

Criminal Justice

The major in criminal justice provides students with a knowledge of the causes of crime, as well as the workings of the criminal justice system (police, courts, and corrections) and law in society. Courses include topics such as theories of crime, dispute resolution, drugs and crime, child abuse and neglect, gangs, policing, and private security.

Related Career Titles

Airport Security Officer	Customs Agent	Litigation Manager
Bailiff	Deportation Officer	
Body Guard	Deputy Marshall	Military Officer
Border Patrol Agent	Detective	Naval Investigator
CIA Agent	Discrimination Investigator	Non-Profit Organization Advocate
Child Support Agency Worker	Drug Enforcement Agent	Paralegal
Community Service Coordinator	Employment Agency Recruiter	Park Ranger
Compliance Manager	Environmental Conservation Officer	Police Officer
Corrections Officer	FBI Agent	Postal Service Investigator
Court Administrator	Fish & Game Warden	Pre-Trial Services Officer
Court Clerk	Loss Prevention Specialist	Private Security Officer
Housing/Tenant Representative	Industrial Security Specialist	Probation & Parole Officer
Juvenile Court Counselor	Law Clerk	Public Safety Officer
SBI Agent	Social Worker	Victim Services Specialist
Secret Service Agent	Teacher	Youth Advocate
Sheriff	US Customs Agent	US Marshall

JOBS REQUIRING ADDITIONAL EDUCATION OR EXPERIENCE

Attorney	Criminologist	Law Librarian
Coroner	Corrections Facilities Manager	Police Detective
FBI Agent	Contracts Administrator	Penologist
Criminal Investigator	Substance Abuse Counselor	Private Investigator
Warden		

Skills & Knowledge Developed in this Field of Study

Students completing a criminal justice major combine a quality liberal arts education with specific knowledge and skills important to most employers. They gain knowledge about interpersonal and organizational behavior. They also learn to critically analyze problems and to develop and test methods to solve those problems through required courses in research methods and statistics.

Job Outlook

The job outlook for the foreseeable future is excellent. Crime is a major domestic policy concern and efforts continue to find effective responses to it. Opportunities in policing are expanding with the passage of the recent Crime Control Act. Probation and parole offices are hiring in response to increasing demands. Private security continues to grow dramatically as well.