

Criminology Major Overview:

The Criminology major focuses on the study of crime, criminal behavior, and the justice system. Students examine the causes and consequences of crime, the functioning of criminal justice institutions, and the impact of law enforcement and legal practices on society. The program combines theoretical knowledge with practical application, preparing students for careers in law enforcement, legal professions, corrections, and policy analysis. Graduates are equipped to understand and address the complex social, psychological, and legal aspects of crime and criminal justice.

Typical Industry Sectors:

1. Law Enforcement and Policing
2. Criminal Justice and Corrections
3. Legal Services and Paralegal Work
4. Public Policy and Research
5. Social Services and Victim Advocacy

10 Sample Entry-Level Job Titles:

1. Police Officer
2. Corrections Officer
3. Probation Officer
4. Crime Analyst
5. Paralegal
6. Victim Advocate
7. Legal Assistant
8. Private Investigator
9. Juvenile Justice Specialist
10. Forensic Technician

5 Hard Skills:

1. Criminal Law and Legal Procedures
2. Data Analysis and Crime Mapping
3. Report Writing and Documentation
4. Interviewing and Interrogation Techniques
5. Knowledge of Criminal Justice Systems

5 Soft Skills:

1. Critical Thinking
2. Communication
3. Problem-solving

4. Empathy
5. Attention to Detail

Additional Training or Certifications:

While a Criminology degree provides foundational knowledge, some positions, such as law enforcement or corrections, may require additional training at police academies or specific certifications. Advanced roles in criminal justice, forensic analysis, or legal professions may require further education (e.g., law school, criminology master's programs) or certifications in areas like forensic science or conflict resolution.

Student and National Organizations:

1. [American Criminal Justice Association \(ACJA\)](#)
2. [Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences \(ACJS\)](#)
3. [National Criminal Justice Association \(NCJA\)](#)
4. [The American Society of Criminology \(ASC\)](#)