

What can I do with a major in Criminal Justice

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This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand that some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.

Description of Criminal Justice

At The University of Georgia, Criminal Justice (CJ) operates as an interdisciplinary program that draws its courses primarily from the social sciences and humanities in Arts and Sciences. A CJ major leads to a Bachelor of Arts Degree and offers undergraduate students the opportunity to pursue studies leading to a career in administration of justice, related fields, or select professional and graduate programs. Career opportunities for students who study CJ are vast. In fact, those who seek employment immediately after completing their degree generally have good prospects in such areas as local, state, and some federal law enforcement, state and federal probation and parole, correctional counseling, court services and administration, juvenile justice and family services, and private security.

Researching Job Titles and Careers

O*NET <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)

Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers)

Career Insider: Vault Guides http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (Under the "Resources" tab and select "Online Resources")

Candid Career http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (View professionals speaking about their careers under the "Resources" tab and select "Online Resources")

Possible Job Titles

Accounts Representative	Credit Manager	Management Trainee
Adjuster	Crime Scene Technician	Marketing Analyst
Administrative Assistant	Deputy Sheriff	Medical Examiner
Assistant Facility Manager	Detective	Paralegal
Attestation	Enforcement Agent	Police Officer
Auditor	Family Services Coordinator	Real Estate Paralegal
Behavioral Health Provider	Ground Maintenance	Security Coordinator
Benefits Specialist	Investigator	Social Worker
Border Patrol Agent	Juvenile Probation Officer	Systems Consultant
Case Worker	Legal Advocate	Teacher
Contract Administration Rep	Legal Associate	Victim's Advocate
Court Clerk	Loss Prevention Consultant	Weight Inspection Officer

Possible Employers

AETNA	Enterprise Rent-a-Car	Office of Child Support Services
Amica Insurance Company	GA Bureau of Investigation	Pathways Transition Programs
Athens Clarke County	GA Dept. of Corrections	RBM of Atlanta
Belk Inc.	GA State Probation Office	Republic Western Insurance Co.
BellSouth	Geo Group	State of Georgia
Boeing Company	Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice	Stearns-Montgomery and Proctor
City of Atlanta	Georgia Department of Public Safety	The ATF
Clarke County Solicitor General	Georgia Probation	The City of Perry
Cobb Co. Police Department	Gwinnett County Schools	The University of Georgia
DeKalb County Schools	Inst. for Family Centered Services	U.S. Capitol Police
Department of Family & Children Services	Nat's Landing	United States Air Force
Domestic Violence Shelter	Neal & Robinson, LLC	VoiceNation
	Nordstrom's Stores	Winder Felony Probation

To learn what types of positions and companies UGA students are working with, see the UGA Career Center Post Graduation Survey at www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/ and search for alumni on Linked In at www.linkedin.com.

Campus Resources

Criminal Justice Society - <http://sites.google.com/site/ugacriminaljusticesociety/>

Alpha Phi Sigma CJ Honor Society - <http://www.uga.edu/crimjust/aps.html>

To find additional clubs and organizations, go to the Center for Student Organizations at- <http://stuorgs.uga.edu/find/index.html>

Connect with your Career Consultant <http://career.uga.edu/contact#careerconsultants>

Research Opportunities:

CURO – Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities - <http://curo.uga.edu/>

Employment Websites

GENERAL:

CareerSearch http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources (Research employers by location and/or industry)

DAWGlink www.career.uga.edu/ (login with your UGA MyID and password)

GoinGlobal (To access GoinGlobal, login to your DAWGlink account)

Idealist www.idealist.org/ (nonprofit jobs)

USAJobs www.usajobs.gov/ (federal jobs)

MAJOR/CAREER SPECIFIC:

American Bar Association - www.abanet.org/

American Criminal Justice Assoc. - www.acjalae.org

American Society of Criminology - www.asc41.com

Archive of Criminal Justice Data - <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/NACJD>

Bureau of Justice Statistics - <http://www.bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov>

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

International Justice Statistics - <http://www.bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/ijs.cfm>

Law Enforcement Agencies & Careers/Job Postings - <http://www.officer.com/>

National Assoc. of Legal Assistants - www.nala.org/

National Criminal Justice Assoc. - www.ncja.org

National Criminal Justice Service - www.ncjrs.gov

National Fed. of Paralegal Assoc. - www.paralegals.org

The connection corrections Network News - <http://www.corrections.com/networks/careers>

The Justice Research and Statistics Association - <http://www.jrsa.org/about/index.html>

United States Department of Justice - <http://www.usdoj.gov/>

Professional Information Resources

Federal Job Search - http://career.uga.edu/job_search/government/federal

State & Local Job Search - http://career.uga.edu/job_search/government/state_and_local

Explore CJ Professions: Find professionals on LinkedIn who have graduated from UGA with their criminal justice degree. See what they are currently doing and how they got there! To find UGA alumni, join the University of Georgia Alumni Association Group on LinkedIn.

Tip: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. Need help finding groups? Check out the Groups You May Like link under the Interests/Groups tab. Review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

Additional Career Consultant Recommendations:

Researching Careers: Regardless of the career that you desire to pursue, talking with professionals in that field is essential and can help validate your decisions. Use the Informational Interview guidelines in the UGA Career Guide to learn more about how to connect with individuals in your areas of interest.

Graduate School: If you are interested in going to graduate school, check out these graduate school prep resources on the UGA Career Center's website - http://career.uga.edu/graduate_school/

For additional graduate school help, meet with your Career Consultant at the UGA Career Center.