

# What Can I Do With a Major in...

# Criminal Justice?

---

The criminal justice major will focus on law enforcement, the courts, and corrections in some detail. Students will learn about criminology, juvenile delinquency, serial murder and terrorism, to name a few. Some discussions involve controversial issues including the death penalty, treating violent juveniles as adults, and the distribution of justice in America. The program also offers additional preparation for later careers in administration and policy making. Academic development is emphasized, along with career preparation, to assist students in exploring career options.

### Skills/Competencies Associated with Criminal Justice Majors:

- \*Desire to help others
- \*Integrity
- \*Good vision, physical stamina, manual dexterity
- \*React spontaneously or maintain composure under pressure
- \*Solve problems or meet deadlines
- \*Critical thinking and problem solving skills.
- \*Appreciation for order
- \*Strong interpersonal communication ability
- \*Leadership skills
- \*Persuade or influence others

### Related Occupations:

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Airport Security Officer<br>Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms Officer<br>Attorney<br>Bailiff<br>Body Guard<br>Border Patrol Agent<br>Case Worker<br>Child Support Agency Worker<br>CIA Agent<br>Community Service Coordinator<br>Compliance Manager<br>Contracts Administrator<br>Corrections Facilities Manager<br>Corrections Officer<br>Court Administrator<br>Court Clerk<br>Criminal Investigator<br>Criminologist<br>Customs Agent<br>Deportation Officer<br>Deputy Marshall<br>Deputy Sheriff<br>Detective<br>Discrimination Investigator<br>District Attorney<br>Drug Enforcement Agent | Employment Agency Recruiter<br>Environmental Conservation Officer<br>FBI Agent<br>Firefighter<br>Fish & Game Warden<br>Guard<br>Housing/Tenant Representative<br>Industrial Security Specialist<br>Jailer<br>Juvenile Court Counselor<br>Law Enforcement Officer<br>Law Librarian<br>Legal Assistant<br>Litigation Manager<br>Media Criminologist<br>Military Officer<br>Mounted Police<br>Naval Investigator<br>Non-Profit Organization Advocate<br>Paralegal<br>Park Ranger<br>Parole/Probation Officer<br>Police Commissioner<br>Police Detective<br>Police Instructor<br>Police Officer/Manager | Polygraph Examiner<br>Postal Service Investigator<br>Pre-Trial Services Officer<br>Private Investigator<br>Private Security Officer<br>Public Defender<br>Public Safety Officer<br>Revenue Officer<br>Secret Service Agent<br>Security Officer<br>Sheriff<br>Social Service Worker<br>Social Worker<br>State Police Officer<br>Substance Abuse Counselor<br>Resident Supervisor<br>Surveillance Office<br>Teacher<br>US Marshall<br>Victim Services Specialist<br>Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor<br>Warden<br>Witness Protection Program Worker<br>Youth Advocate |
|---|---|--|

\*This is only a partial list and not meant to limit you. Come to Career Services to explore your options further.

### **Strategies:**

- \*Work part-time at a police/fire station
- \*Work as a security guard
- \*Strengthen leadership and teambuilding skills.
- \*Join a debate team.
- \*Work in a law office
- \*Obtain an internship in field.
- \*Enhance communication skills.
- \*Read materials linked to field.

### **Resources for Criminal Justice Majors:**

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences  
<http://www.acjs.org>

The College Central Network  
<http://www.collegecentral.com/gmc>

O\*NET OnLine  
<http://online.onetcenter.org>

Occupational Outlook Handbook  
<http://www.bls.gov/oco>

National Criminal Justice Reference Service  
<http://www.ncjrs.org>

US Agencies  
<http://www.govtjobs.com/crim>

Law Enforcement Jobs  
<http://www.lawenforcementjobs.com>

Criminal Justice Education  
[www.cjed.com](http://www.cjed.com)

American Society of Criminology  
<http://www.asc41.com>

Police One  
<http://www.policeone.com>

Careers in Government  
<http://www.careersingovernment.com>

Government Jobs  
<http://www.governmentjobs.com>

National Federation of Paralegal Associations  
<http://www.paralegals.org>

The American Lawyer  
[www.lawjobs.com](http://www.lawjobs.com)

---

**Gwynedd-Mercy College**  
**Career Services**  
215-646-7300, ext: 230  
[careerservices@gmc.edu](mailto:careerservices@gmc.edu)  
[www.gmc.edu/students/careerservices](http://www.gmc.edu/students/careerservices)