

Lecturer/Teaching Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice
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Job Description

The Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Nevada, Reno invites applications for a Lecturer or Teaching Assistant Professor to begin July 1, 2027. This is a teaching-focused position with a 4-4 teaching load, with service and professional development responsibilities and no research obligations. We seek a candidate with broad teaching interests to contribute primarily to our on-ground and online undergraduate programs. The successful candidate must demonstrate the potential for excellence in teaching and service.

Required Qualifications

M.A. in Criminal Justice, Criminology, or a related field. Candidates possessing a J.D. will also be considered.

Preferred Qualifications

M.A. or Ph.D. in Criminal Justice, Criminology, or a related field. Evidence of prior teaching experience and the ability to teach Criminal Law, Criminal Justice Policy, and other core courses across the Criminal Justice curriculum.

Compensation Grade/Rank

Rank 0(II), Lecturer (Or Teaching Assistant Professor with terminal degree) (9-month, B-contract). Salary is competitive with a hiring range of \$63,000-\$64,500 and commensurate with related education and experience.

Perks of working at UNR

- Health insurance options including dental and vision - [Health Insurance](#)
- Generous annual and sick leave, life insurance, and long-term disability – [Faculty Benefits](#)
- E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center offers an annual or semester membership and family membership options. [E.L. Wiegand Fitness Center](#)
- [Mountain EAP](#) supports employees (and eligible dependents) through life's difficult moments. Mountain EAP is located in Reno and specializes in counseling and advising services for personal or interpersonal issues.
- Several Diversity Committees and Affinity Groups focusing on campus-wide diversity initiatives to ensure we are working to create a diverse and welcoming campus climate. [Diversity Groups](#)
- Faculty Senate is the principal representing body for faculty. Its membership includes representatives from each academic and administrative major unit of the University. [Faculty Senate](#)
- No state income tax!

Grants-in-aid for Faculty Employees & Their Dependents

The University is proud to provide a reduced-rate tuition benefit to faculty and qualified dependents. Faculty can take up to six credits per semester at a reduced rate. Dependents of

faculty have unlimited credits, but in order to be eligible children must be unmarried and under the age of 24 and must receive at least 50% of their financial support from the employee and/or employee's spouse or domestic partner. [Faculty Grant-in-Aid](#)

Faculty Dual Career Assistance Program

The University of Nevada, Reno recognizes the importance of addressing dual-career couples' professional needs. We offer a dual career assistance program to newly hired faculty spouses/partners that provides resources and assists them to identify career opportunities in Northern Nevada. [Dual Career Assistance Program](#)

Department Information

The UNR Department of Criminal Justice is an interdisciplinary department of 13 full-time faculty and several part-time faculty with experience in the field. We offer a B.A in Criminal Justice, both on-ground and online, M.A. in Criminal Justice, M.A. in Justice Management, and a Certificate in Forensics Studies. Faculty also contribute to the interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in Social Psychology and Ph.D. program in Judicial Studies. With more than 700 majors and minors, we are the largest undergraduate major in the College of Liberal Arts. Additional information about the Department can be found at: www.unr.edu/criminal-justice

College and University Information

The [University of Nevada, Reno](#) is a public Research 1 land-grant institution of the Nevada System of Higher Education with a student population of approximately 21,000, including over 3,000 graduate students with a campus also at [Lake Tahoe](#). We are a comprehensive, doctoral university that has been designated as a Carnegie R1 institution with very high research activity and a Carnegie Community Engagement Classification. Nearly half of our students are students of color, and we are considered a Hispanic Serving Institution. In accordance with the University's land grant tier-one research institution mission, our faculty are expected to contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through research, teaching, and service in a pluralistic environment.

The University has dynamic intellectual, artistic and sports life, and a close relationship to the city of Reno. Located in one of the nation's fastest-growing innovative economies, Reno is home to a thriving technology ecosystem, attracting leading companies in advanced manufacturing, clean energy, logistics, artificial intelligence, and data infrastructure. It is a growing tech and innovation hub with a diverse population and a rich cultural history that hosts an active art, music and festival scene. Known for its proximity to Lake Tahoe and the Sierra Nevada mountains, Reno is a vibrant, diverse and growing city located on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada, about 200 miles east of San Francisco, about 100 miles east of Sacramento and 30 miles north of the state capital, Carson City. Combined with the neighboring city of Sparks, the Reno-Sparks metropolitan area has a population of more than 500,000. Reno is only 30-45 minutes from Lake Tahoe and major ski resorts and is rated one of the top locations in the United States for living and outdoor recreation. It has an international airport with direct flights to many U.S. transportation hubs and to Mexico. For more information about the city and the surrounding area, please visit www.cityofreno.com and www.visitrenotahoe.com.

The [College of Liberal Arts](#) is home to the humanities, social sciences, and arts, offering 13 academic units and 8 additional programs, museums, and centers, including the Center for Constitutional Law and the Center for Basque Studies, that foster creativity, critical thinking, and engaged citizenship. As one of the largest academic units on campus with just under 4,000 students and 240 faculty, the College combines a strong liberal arts tradition with innovative and interdisciplinary teaching, research, and community engagement, preparing students for meaningful careers and lifelong learning in an interconnected world. The College emphasizes inquiry, discovery, and openness to new ideas and perspectives and supports major scholarly research and creative activity in the three disciplines and offers a number of programs at the [Lake Tahoe](#) campus. Visit www.unr.edu/liberal-arts for more information about the college, faculty, and students.

The University of Nevada, Reno is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

Contact Information for this position

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Required Attachment(s)

Please note, once you submit your application the only attachment/s viewable to you will be the attachment/s to the resume/CV section of the application. Any additional required attachment/s to the cover letter, references, additional documents sections of the application, will not be viewable to you after you submit your application. All uploaded attachment/s will be on the application for the committee to review. To request updates to attachments, prior to the committee review of applications, please contact the candidate helpdesk at jobs@unr.edu.

Please attach the following documents to your application:

- 1) A complete Curriculum Vita
- 2) Cover letter outlining qualifications, teaching experience, and how they would contribute toward the college's [mission](#).
- 3) Statement of teaching philosophy and experience
- 4) Finalists will be asked to share recent teaching evaluations and contact information for three professional references

Open until filled

Qualified individuals are encouraged to apply. Position is open until filled. First review of applications will begin **October 1, 2026**.