allied careers.

We seek a student-centered teacher who is excited about dynamic pedagogy. Duties include teaching a variety of courses in criminal justice, emergency management, homeland security, and public law. We are especially interested in qualified candidates who are excited to teach general education courses and interdisciplinary students and who are committed to recruiting new majors from general education courses. Comfortable familiarity with educational technologies is a plus, and a student-centered pedagogical approach is a must.

Union faculty are also responsible for student advising, service to the institution, active participation in the life of the campus, and ongoing professional development.

Screening of applicants will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and the contact information for three professional references to:

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Founded in 1879, Union is a small, liberal-arts institution located in southeastern Kentucky. Union boasts a long commitment to Appalachia, providing quality education to a wide range of students from across the world, while maintaining a focus on the underserved and marginalized, especially first-generation college students.