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CAREERS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE



- Criminology and Criminal Justice, BGS
- Criminal Justice, BS
- Criminology and Criminal Justice, MS

Criminology & Criminal Justice is a diverse field of study and so are the careers. The list below shows a variety of criminal justice careers but is certainly not encompassing of every career within the field.

CORRECTIONS

Corrections Counselor
Corrections Officer
Parole Officer
Recreation Leader
Warden

COURTS/LAW

Bailiff
Court Reporter
Investigator for law offices
Lawyer
Legal Researcher
Paralegal/Legal Assistant

HOMELAND SECURITY

Border Patrol Agent
Customs Inspector
Coordinator
Federal Air Marshal
Intelligence Analyst
Investigative Specialist
Immigration Inspector
Linguists
Surveillance Specialist
TSA Officer

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Local/State:

Animal Control Worker
Arson Investigator
Campus Police Officer
Deputy Sheriff
Fish & Game Officer
Highway Patrol Officer
Police Officer

Federal:

Drug Enforcement Agent (DEA)
FBI Agent
IRS Agent
Postal Inspector
Secret Service Agent
United States Marshal

JUVENILE SERVICES

Child Protective Services Worker
Education Specialist
Detention Counselor
Group Home Worker
Juvenile Corrections Officer
Juvenile Probation Officer
Rehabilitation Coordinator
Runaway Counselor

RESEARCH

Legislative Assistant
Research Analyst

VICTIM SERVICES

Caseworker
Crisis Counselor
Domestic Violence
Advocate/Counselor
Social Worker
Support Services
Coordinator

PRIVATE SECURITY

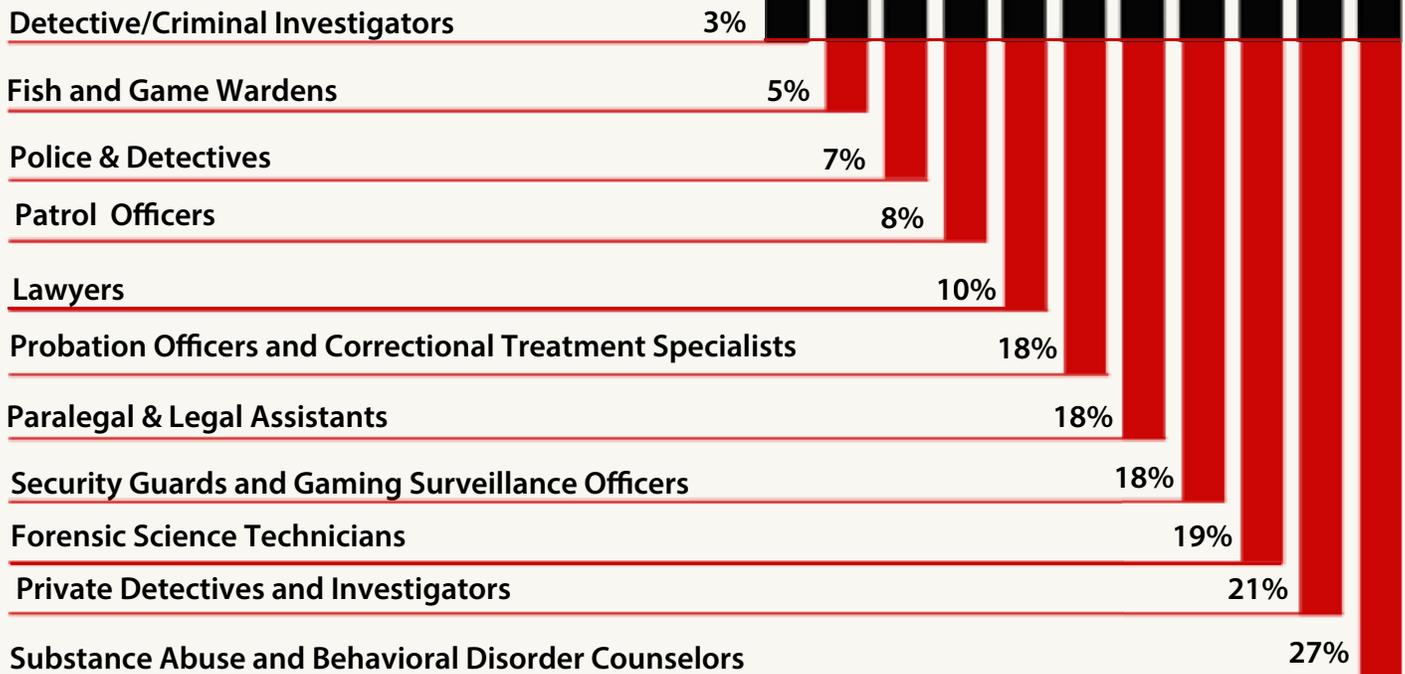
Bank Fraud Investigator
Bodyguard
Credit Investigator
Insurance Investigator
Loss Prevention Specialist
Security Manager

PROBATION

Diversion Program Coordinator
Pretrial Services Officer
Probation Officer (Juvenile/Adult)

The Growing Field Of Criminal Justice

There is no better time than now to take the next step with a career in **criminal justice**. The wide variety of careers paired with the expected rise in demand for criminal justice professionals creates great opportunity for those wanting a career in this area. Below outlines the projected growth of various criminal justice professions between 2010 and 2020.



Median Annual Wages in the Criminal Justice Profession

Curious how much you can make working in criminal justice? Below are median annual wages reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Remember, earning your degree can position you for leadership opportunities and can also mean higher earning potential.

All Occupations	\$33,840
Lawyers	\$112,760
Detectives/Criminal Investigators	\$68,820
Transit and Railroad Police	\$54,330
Police Officers	\$53,540
Forensic Science Technicians	\$51,570
Fish and Game Wardens	\$49,730
Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialists	\$47,200
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$46,680
Private Detectives and Investigators	\$42,870
Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors	\$38,120
Federal Transportation Security Screeners	\$37,070
Security Guards and Gaming Surveillance Officers	\$24,380

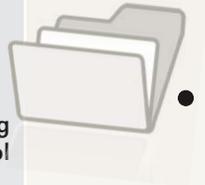
Advancing

in a Criminal Justice Career

1

Be a Good Citizen

In the field of criminal justice, it is important to have a clean record. During the hiring process, agencies will complete background investigations, reviewing police records, employment history, driving records, military records, and school transcripts.



2

Advance Your Education

Hiring standards in the field are becoming increasingly competitive, giving job seekers who have completed a four-year undergraduate degree or a master's in criminal justice a distinct advantage. A degree can position you for leadership and also can mean higher earning potential.



3

Work Your Way Up The Ladder

Realize you may not have your dream job overnight. Criminal justice is a career path. Be willing to take an entry-level position and work your way up from there. Once you have been hired, having the opportunity to demonstrate your abilities and passion for the field can get you on the path to advancement.



4

Learn to work well with a diverse group of people

As a criminal justice professional, you will likely interact with people from a variety of backgrounds. Working well with people from all types of backgrounds will be a valuable skill.



5

Never stop learning

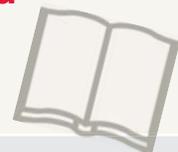
Even if you have earned your bachelor's degree in criminal justice, it is important to realize this isn't the end of your learning. From on the job training to professional development opportunities outside of the office to even earning a master's degree, there are opportunities available to continue to learn and grow. Taking advantage of these opportunities will set you apart and can put you in a better position for career advancement and leadership opportunities.



6

Consider a second language

Knowing a second language can be a great differentiator for you in the job market. Being able to communicate with people across cultures is a highly valuable skill for anyone.



Give Yourself a Distinct Advantage. Earn a Degree In Criminal Justice — Online.



As hiring standards in the field are becoming increasingly competitive, job seekers who have completed a bachelor's or master's degree in criminal justice have a distinct advantage. A degree can position you for leadership and also can mean higher earning potential.

Top-Ranked ONLINE Criminal Justice Programs

Earning your degree in criminal justice has never been more convenient. The University of Nebraska offers flexible options to earn a respected criminal justice degree online. You'll learn the same material as on-campus students when and where it's convenient for you.

The University of Nebraska has designed nationally recognized criminal justice programs that draw from the strengths of our Kearney, Lincoln, and Omaha campuses – meaning you'll receive the best academic experience possible. U.S. News & World Report, Military Times and other notable organizations have recognized our criminal justice programs for excellence.

Coursework is challenging, relevant, and reflects current trends in justice in the United States and worldwide. Students work with their advisers to select courses that help them reach their individual career goals. The exciting applied learning experiences taught by faculty with both real-life and research expertise ensure students get the most out of each course.

Criminal Justice, BS

This program is designed for students who may have an associate's degree or have completed the majority of their general education courses. The program includes hands-on experience completed at a location convenient to you.

Criminology & Criminal Justice, BGS

The BGS degree completion program is designed for students 21 and older and accepts up to 64 transfer credit hours. Credit may also be granted for military service and workplace training programs.

Criminology & Criminal Justice, MS

The master's degree is a non-thesis program that emphasizes crime and criminal justice research, theory, planning, and administration. To customize the program, students may choose nine credit hours in a related field.

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What's the Difference?

Criminology vs. Criminal Justice

Criminology and Criminal Justice are very closely related. And, sometimes the two terms are used interchangeably. However, there is a difference.

Criminology

Study of
criminal behavior

Study of society's
responses to crime

Research-oriented

Criminal Justice

Study of systems
that deal with crime

Interdisciplinary
study of

- Police
- Courts
- Corrections

Policy-oriented