

What Can I Do With a Major In...

Major: Criminal Justice

<http://www.unt.edu/majors/ucjus.htm>

Your Future in Criminal Justice

<https://www.unt.edu/pais/insert/ucjus.htm/>

Have you considered a criminal justice career? Pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice at the University of North Texas can lay the groundwork for becoming a:

- Police officer
- Federal or state law enforcement officer
- Loss prevention officer or contingency manager in the corporate world
- Probation or parole officer
- Sheriff's deputy
- Detention or custodial officer in a city, county, state or federal jail or prison
- Victim's advocate at the county, state or federal level

After receiving your degree, you'll need further training at a police academy or department for most law enforcement jobs. You may become a criminal lawyer, administrator with a criminal justice agency or researcher in crime and law enforcement by attending graduate school.

Many of our alumni are serving in agencies throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth region as:

- Police chiefs, supervisors and officers
- Special agents at federal agencies
- State law enforcement officers
- Supervisory staff at community corrections agencies

Majoring in Criminal Justice

<http://pacs.unt.edu/criminal-justice/about-us/departments/criminal-justice>

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, and 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.

Related Career Titles (with OnetOnline links)

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

Discrimination Investigator

Drug Enforcement Agent

Employment Agency Recruiter

Environmental Conservation Officer

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

Social Service Technician

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 Manger

Criminal Investigator

Criminologist

Detective

FBI Agent

Fish and Game Warden

Forensic Chemist/Pathologist/Specialist

Judge

Law Librarian

Lawyer

Penologist

Private Investigator

SBI Agent

Sheriff

Social Worker

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

A-Z Index of Government Departments and Agencies: <https://www.usa.gov/federal-agencies/a>
Best Places to Work in the Federal Government: <http://bestplacetowork.org/BPTW/index.php>
Federal Hiring Tools:
<https://www.avuecentral.com/casting/aiportal/control/hiringProcess;jsessionid=45a87c6852a9cf6f47dca2866407b6e317b5eedab53f1d4fa48335a3149cb24.e34Rah0TahaOc40Sch4Sc3aQchn0>
Federal Resume Format: <http://www.resume-place.com/services/federal-resume-samples/>
Go Government: <http://gogovernment.org/>
Government by Topic: <https://www.usa.gov/contact-by-topic>
Lawyer International: <http://www.lawyerintl.com/legal-jobs.php>
Official US Executive Branch Websites: <http://www.loc.gov/rr/news/fedgov.html>
State & Local Government on the Net: <http://www.statelocalgov.net/>
State, Local, and Tribal Governments: <https://www.usa.gov/state-tribal-governments>
UNT Criminal Justice Department: <http://pacs.unt.edu/criminal-justice/programs/careers>
What Kinds of Criminal Justice Career Paths Are There?:
<http://www.criminaljusticeprograms.com/criminal-justice-careers/>

Executive Agencies

Department of Agriculture: <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome>
Department of Commerce: <https://www.commerce.gov/>
Department of Defense: <http://www.defense.gov/>
Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov/>
Department of Energy: <http://www.energy.gov/>
Department of Health and Human Services: <http://www.hhs.gov/>
Department of Homeland Security: <https://www.dhs.gov/>
Department of Housing and Urban Development: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD>

Department of the Interior: <https://www.doi.gov/>
Department of Justice: www.justice.gov/
Department of Labor: <https://www.dol.gov/>
Department of State: <http://www.state.gov/>
Department of Transportation: <https://www.transportation.gov/>
Department of Treasury: <https://www.treasury.gov/Pages/default.aspx>
Department of Veterans Affairs: <http://www.va.gov/>

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/>
National Association for Law Placement: <http://www.nalp.org/>
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>
The Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences: <http://www.csofs.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://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-organizations>

Job Search Links

911 Hot Jobs: <http://www.911hotjobs.com/>
America Jobs: <http://www.americajobs.com/>
American Bar Association: <http://jobs.americanbar.org/>
Avue Central: <https://www.avuecentral.com/casting/aiportal/control/avueCentral>
Careers in Government: <https://www.careersingovernment.com/>
Central Intelligence Agency: <https://www.cia.gov/careers/opportunities/cia-jobs>
Clearance Jobs: <https://www.clearancejobs.com/>
Cleared Connections: <http://www.clearedconnections.com/>
Cleared Jobs: <https://clearedjobs.net/>

Counsel.Net: <http://counsel.net/jobs/>
Eagle Careers: <http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/eagle-careers>
Federal Bureau of Prisons: <http://www.bop.gov/jobs/opportunities.jsp>
Federal Government Jobs: <http://federalgovernmentjobs.us/>
Federal Jobs: <http://www.federaljobs.net/>
Federal Jobs Digest: <http://www.jobsfed.com/>
Federal Research Service: <http://www.fedjobs.com/>
FindLaw for Legal Professionals: <http://careers.findlaw.com/>
GovLoop: <http://jobs.govloop.com/>
Government Job Bank: <http://www.govjobs.com/>
Government Jobs: <http://www.govtjobs.com/>
Independent Sector: <http://www.independentsector.org/jobs>
Internal Revenue Service: <http://www.jobs.irs.gov/careers>
International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training:
<http://www.iadlest.org/POSTPortal.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/>
National Association of Counties: <http://www.naco.org/counties/hire-quality-staff>
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/>
Police Employment: <http://www.policeemployment.com/jobs>
State Job Banks: <http://www.careeronestop.org/jobsearch/findjobs/state-job-banks.aspx>
State & Local Government on the Net: <http://www.statelocalgov.net/50states-jobs.cfm>
The Corrections Connection: <http://www.corrections.com/networks/careers>
United States Courts: <http://www.uscourts.gov/Careers>
USA Cops: <http://www.usacops.com/>
USA.gov: <https://www.usa.gov/>
USA Jobs: <https://www.usajobs.gov/>
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/>

Internship Search Links

America's Job Exchange: <http://www.americasjobexchange.com/>
Career Rookie: <http://www.careerrookie.com/>

Central Intelligence Agency: <https://www.cia.gov/careers/student-opportunities>

College Grad: <https://collegegrad.com/>

Eagle Careers: <http://studentaffairs.unt.edu/eagle-careers>

Indeed: <http://www.indeed.com/>

InternJobs: <http://internjobs.com/>

Internships: <http://www.internships.com/>

Jobing: <http://www.jobing.com/>

Jobs Flag: <http://www.jobsflag.com/>

Jobs Radar: <http://www.jobsradar.com/>

Link Up: <http://www.linkup.com/>

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/?trk=hb_ft_jobs

Washington DC Job Source: <http://www.dcjobsource.com/fedinterns.html>

White House Fellowships: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/participate/fellows>

Washington Internship Institute: <http://wiidc.org/>

Zip Recruiter: <https://www.ziprecruiter.com/>

Find a Mentor

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

Additional Resources

Bankrate Cost of Living Calculator:

<http://www.bankrate.com/calculators/savings/moving-cost-of-living-calculator.aspx>

CareerHMO: <http://careerhmo.com/>

CareerOneStop: <http://www.careeronestop.org/>

CareeRealism: <http://www.careerealism.com/>

CollegeGrad: <http://www.collegegrad.com/jobs>

GlassDoor: <http://www.glassdoor.com/index.htm>

Going Global: <http://online.goinglobal.com/default.aspx>

LinkedIn: <http://university.linkedin.com/linkedin-for-students.html>

mySkills myFuture: <http://www.myskillsmyfuture.org/>

Salary Calculator Center: www.jobsearchintelligence.com/salary-calculator-intro/-etc

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

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

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 Development Specialist! 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://studentaffairs.unt.edu/career-center>

University of Tennessee-Knoxville: <http://career.utk.edu/>

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire: <http://www.uwec.edu/Career/index.htm>

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