CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJORS

SKILLS & ABILITIES OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR

- Written & presentation skills
- Understanding society’s reaction to crime
- Diversity understanding
- Quantitative skills
- Skills in research and scientific methodology
- Critical thinking
- Decision making
- Patience
- Research strategies
- Ethics and moral values
- Interviewing skills
- Background in humanities
- Understanding of the criminal justice system
- Computer literacy
- Analytical skills
- Knowledge of legal structures
- Supervision and management skills

POTENTIAL CAREERS

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

- State/Federal Correctional Facilities
- County Jails
- Crime Labs
- Liquor Control Commission
- Law Firms
- Local and Federal Courts
- Hotels and Resorts
- Department Stores
- Nuclear Power Plants
- Transportation Services
- Law Enforcement Agencies
- Colleges & Universities
- Online Companies
- Large Corporations
- High Schools
- Youth Correctional Facilities
- Corporate Legal Departments
- Women’s and Family Shelters
- Immigration and Naturalization Services
- US Federal Government
- Health Care Facilities
- Halfway Houses

ACTIVITIES ON THE JOB

- Administrative and managerial duties are an important part of the job duties of criminal justice graduates.
- Report writing and record keeping activities demand a substantial amount of time, especially among those employed in public sector jobs.
- The use of computer applications is becoming a more important component of the work of many criminal justice graduates.

POST-GRADUATION ACTIVITIES

- About 20% of all criminal justice graduates with a bachelor’s degree earn a post graduate degree.
- About 13% of criminal justice graduates earn a master’s degree.
- About 6% of criminal justice graduates earn a law degree.
- About 1% of criminal justice bachelor’s degree graduates earn a doctorate.
- About 40% of the master’s degrees earned by criminal justice bachelor’s degree graduates are earned in criminal justice.