

## Criminal Justice – Career Resources

### What can I do with a degree in Criminal Justice?

Criminal justice careers can encompass a variety of jobs and typically welcome people with backgrounds in criminal justice, criminology, sociology, political science, psychology, social work, and other liberal arts and human services disciplines. The employment possibilities within the traditional police, courts, and corrections areas are being expanded with opportunities in private business.

(From <http://www.criminaljusticeusa.com/about-us.html>)

*Includes Traditional and Non-Traditional Titles, some require additional training or graduate/post-graduate degrees*

Criminal Justice Job-Related Titles		
ATF Agent	Criminologist	Private Security
Bailiff	Customs Agent	Police Detective
CIA Agent	DEA Agent	Police Officer
Coast Guard	FBI Agent	Probation Officer
Community Service Coordinator	Forensic Psychology	Private Investigator
Compliance Officer	Forensic Science	Secret Service
Corrections Officer	INS Agent	Sheriff
Court Administrator	Juvenile Court Counselor	Social and Human Services
Court Reporter	Lawyer	Social Worker
Court Clerk	Loss Prevention Specialist	US Marshall
Crime Scene Investigation	Park Ranger	Victim Services Specialist
Criminalist	Paralegal	Youth Advocate

### Bureau of Labor Statistics Information

#### Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialists (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos265.htm>)

- State and local governments employ most workers.
- A bachelor's degree in social work, criminal justice, or a related field usually is required.
- Employment growth, which is projected to be about as fast as average, depends on government funding.

#### Private Detectives and Investigators (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos157.htm>)

- Work hours often are irregular, and the work can be dangerous.
- About a third were self-employed.
- Applicants typically have related experience in areas such as law enforcement, insurance, the military, or government investigative or intelligence jobs.
- Keen competition is expected because of the large number of qualified people who are attracted to this occupation; opportunities will be best for entry-level jobs with detective agencies or as store detectives on a part-time basis.

#### Paralegals and Legal Assistants (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos114.htm>)

- While some paralegals train on the job, employers increasingly prefer graduates of postsecondary paralegal education programs; college graduates who have taken some paralegal courses are especially in demand in some markets.
- Paralegals are projected to grow faster than average, as law offices try to reduce costs by assigning them tasks formerly carried out by lawyers.
- Paralegals are employed by law firms, corporate legal departments, and various government offices and they may specialize in many different areas of the law.

#### Lawyers (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos053.htm>)

- Formal educational requirements for lawyers include a 4-year college degree, 3 years in law school, and the passing of a written bar examination. Competition for admission to most law schools is intense. Demand for lawyers will be spurred by the growth of legal action in such areas as health care, intellectual property, international law, elder law, environmental law, and sexual harassment.

**State and Local Government, Excluding Education and Hospitals** (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/cg/cgs042.htm>)

- Local government employs more than three times as many service workers than does State government; most are firefighters and law enforcement workers.
- The attacks of September 11, 2001, will increase demand for police, firefighters, and other emergency personnel; however, budgetary constraints may force spending cuts in other areas, slowing overall employment growth.
- Employer-provided benefits are more common among State and local government employees than among workers in the private sector.

**Police and Detectives** (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos160.htm>)

- Police work can be dangerous and stressful.
- Civil service regulations govern the appointment of police and detectives.
- Competition should remain keen for higher paying jobs with State and Federal agencies and police departments in affluent areas; opportunities will be better in local and special police departments that offer relatively low salaries or in urban communities where the crime rate is relatively high.
- Applicants with college training in police science or military police experience should have the best opportunities.

## Criminal Justice Job Search/Listings Websites

### Federal Agencies

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (<http://www.atf.treas.gov/jobs/index.htm>)

CIA Career Paths (<http://www.odci.gov/employment/index.html>)

Federal Aviation Administration (<http://jobs.faa.gov/>)

Federal Bureau of Investigation (<http://www.fbi.gov/employment/employ.htm>)

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Job Links (<https://www.fbijobs.com/>)

Federal Bureau of Prisons (<http://www.bop.gov/jobs/index.jsp>)

Federal Jobs Digest (<http://www.jobsfed.com/>)

IRS Criminal Investigation jobs ([http://www.jobs.irs.gov/opp\\_lenforcement.html](http://www.jobs.irs.gov/opp_lenforcement.html))

Naval Criminal Investigative Service jobs (<http://www.ncis.navy.mil/join.cfm>)

National Security Agency careers (<http://www.nsa.gov/careers/>)

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, INS Immigration, Border Patrol (<http://uscis.gov/graphics/workfor/>)

U.S. Department of Justice ([http://www.usdoj.gov/06employment/06\\_1.html](http://www.usdoj.gov/06employment/06_1.html))

U.S. Marshals (<http://www.usdoj.gov/marshals/>)

U.S. Park Police (<http://www.nps.gov/uspp/findex.htm>)

U.S. Postal Inspection Service (<http://www.usps.com/employment/corporatejobs.htm>)

U.S. Secret Service (<http://www.secretservice.gov/opportunities.shtml>)

### Police/Law Enforcement

LawEnforcementJobs.Com Employment Portal (<http://www.lawenforcementjob.com/>)

Police Employment.com (<http://www.policeemployment.com/>)

### Other

Corrections Connections (<http://database.corrections.com/career/index.asp>)

Criminal Justice Jobs.com (<http://criminaljusticejobs.com/>)

Govtjobs.com (<http://www.govtjobs.com>)

Cybrary, The World's Criminal Justice Directory (<http://talkjustice.com/links.asp?453053981>)

## Professional Associations and Organizations

American Bar Association (<http://www.abanet.org/>)

American Correctional Association (<http://www.aca.org>)

American Probation and Parole Association (<http://www.appa-net.org>)

American Society of Criminology ([www.asc41.com](http://www.asc41.com))

Central Intelligence Agency (<http://www.cia.gov>)

Federal Bureau of Investigation (<http://www.fbi.gov>)

National Association of Legal Investigators (<http://www.nalionline.org/>)  
 National Association of Legal Assistants, Inc. (<http://www.nala.org>)  
 National Drug Enforcement Officers Association (<http://www.ndeo.org>)  
 National Federation of Paralegal Associations (<http://www.paralegals.org/>)  
 National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (<http://www.noblenatl.org/>)  
 National Sheriff's Association (<http://www.sheriffs.org/>)  
 National Security Agency (<http://www.nsa.gov/>)  
 US Department of Justice (<http://www.usdoj.gov/>)

### UNT Student Organizations

Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society ([http://orgs.unt.edu/unt\\_cjhonor/](http://orgs.unt.edu/unt_cjhonor/))  
 Lambda Alpha Epsilon- Nu Tau Chapter [American Criminal Justice Association] (<http://www.acjalae.org/>)

### Books and Print Resources

#### Student Development Office Career Services Collection

TITLE	AUTHOR/PUBLISHER	ISBN#	YEAR
Great Jobs for Criminal Justice Majors	Lambert, Stephen & Debra Regan	0-658-01063-8	2001
Opportunities in Counseling & Dev		0-8442-4689-1	1997
Opportunities in Human Resource		0-658-01631-8	2001
Vocational Interests: Meaning	Savickas, Mark	0-89106-126-6	1999
Careers in Social & Rehabilitation	Garner, Geraldine O.	0-658-01060-3	2001
Career Starter Law Enforcement	Hesalroad, Mary N.	1-57685-364-0	2001
Federal Jobs in Law Enforcement	Warner, John W., Jr.	0-7689-0614-8	2002
Opportunities in Law Careers	Munneke, Gary	0-8442-4087-7	1995

#### General Criminal Justice Books at UNT Dallas Library

TITLE	AUTHOR/PUBLISHER	CALL#	ISBN#	YEAR
Great Jobs for Criminal Justice Majors	Lambert, Stephen & Debra Regan	netLibrary (Electronic Resources)	0071395741	2001
Career experiences of African American police executives : black in blue revisited	Thompson, R. Alan	netLibrary (Electronic Resources)	1593320523	2003
Gangs : opposing viewpoints	Egendorf, Laura K.	HV6439.U5 G364 2001	0737705094	2001
Crime in Texas : your complete guide to the criminal justice system	Anderson, Ken	HV9955.T4 A53 1997	0292704771	1997
The Legal system : opposing viewpoints	Roleff, Tamara	KF8700 .L39 1996	1565104056	1996

#### Other Suggested Titles

TITLE	AUTHOR/PUBLISHER	ISBN#	YEAR	VENDOR
Opportunities in Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Careers	Stinchcomb, James	0071390383	2002	Amazon.com
Careers in Criminal Justice (2nd Edition)	Stephans, W. Richard	0205321534	2002	Amazon.com
Your Criminal Justice Career: A Guidebook (2nd Edition)	The Justice Research Association	0130422185	2002	Amazon.com

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>AUTHOR/PUBLISHER</b>	<b>ISBN#</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>VENDOR</b>
Jumpstarting Your Career : An Internship Guide for Criminal Justice (2nd Edition)	Taylor, Dorothy L.	0131175777	2004	Amazon.com