



Assistant or Associate Professor in Criminal Justice and Criminology

Kentucky Wesleyan College, a private, liberal arts college with a long-standing reputation for quality and academic excellence, is seeking an engaging, energetic, and collegial Assistant or Associate Professor in Criminal Justice and Criminology. The faculty rank will be determined by the qualifications of the applicant. This full-time faculty position will begin in Fall 2021.

Program Overview

The Criminal Justice and Criminology Program is one of the largest and most popular degree programs at Kentucky Wesleyan College. The program is intended to introduce students to the study of criminal behavior, the criminal justice system, social justice, and law from a multidisciplinary, liberal-arts perspective. Students seeking a degree in criminal justice and criminology will study the complexities of and relationships among the social, political, historical, and psychological influences affecting crime, criminals, and legal processes.

Major Responsibilities

The successful candidate will teach a variety of introductory and upper level courses in both a traditional and online format. Candidates should have the ability to teach across a variety of program content and be proficient in theory, policy, and law. Preference will be given to candidates with a specialization in forensic science and criminalistics. In addition to teaching responsibilities, candidates also are expected to engage in scholarly activity and publication, student advisement, assessment, and active participation in college committees. The ideal candidate will display a demonstrated potential for excellence in scholarship, commitment to undergraduate education, and possess excellent interpersonal skills in order to effectively communicate with a diverse array of students and colleagues.

Minimum Qualifications

- Ph.D. in Criminal Justice or Criminology.
- Ability to foster creative methods of improving student outcomes.
- A strong commitment to teaching, mentoring, and working with undergraduate students.
- An active, independent research program that involves students.
- A desire to be of service to the college and to the external community.
- Effective communication skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively.

Employee Benefits

This full-time position has access to a full range of employee benefits, including health, dental, vision, and life insurance; a generous benefit time program; and tuition benefits. Due to the college's not-for-profit status, employees of Kentucky Wesleyan may be able to receive loan forgiveness under the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program of the US Department of Education.

Application Process

To apply, complete the online application at <https://kwc.edu/application-for-employment/>. As part of the online application, please include a letter of application, statement of teaching philosophy, and references where indicated and attach a curriculum vitae and unofficial transcript of highest degree. Please indicate at least one reference that can speak to your teaching abilities. Kentucky Wesleyan College is an equal opportunity employer.

Review of application materials will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Questions may be directed to Dr. Paula Dehn, Vice President of Academic Affairs, at pdehn@kwc.edu or Dr. Lynette Taylor, Division Chair of Social Sciences at ltaylor@kwc.edu,

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.

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 earned a #8 ranking in 2017 from U.S. News & World Report as a Best Regional College in the South, along with a #3 ranking in the South in the category of "Great Schools, Great Prices," which measures academic quality compared to cost of attendance.

Kentucky Wesleyan students can choose from 29 majors and 13 pre-professional programs. Classes have a 12-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 to award baccalaureate degrees.

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 as well as a positive and stimulating work environment for employees. A hallmark of the Kentucky Wesleyan experience includes "The Wesleyan Way," beliefs which guide the entire college community:

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

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

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 College, the Panthers, and the Owensboro community may be found at:

- <https://www.kwc.edu/>
- <http://www.owensboro.org/>
- <https://edc.owensboro.com/>