

What Can I Do With a Major In...

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

Department of Homeland Security: <http://www.dhs.gov/types-jobs>

Drug Enforcement Agency: <http://www.justice.gov/dea/careers/occupations.shtml>

Federal Bureau of Investigation: <https://www.fbijobs.gov/index.asp>

Federal Hiring Tools:

<https://www.avucentral.com/casting/aiportal/control/hiringProcess.jsessionid=45a87c6852a9cf6f47dca2866407b6e317b5eedab53f1d4fa48335a3149cb24.e34Rah0TahaOc40Sch4Sc3aQchn0>

Federal Resume Format: <http://www.resume-place.com/services/federal-resume-format/>

Lawyer International: <http://www.lawyerintl.com/legal-jobs.php>

UNT Criminal Justice Department: <http://pacs.unt.edu/criminal-justice/content/career-search>

U.S. Customs and Border Protection: <http://www.cbp.gov/careers>

What Kinds of Criminal Justice Career Paths Are There?:

<http://www.criminaljusticeprograms.com/criminal-justice-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 Probation and Parole Association: <http://www.appa-net.org/eweb/>

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.forensic-science-society.org.uk/home>

National Association for Legal Career Professionals: <http://www.nalp.org/>

National Association of Investigative Specialists: <http://www.pimall.com/nais/home.html>

National Bar Association: <http://www.nationalbar.org/>

National Criminal Justice Association: <http://www.ncja.org/>

National Federation of Paralegal Associations:

<http://p.nat.fed.associationcareernetwork.com/Common/HomePage.aspx?abbr=P.NAT.FED>

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

911 Hot Jobs: <http://www.911hotjobs.com/info/job-search.php>
America Jobs: <http://www.americajobs.com/>
American Bar Association: <http://jobs.americanbar.org/jobs>
Central Intelligence Agency: <https://www.cia.gov/careers/opportunities/cia-jobs>
Corrections Connection Network News: <http://www.corrections.com/networks/careers>
Counsel.Net: <http://counsel.net/jobs/>
Federal Bureau of Prisons: <http://www.bop.gov/jobs/opportunities.jsp>
Federal Jobs Network: <http://www.federaljobs.net/>
FindLaw: <http://careers.findlaw.com/>
Government Jobs: <http://www.govtjobs.com/>
Independent Sector: <http://www.independentsector.org/jobs>
Internal Revenue Service: <http://www.jobs.irs.gov/careers.html>
International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training:
<http://www.iadlest.org/Jobs.aspx>
International City/County Management Association:
http://icma.org/en/icma/career_network/home
Law Jobs: <http://www.lawjobs.com/>
Local Government Institute: http://www.govtjob.net/job_openings.htm
National Association of Counties: <http://www.naco.org/programs/jobsonline/Pages/default.aspx>
National Federation of Paralegal Associations:
<http://p.nat.fed.associationcareernetwork.com/JobSeeker/Jobs.aspx?abbr=P.NAT.FED>
National Security Agency: <http://www.nsa.gov/careers/index.shtml>
Officer.com: <http://www.officer.com/careers>
Official Directory of State Patrol and Police: <http://www.statetroopersdirectory.com/>
Opportunity Knocks: <http://www.opportunityknocks.org/JobSeekerX/SearchJobsForm.asp>
Police Employment: <http://www.policeemployment.com/jobs>
State Employment Sites: <http://www.statelocalgov.net/50states-jobs.cfm>
United States Courts: <http://www.uscourts.gov/Careers.aspx>
USA Cops: <http://www.usacops.com/>
USA Jobs: <https://www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads>
U.S. Department of Treasury: <https://treasury.usajobs.gov/>
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services: <https://uscis.usajobs.gov/>
U.S. Marshals Service: <http://www.usmarshals.gov/careers/index.html>
U.S. Postal Inspection Service: <https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov/employment/positions.aspx>
Washington DC Job Source: <http://www.dcjobsource.com/fed.html>

Internship Search Links

Central Intelligence Agency: <https://www.cia.gov/careers/student-opportunities>
Eagle Network: http://careercenter.unt.edu/eagle_network.html
IE3 Global Internships: <http://ie3global.ous.edu/find/>
Internal Revenue Service: <http://www.jobs.irs.gov/precollege/internships.html>

Find a Mentor

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/>

University of North Texas: <http://careercenter.unt.edu/alumni/alumni-mentoring>

Additional Resources

Bankrate Cost of Living Calculator: www.bankrate.com/calculators/savings/moving-cost-of-living-calculator.aspx

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/

Occupational Outlook Handbook: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

O*NET OnLine: <http://www.onetonline.org/>

Optimal Resume: <https://unt.optimalresume.com/>

PayScale Salary Survey: <http://www.payscale.com/wizards/choose.aspx>

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>