

Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice and Criminology

Kentucky Wesleyan College, a private, liberal arts college with a long-standing reputation for quality and academic excellence, invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice and Criminology beginning August 2025.

The Criminal Justice and Criminology department seeks applicants who are engaging, energetic, collegial, and dedicated to creative teaching, student engagement, and the cultivation of critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Major Responsibilities

- Teach criminal justice and criminology courses (4/4 teaching load).
- Hold weekly office hours and participate in student advising.
- Actively participate on faculty committees.
- Engage in scholarly research and professional activities.
- Represent the department at admissions and other campus events.
- Contribute your professional expertise to the department, college, and community.

Minimum Qualifications

- Ph.D. in Criminal Justice, Criminology, or related field.
- Ability to teach a variety of program courses, including statistics and research methods.
- Ability to engage students and adapt teaching methods to improve student learning.
- A strong commitment to teaching and mentoring students from diverse backgrounds.
- Desire and willingness to be of service to the department, college, and community.
- Demonstrated potential for excellence in scholarly research and professional activities.
- Effective communication skills and ability to work collaboratively.

Employee Benefits

This full-time position offers a comprehensive benefits package, including the following:

- Insurance health, dental, vision, supplemental
- Life insurance at no cost to the employee
- Retirement plan
- Free tuition at KWC after one year plus tuition arrangements with hundreds of other colleges and universities

As Kentucky Wesleyan is a not-for-profit institution, employees may be eligible for loan forgiveness under the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program of the US Department of Education.

Application Process

Kentucky Wesleyan College is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to attracting qualified candidates from underrepresented groups. To apply, complete the online application at https://kwc.edu/application-for-employment/. As part of the online application, please attach a letter of application, curriculum vitae, contact information for three professional references, and unofficial graduate transcripts.

Review of application materials will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. An official transcript for the highest degree awarded will be required of the hired candidate, as will a background check. The College will not sponsor applicants for work visas.

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Questions regarding the search process can be directed to Professor Kari Miller at kmiller@kwc.edu.

Additional Information

About Kentucky Wesleyan College

Kentucky Wesleyan College is a private, four-year liberal arts institution located in the vibrant city of Owensboro. A United Methodist-related college founded in 1858, Wesleyan is known for excellence in academics and a superior residential experience. Kentucky Wesleyan College has been consistently ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of the Best Regional Colleges in the South and one of the Top Performers in Social Mobility in the South. The Princeton Review has also recognized KWC as a "Best in the Southeast" college for several consecutive years.

Kentucky Wesleyan students can choose from 29 majors and 13 pre-professional programs. Classes have a 13-to-1 student-faculty ratio, and 88 percent of the faculty have a Ph.D. or terminal degree. The College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

The Kentucky Wesleyan Panthers compete in NCAA Division II and are charter members of the Great Midwest Athletic Conference. Athletic teams include baseball, basketball, football, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, volleyball, and wrestling.

The College employs approximately 200 faculty and staff who work together on a single campus. Kentucky Wesleyan provides a challenging and supportive academic experience for students and a positive and stimulating work environment for employees.

A hallmark of the Kentucky Wesleyan experience includes "The Wesleyan Way" which guides our community:

- We do everything with honor.
- We always support each other.
- We will compete with integrity.
- We love each other in Christ.

Kentucky Wesleyan College values the unique contributions of all members of our campus community. As part of our mission to prepare future leaders intellectually, spiritually, and physically, we strive to provide an atmosphere that encourages and challenges all members of the Kentucky Wesleyan College campus community to exhibit an understanding and appreciation of cultural and human differences. We are committed to being a community that reflects the diversity of our larger society. We expect all members of our institution to actively create and maintain an inclusive learning and living environment that embraces diversity in all forms, including race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, socio-economic status, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, religion, and thought.

About Owensboro, KY

Kentucky Wesleyan College is located in the hospitable city of Owensboro, Kentucky, a vibrant, beautiful, and safe city nestled on the banks of the Ohio River. Owensboro is small enough to promote a hometown atmosphere yet large enough to support many amenities usually only available in much larger cities. Daviess County is home to 110,000 residents and is easily accessible from metropolitan locations such as Louisville, KY; Nashville, TN; and St. Louis, MO.

Owensboro's revitalized downtown area features a state-of-the-art convention center, several new hotels, and a range of entertainment options with unique restaurants and shops. Twenty-five parks, totaling 953 acres, encircle the city, which hosts over 20 annual festivals – attracting visitors from throughout the region.

Suggested Websites

Additional information about Kentucky Wesleyan, the KWC Panthers, and the Owensboro community may be found at:

- https://www.kwc.edu/
- http://www.kwcpanthers.com/
- http://www.owensboro.org/
- https://edc.owensboro.com/
- https://visitowensboro.com/