The Department of Criminal Justice Studies and Sociology at Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, is seeking applications for a tenure-track position in Criminal Justice Studies at the rank of Assistant Professor, to begin in August 2027. The teaching load is three courses per semester (in person). The successful candidate will teach courses supporting the Criminal Justice Studies major as well as courses in the core curriculum and first-year program. The position involves undergraduate advising as well as supervision of internships and student research projects. The College expects research outputs in the relevant field of specialization. Successful candidates will be highly committed to teaching excellence in addition to scholarship and service in a liberal arts environment.

We welcome candidates from a wide range of fields in criminology and criminal justice. Strong candidates will demonstrate the ability to integrate theoretical and applied criminal justice studies content effectively. Applicants should be prepared to teach Research Methods and Data Analysis, as well as a variety of introductory and advanced elective courses. A Ph.D. in Criminology, Criminal Justice Studies, Sociology or a related discipline is preferred, but advanced ABDs will be considered. Applied experience working within the criminal justice system is welcome but not required.

Westminster College is a nationally recognized liberal arts college, known for its collaborative environment, outstanding experiential learning programs, and focus on student success. Related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Westminster was founded in 1852 as one of the first colleges in the country to offer the same degrees to all people, regardless of gender, race, or religion. Westminster has been ranked among the nation's top schools for "Top Colleges Doing the Most for the American Dream" (N.Y. Times), "best value for the money" (College Factual), employment success (Educate to Career Index), graduation rate performance (U.S. News), social mobility (Washington Monthly), women in STEM disciplines (Forbes), service-learning (President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll), and other categories. Around 1,200 undergraduate and graduate students benefit from close personal attention from dedicated faculty while choosing from 41 majors, 10 pre-professional programs and 80 organizations. Westminster's historic campus is located in New Wilmington, PA, a beautiful rural setting near Pittsburgh and Cleveland.

To apply for this position, electronically submit the following items to Dr. Shannon Smithey, Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice Studies and Sociology at Westminster College, at smithesi@westminster.edu: Curriculum Vitae, Statement on Teaching and Research in a liberal arts college, evidence of teaching effectiveness, evidence of scholarly potential or achievement, graduate transcripts, and names and contact information for three professional references. Please put "Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Studies Position" in the subject line of the email. Review of email application materials will begin December 21, 2026. Westminster College is an equal opportunity employer.