

Explore



Criminal Justice

Criminal justice concerns public safety and law enforcement. Studies include basic criminal justice theories as well as practices, systems, strategies, functions, and problems (particularly crime and its many affects on society). Major criminal justice areas are law enforcement, criminal courts, and corrections. * Excerpt from College Majors and Careers by Paul Pfifer

Areas to Explore

Probation & Parole . Victims Advocacy . Corrections . Counseling . Judiciary & Law

Careers to Explore

Corrections Officer . Parole Officer . Rehabilitation Counselor . Court Reporter
Police Officer . Victims Advocate . Border Patrol Agent . Forensic Examiner
Park Ranger . FBI Agent . Public Safety Office . US Marshall . Paralegal . Sheriff
Information Security Manager . Customs Agent . Fraud Analyst . Judicial Assistant

Employers to Explore

Correction Facilities . Drug Enforcement Agency . Security Operations . Crime Labs
Insurance Companies . Banks . Federal Marshals . Postal Service . Group Homes
Alternative Schools . Law Firms . Police Departments . Prison Camps . Non-Profits

Career Planning Tactics

- Most entry-level positions are in social service organizations and law enforcement
- Gain experience working with your population interest by volunteering, doing internships, working at youth camps, non-profits that work with victims, police departments, etc.
- Take supplemental coursework in the area of biology, psychology, sociology or business depending on your area of interest
- Develop interpersonal and leadership skills by becoming involved on campus
- Consider pursuing a graduate degree in the area of counseling, forensic science, social work or business

Resources:

[Occupational Outlook Handbook: Judicial Workers](#)

[Occupational Outlook Handbook: Probation Officers & Correctional Treatment Specialist](#)

[Criminal Justice @ Belmont Abbey](#)

Professional Associations

[American Probation & Parole Association](#)
[American Correctional Association](#)
[Coalition for Juvenile Justice](#)

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