

What can I do with this major?

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. Students can also focus on private security.

Skills/Competencies Associated with Criminal Justice Majors:

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

Related Occupations:

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

*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 in a law office
- Work as a security guard
- Obtain an internship in field
- Strengthen leadership and teambuilding skills
- Enhance communication skills
- Join a debate team
- Read materials linked to field

Resources:

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
www.acjs.org

The College Central Network
www.collegecentral.com/gmc

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

Occupational Outlook Handbook
www.bls.gov/oco

National Criminal Justice Reference Service
www.ncjrs.gov

US Agencies
www.govtjobs.com

Law Enforcement Jobs
www.lawenforcementjobs.com

Criminal Justice Education
www.cjed.com

American Society of Criminology
www.asc41.com

Police One
www.policeone.com

Careers in Government
www.careersingovernment.com

Government Jobs
www.governmentjobs.com

National Federation of Paralegal Associations
www.paralegals.org

The American Lawyer
www.law.com

USA Jobs
www.usajobs.gov

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