What can I do with a major in...

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Criminal Justice majors can find careers in law enforcement, court administration, victim services, research and policy analysis, US Armed Forces, corrections, insurance fraud investigation, teaching, corporate and industrial security, special agents with federal agencies or the legal field.

INDUSTRIES:
Public and private sectors

Salary
$32K - $37K
ENTRY LEVEL

$44K - $70K
MEDIAN LEVEL

Common Job Titles
Police Officer
Detective
Special Agent
Corrections Officer
Criminal Investigator
Criminal Law Paralegal
Customs and Border Protections
Court Manager
Court Clerk
Security Guard
Legal Assistant
Policy Analyst
Compliance Manager
Teacher/Professor
Airport Security Personnel
Bounty Hunters
Crime Analysts
Emergency Services Dispatchers

Skills
Verbal Communication
Written Communication
Teamwork
Coordination
Critical Thinking
Monitoring
Problem Solving
Documenting/Recording
Information

Tools
Computers
Communication devices
Weapon/Explosives
Surveillance recorders

Technology
Database user interface and query software
Electronic mail software
Graphics/photo imaging software
Office Suite Software
Presentation software
Map creating software
Popular Employers

- Miami Dade Police
- Broward County Sheriff’s Office
- Local City Police Departments
- FBI
- CIA
- U.S. Secret Service
- NSA
- DEA
- IRS
- EPA
- Homeland Security
- Florida Department of Corrections
- Department of Children and Families
- National institute of Justice
- The RAND Corporation
- U.S. Attorney’s Office
- Federal Defenders Offices
- County Prosecutors
- State Farm
- Guardian ad Litem

Related Occupations

- Public Safety Officers
- Fire Fighting
- Government
- Parks and Public Lands

Advice from professionals is great

Make Connections.
It’s important for criminal justice majors to network and build relationships when attending professional events. Professional associations allows for networking, mentoring, learning the industry trends and finding career or internship opportunities. Professional associations within the criminal justice industry include:

Professional Associations

- National Association of Legal Investigators
- Fraternal Order of Police
- National Association of Police Organizations
- International Association of Chiefs of Police
- American Correctional Association
- American Society of Criminology
- Association of Former Intelligence Officers
- National Sheriffs' Association

Professionals in the Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security are responsible for planning, managing, and providing legal, public safety, protective services and homeland security, including professional and technical support services.

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