

CRIME AND JUSTICE

What is Crime and Justice?

Crime and Justice is the system of law enforcement, the bar, the judiciary, corrections and probation that is directly involved in the apprehension, prosecution, defense, sentencing, incarceration and supervision of those suspected of or charged with criminal offenses.

Entry-level Job Titles (from <http://uncw.edu/career/criminology.html>)

Airport Security Officer	Customs Agent	Litigation Manager
Bailiff	Deportation Officer	U.S. Marshall
Body Guard	Deputy Marshall	Military Officer
Border Patrol Agent	Detective	Naval Investigator
CIA Agent	Discrimination Investigator	Nonprofit Organization
Child Support Agency	Drug Enforcement Agent	Paralegal
Community Service	Employ. Agency Recruiter	Park Ranger
Compliance Manager	Envir. Conservation Officer	Police Officer
Corrections Officer	FBI Agent	Postal Service Investigator
Court Administrator	Fish & Game Warden	Pretrial Services Officer
Court Clerk	Loss Prevention Specialist	Private Security Officer
Housing/Tenant Rep.	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	

Jobs Requiring Additional Education or Experience (from <http://uncw.edu/career/criminology.html>)

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

Learn more about the occupations listed above by going to <http://www.bls.gov>

How do you get ready?

- Many criminal justice professions require candidates to possess strong oral and written communication skills and good computer skills. The ability to speak a second language is also desirable.
- Develop good listening skills and the ability to work well with a wide range of diverse populations.
- Most entry-level positions for criminal justice majors reside with law enforcement and social service organizations.
- Be willing to start in an entry-level job in order to prepare for more advanced career opportunities.
- Obtain experience through volunteer, practicum or internship opportunities.
- Supplement your program of study with courses in business, psychology, anthropology or sociology. Course work related to the hard sciences (biology, chemistry or biochemistry) is preferred for career opportunities in forensics.
- Depending upon one's career goals, earn a master's degree in disciplines such as criminal justice, forensic science, social work, counseling or business to obtain positions involving therapy, higher levels of administration, forensics or research. Earn the doctorate degree for university teaching positions.
- Conduct informational interviews with professionals in fields of interest to learn more about opportunities.

Related Major Skills (from <http://uncw.edu/career/criminology.html>)

Written & presentation skills	Research strategies
Understanding societies' reaction to crimes	Ethics and moral values
Considerations of gender & race	Interviewing skills
Quantitative skills	Strong background in humanities, social science & natural science
Skills in research and scientific methodology	Broad understanding of criminal law and the criminal justice system
Critical thinking	Computer literacy
Understanding nature of crimes	Ability to identify and analyze social problems and develop solutions
Decision making	Knowledge of legal structures
Patience	Supervision & management skills

What about the future? (from <http://www.directdegree.com/s/CriminalJusticeCareers.shtml>)

“Employment of police and detectives is projected to grow 4 percent from 2014 to 2024, slower than the average for all occupations. While a continued desire for public safety is expected to result in a need for more officers, demand for employment is expected to vary depending on location, driven largely by local and state budgets. Even with crime rates falling in the last few years, demand for police services to maintain and improve public safety is expected to continue.”

“Employment of probation officers and correctional treatment specialists is projected to grow 4 percent from 2014 to 2024, slower than the average for all occupations. However, because community corrections is viewed as an economically viable alternative to incarceration in some cases, demand for probation officers and correctional treatment specialists should continue. Parole officers will continue to be needed to supervise individuals who will be released from prison in the future.”

For a more detailed employment outlook of crime and justice occupations, refer to <http://www.bls.gov>

Available at Albright College Career Development’s Resource Library

- Great Jobs for Sociology Majors, by Stephen Lambert
- Careers for Caring People and Other Sensitive Types, Adrian Paradis
- Careers for Good Samaritans and Other Humanitarian Types, by Marjorie Eberts and Margaret Gisler
- Careers for Kids At Heart and Others Who Adore Children, by Marjorie Eberts and Margaret Gisler
- Careers for Legal Eagles and Other Law–and–Order Types, by Blythe Camenson
- Careers for Mystery Buffs and Other Snoops and Sleuths, by Blythe Camenson
- Careers for Number Crunchers and Other Quantitative Types, by Rebecca Burnett
- Careers for Scholars and Other Deep Thinkers, by Blythe Camenson
- Careers in Criminology, by Marilyn Morgan
- Careers in Sociology, by W. Richard Stephens, Jr.
- Opportunities in Child Care Careers, by Renee Wittenberg
- Opportunities in Federal Government Careers, by Neale Baxter
- Opportunities in Gerontology and Aging Services Careers, by Ellen Williams
- Opportunities in Hospital Administration Careers, by I. Donald Snook, Jr.
- Opportunities in Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Careers, by James Stinchcomb
- Opportunities in Social Science Careers, by Rosanne J. Marek
- Opportunities in Social Work Careers, by Renee Wittenberg
- Opportunities in State and Local Government Careers, by Neale Baxter

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Law Enforcement Job Links

- Officer, <http://www.officer.com>
- Official Directory of State Patrol and State Police, <http://www.statetroopersdirectory.com>
- USACops, <http://www.usacops.com>
- 911 Hotjobs – Law Enforcement & Correction Jobs <http://www.911hotjobs.com>
- Go Law Enforcement, <http://www.golawenforcement.com/>

Court/Legal Related Job Links:

- American Bar Association Career Corner, <http://www.americanbar.org/careercenter.html>
- FindLaw, <http://careers.findlaw.com>
- National Association for Law Placement, <http://www.nalp.org>
- National Bar Association, <http://www.nationalbar.org>
- National Federation of Paralegal Associations, <http://www.paralegals.org>

Correction Related Job Links

- American Correctional Association, <http://www.aca.org>
- American Jail Association, <http://www.americanjail.org/>
- Corrections Connection, <http://www.corrections.com>
- Federal Bureau of Prisons, <http://www.bop.gov>
- National Institute of Corrections, <http://www.nicic.org>

Federal Job Links

- U.S. Federal Government Employment <http://www.usajobs.gov/>
- National Security Agency, <http://www.nsa.gov/careers>

Professional Associations Links

- International Association of Crime Analysts, <http://www.iaca.net>
- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, <http://www.acjs.org/>
- ACJA-LAE <http://www.acjalae.org/index.html>
- International Police Association- USA <http://www.ipa-usa.org/>
- American Academy of Forensic Sciences, <http://www.aafs.org>
- American Society of Criminology, <http://www.asc41.com>