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Saint Leo University Offers Accredited Multimedia Online Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice

TAMPA, FL – As local, regional and national law enforcement agencies recruit candidates based on education and civil service test scores, Saint Leo University, one of the nation's largest providers of multimedia online accredited bachelor's degrees, has announced the addition of an online Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice to give law enforcement candidates and current law enforcement officials the needed knowledge for a successful career in criminal justice.

While traditional campus-based college degree programs fit the schedules of some working adults, law enforcement professionals are a different breed. It is difficult for law enforcement officers to attend campus-based degree programs because of irregular work schedules. The Saint Leo University Online Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Degree program now makes it possible for law enforcement candidates and professionals to earn their Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice entirely online without ever setting foot on campus through its partnership with the University Alliance, a Bisk Education Network, (www.universityalliance.com).

“Saint Leo University has offered the bachelor's degree program in Criminal Justice since 1970,” said Jack Jordan, Adjunct Professor, Saint Leo University, and Chief Deputy Sheriff of Sumter County, FL. “Over 2,000 of the program's graduates are currently employed in law enforcement. The program is based on a national curriculum model designed to prepare students for careers in the criminal justice system, enhance the effectiveness of working professionals, provide the foundation for advancement to administrative levels and prepare for graduate study in Criminal Justice and related fields including law school.”

Saint Leo University requires students to complete the general education requirements, 39-credit hours of Criminal Justice common courses, with the opportunity to complete the remaining 15-credit hours within one of three specialization areas – Human Service, Administrative or a combined Human Service-Administrative specialization, in which students can create a customized curriculum that best fits their needs and goals.

“As an e-Learning industry leader, the University Alliance continues to add to our selection of degree programs because we are meeting the demands of the market,” said Bisk Education, Inc. Chairman and Founder Nathan M. Bisk. “Saint Leo University's Criminal Justice Degree program is ideal for working adults interested in a law enforcement career and for criminal justice professionals whose rise in the ranks is tied in with earning a bachelor's degree.”

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The Online Criminal Justice Degree program features web-based “classrooms” that are designed with the very latest technology to give students the “digital tools” they need to enhance their educational experience. These tools include 24/7 on-demand video streamed lectures that allow students to view the lectures as many times as they need; an asynchronous online bulletin board that permits students and faculty to interact on key topics and chat rooms that are used by instructors to host “virtual” office hours where students can collaborate real-time with faculty members. No on-campus classroom attendance is required.

The online instructors are the same faculty and professionals that teach “on-campus” at Saint Leo University. Faculty members are also current law enforcement professionals employed throughout Florida including the Sumter County Sheriff’s Department, Hernando County Sheriff’s Department and the Tampa Police Department.

About Saint Leo University

Saint Leo University has one of the largest online bachelor’s degree programs in the nation with over 20,000 enrollments. Founded in 1889 as the first Catholic college in Florida, Saint Leo University is located just north of Tampa, FL. Saint Leo University is one of the largest Catholic institutions of higher education in the United States and one of the largest providers of education to military service members and is a major partner in the \$450 million eArmyU Program. In addition to Criminal Justice, Saint Leo University offers three other online bachelor’s degree and two associate degree programs. The degrees offered include a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting, Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems (CIS), Associate of Arts in Business Administration and an Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts.

About the University Alliance:

Merging state-of-the-art technology with the highest educational standards, the University Alliance is the nation’s leading exclusive e-Learning provider of online Associate’s, Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees and certificate programs from regionally accredited universities and colleges with over 55,000 enrollments. The University Alliance works with nationally recognized colleges and universities – such as Saint Leo University, Villanova University, Regis University and Jacksonville University– to provide students with accredited degree and certificate programs in numerous in-demand majors including business administration, accounting, Criminal Justice, computer information systems, liberal arts and nursing.

For more information on the University Alliance, contact Steve Valley at 1-800-874-7877 ext. 523 or stevev@bisk.com.