Major: Criminal Justice
http://www.unt.edu/majors/ucjus.htm

Your Future in Criminal Justice
http://pacs.unt.edu/criminal-justice/
According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, criminal justice job opportunities have dramatically increased in the last 10 years. These options will continue to expand as communities add police officers and as more prisons are built to relieve overcrowding. Choosing criminal justice as the major for a bachelor's degree may help lay the groundwork for becoming a police officer, a sheriff's deputy or another kind of law enforcement official. After receiving your degree, you will need further training at a police academy or through another department of law enforcement. You may enter the corporate world as a security officer or a contingency manager, assisting in investigations of internal theft and fraud. You may work as a detention or custody officer in a city, county, state or federal jail or prison. You may serve as a probation or parole officer at the county, state or federal level. With additional graduate school training, you may become a criminal lawyer, a victim's advocate, an administrator with a criminal justice agency or a researcher in crime and law enforcement.

Majoring in Criminal Justice
http://pacs.unt.edu/criminal-justice/content/about-us
As a criminal justice major, you will take required classes in correctional systems, criminal justice and public policy, criminal law, criminal procedure, criminology, ethical issues in criminal justice, the history of crime and justice in the United States, police systems, diversity issues in criminal justice and research methods in criminal justice. You will also take introductory courses in psychology and sociology. You may take elective courses that cover the administration of criminal justice agencies, alcohol and drug abuse, community corrections, corporate security, forensic science and criminalistics, juvenile justice, offender behavior and rehabilitation, and organized crime. Seminars focusing on such diverse topics as juvenile gangs, terrorism, victims' issues and violence are also offered. In some of your classes, you may be provided the opportunity to go on field trips to jails and prisons, or to a courtroom to observe a criminal trial. As a criminal justice major, you may qualify for a special class in which you will intern at one of the following: a parole, police or probation department; a federal law enforcement organization; a jail or prison; a juvenile detention center; a law firm; or an alcohol and drug treatment program.

UNT’s Criminal Justice faculty includes experts in policing, criminal law and procedure, courts, corrections, terrorism, juvenile justice, race and crime, corporate security and loss prevention, and criminalistics. Our faculty includes former police officers, former federal law enforcement officials, a former federal prosecutor, former juvenile correctional officers, former prison correctional officers, a criminalist, lawyers, probation and parole officers, and experts in corporate security and loss prevention. Our faculty members routinely work with a wide variety of criminal justice agencies throughout the North Texas region, the State of Texas, the United States, and internationally as they seek workable solutions to problems and challenges in the criminal justice system.
Related Career Titles
Entry-Level (Bachelor’s Degree):
Airport Security Officer
Asset Protection
Bailiff
Body Guard
Border Patrol Agent
Child Support Agent
Claims Adjuster
Community Service Coordinator
Compliance Manager
Controller
Corrections Officer
Court Administrator
Court Clerk
Customs Agent
Deportation Officer
Deputy Marshal
Detective
Discrimination Investigator
Drug Enforcement Agent
Employment Agency Recruiter
Environmental Conservation Officer
Fish and Game Warden
Housing/Tenant Representative
Industrial Security Specialist
Insurance Claims Agent
IRS Agent
Juvenile Court Counselor

Law Clerk
Legal Assistant
Litigation Manager
Loss Prevention Specialist
Military Officer
Naval Investigator
Non-Profit Organization Advocate
Paralegal
Park Ranger
Police Officer
Postal Service Investigator
Pre-Trial Services Officer
Private Security Officer
Probation/Parole Officer
Public Safety Officer
Secret Service Agent
Security Guard
Sheriff
Social Service Technician
Social Worker
Surveillance Investigator
US Customs Agent
US Marshal
Victim Assistance Coordinator
Victim Services Specialist
Youth Advocate

Jobs Requiring Additional Education or Experience:
CIA Agent
Contracts Administrator
Coroner
Corrections Facilities Manager
Criminal Investigator
Criminologist
FBI Agent
Forensic Chemist/Pathologist/Specialist

Judge
Law Librarian
Lawyer
Penologist
Private Investigator
SBI Agent
Substance Abuse Counselor
Warden

Related Work Sites
Airports/Other Transportation Facilities
Alternative Schools
Animal Control
Armed Forces

Banks
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives
Bureau of Export Administration
Central Intelligence Agency
Colleges & Universities
Community Transition Programs
Corporate Legal Departments
Corporate Security Offices
Corrections Facilities – State and Federal
County Jails
Courts
Court Related Offices
Crime Labs
Crisis Centers
Department of Agriculture
Department of Defense
Department of Homeland Security
Department of the Interior
Department of Justice
Department of Treasury
Detention Centers
Developmental Offices
Diplomatic Services
Domestic Violence Agencies
Drill Academics/Boot Camps
Drug Enforcement Administration
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Law Enforcement Training Center
Government Agencies
Government Printing Office
Halfway Houses
Healthcare Facilities
Highway Patrol
Hotels and Resorts
Immigration and Naturalization Services
Insurance Companies
Internal Revenue Service
Juvenile Detention Centers
Law Enforcement
Law Firms
Liquor Control Commission
Medical Centers
National Parks Service
Navy
Non Profit Organizations
Nuclear Power Plants
Office of Inspector General
Online Companies
Postal Service
Precinct Station Houses
Prison System
Private Correctional Corporations
Private Detective Agencies
Private Security Companies
Probation Departments
Public and Private Schools
Reintegration Programs
Residential Treatment Facilities
Retail Organizations
Secret Service
Software Companies
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
U.S. Marshal Service
Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks
Women’s and Family Shelters
Youth Authorities

Skills to Develop to Include on a Resume
Accepting responsibility
Analytical strategies
Blemish-free driving and criminal record
Broad understanding of criminal law
Computer literacy
Considerations of gender and race
Critical thinking
Data collection and analysis
Decision making
Develop solutions
Enforcing policies
Ethics and moral values
Firearms and self-defense training
First aid and CPR Certification
Identify and analyze social problems
Interpersonal Skills
Interviewing skills
Knowledge of criminal justice system
Knowledge of legal structures
Leadership experience
Managing conflict
Mock trial experience
Multicultural competency
Negotiating and persuading
Patience
Presentation skills
Quantitative skills
Report writing
Research strategies
Scientific methodology knowledge

Speaking in public
Strong background in humanities, social science, and natural science
Supervision and management skills
Understanding nature of crimes
Understanding societies' reaction to crimes
Work with people of diverse backgrounds
Written and oral communication skills

Exploring Careers in Criminal Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation: https://www.fbi.gov/index.asp
Federal Hiring Tools: https://www.avuecentral.com/casting/aiportal/control/hiringProcessjsessionid=45a87c6852a9cf6f47dca2866407b6e317b5cecdab53f1d4fa48335a3149eb24.e34Rah0TahaOe40SCh4Sc3aQchn0
UNT Criminal Justice Department: http://pacs.unt.edu/criminal-justice/content/career-search
U.S. Customs and Border Protection: http://www.cbp.gov/careers

Professional Associations
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences: http://www.acjs.org/
American Academy of Forensic Sciences: http://www.aafs.org/
American Board of Criminalistics: http://www.criminalistics.com/
American Correctional Association: http://www.aca.org/
American Society of Criminology: http://www.asc41.com/
American Society for Industrial Security: https://www.asisonline.org/Pages/default.aspx
American Sociological Association: http://www.asanet.org/
Forensic Science Society: http://www.forensicsciencesociety.org.uk/home
National Association for Legal Career Professionals: http://www.nalp.org/
National Bar Association: http://www.nationalbar.org/
National Criminal Justice Association: http://www.ncja.org/

Student Organizations
Alpha Phi Sigma, National Criminal Justice Honor Society: http://www.alphaphisigma.org/
American Criminal Justice Association Lambda Alpha Epsilon - http://www.acjalae.org/
Forensic Science Club: http://forensic.unt.edu/prog_info/forensic_club.html
UNT Student Organizations: http://studentactivities.unt.edu/orgs
**Job Search Links**

American Bar Association: [http://jobs.americanbar.org/jobs](http://jobs.americanbar.org/jobs)
Central Intelligence Agency: [https://www.cia.gov/careers/opportunities/cia-jobs](https://www.cia.gov/careers/opportunities/cia-jobs)
Federal Bureau of Prisons: [http://www.bop.gov/jobs/opportunities.jsp](http://www.bop.gov/jobs/opportunities.jsp)
Independent Sector: [http://www.independentsector.org/jobs](http://www.independentsector.org/jobs)
International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training: [http://www.iadlest.org/Jobs.aspx](http://www.iadlest.org/Jobs.aspx)
Local Government Institute: [http://www.govtjob.net/job_openings.htm](http://www.govtjob.net/job_openings.htm)
National Association of Counties: [http://www.naco.org/programs/jobsonline/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.naco.org/programs/jobsonline/Pages/default.aspx)
Officer.com: [http://www.officer.com/careers](http://www.officer.com/careers)
State Employment Sites: [http://www.statelocalgov.net/50states-jobs.cfm](http://www.statelocalgov.net/50states-jobs.cfm)
USA Cops: [http://www.usacops.com/](http://www.usacops.com/)
USA Jobs: [https://www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads](https://www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads)
U.S. Department of Treasury: [https://treasury.usajobs.gov/](https://treasury.usajobs.gov/)
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services: [https://uscis.usajobs.gov/](https://uscis.usajobs.gov/)
U.S. Postal Inspection Service: [https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov/employment/positions.aspx](https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov/employment/positions.aspx)

**Internship Search Links**

Central Intelligence Agency: [https://www.cia.gov/careers/student-opportunities](https://www.cia.gov/careers/student-opportunities)
Eagle Network: [http://careeercenter.unt.edu/eagle_network.html](http://careeercenter.unt.edu/eagle_network.html)
IE3 Global Internships: [http://ie3global.ous.edu/find/](http://ie3global.ous.edu/find/)
Find a Mentor
LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/
University of North Texas: http://careercenter.unt.edu/alumni/alumni-mentoring

Additional Resources
CareerOneStop: http://www.careeronestop.org/
Careerealism: http://www.careerealism.com/resources#!T6rsv
CareerRookie: http://www.careerrookie.com/
CollegeGrad: http://www.collegegrad.com/jobs
Eagle Network: http://careercenter.unt.edu/eagle_network.html
GlassDoor: http://www.glassdoor.com/index.htm
Going Global: http://online.goingglobal.com/default.aspx
LinkedIn: http://university.linkedin.com/linkedin-for-students.html
mySkills myFuture: http://www.myskillsmyfuture.org/
NACE Salary Calculator: www.jobsearchintelligence.com/NACE/salary-calculator-intro/
O*NET OnLine: http://www.onetonline.org/
Optimal Resume: https://unt.optimalresume.com/
Sperling’s Compare Cost of Living: http://www.bestplaces.net/cost-of-living/

Need help figuring all this out? Call the Career Center and make an appointment with your Career Advisor! You can also get help with resume and cover letter writing and interview skills preparation.

*Information for this handout compiled from the following Career Services Departments:
Central Washington University: http://www.cwu.edu/career/
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne: http://www.ipfw.edu/offices/career/
Texas State University: http://www.careerservices.txstate.edu/
University of North Carolina Wilmington: http://www.uncw.edu/career/index.html
University of North Texas: http://careercenter.unt.edu/
University of Tennessee-Knoxville: http://career.utk.edu/
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire: http://www.uwec.edu/Career/index.htm