What Can I Do With A Major In...?

Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Studies

Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Studies majors will find career opportunities in many areas of the legal and justice systems. People who work in Criminal Justice are involved in and concerned with the apprehension, prosecution, defense, sentencing, incarceration and supervision of those charged with criminal offences. Those majoring in Criminal Justice can work in government, law enforcement, corrections, probation departments, parole offices, corporate and private security firms, financial investigation offices, drug and firearms agencies, immigration departments, the U.S. Border Patrol and the Secret Service. Careers range from behind the scenes work in criminal labs, law offices and administrative positions in the justice system to front line interaction-based positions where it may be difficult to predict the next assignment. Career opportunities are also available with the FBI and the CIA. Those who are interested in a career with the FBI must have “critical skills” currently defined by the FBI as accounting, computer science/information technology, engineering, foreign language proficiency, law, law enforcement/investigative, military and physical sciences (physics, chemistry and biology). The CIA has career opportunities for people from many academic backgrounds.

Some criminal justice majors may choose to specialize in specific areas such as victim advocacy, crime scene investigation, insurance fraud, data analysis, peacemaking, juvenile justice, social work, case management or law. These specializations require additional education.

Career Options

* Many of the careers listed will require additional education or experience

**Criminology**
- Criminologist
- Criminal Psychologist

**Law Enforcement**
- Police Officer
- Law Enforcement Agent
- FBI Agent
- Security Guard
- Private Investigator/Detective

**Government/Non-Profit Agencies**
- Homeland Security
- Secret Service
- Central Intelligence Agency
- Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
- US Border Patrol
- Victim Advocate

**Business**
- Bank Protection Specialist
- Credit Investigator
- Loss Prevention
- Fraud Investigation

**Forensics**
- Forensic Scientists
- Forensic Psychology
- Criminalistics

**Corrections**
- Corrections Officer
- Correctional Administration
- Parole/Probation
- Correctional Treatment

**Legal Professions**
- Mediation/Dispute Resolution
- Attorney

**Forensics/Criminalistics**
- Analyze facts, evidence and information
- Observation abilities
- Investigation and data gathering
- Awareness of ethical dilemmas
- Ability to make sound decisions

**Related Major Skills**

**Law Enforcement and Corrections**
- Be in good physical condition
- Effectively work when in physical danger
- Able to use good judgment
- Work well under pressure
- Ability to interview people
- Ability to make sound decisions

**Business/Law**
- Effective verbal skills
- Ability to infer
- Good listening skills
- Observation abilities
- Ability to make sound decisions
- Excellent writing skills

**Related Web Sites**

Madison County Sheriff's Department  [http://madisoncountysheriff.us/](http://madisoncountysheriff.us/)
Syracuse City Police Department  [http://www.syracusepolice.org/](http://www.syracusepolice.org/)
Syracuse/Hancock International Airport  [http://www.syrairport.org/about/employ/](http://www.syrairport.org/about/employ/)
New York State Police  [http://www.troopers.state.ny.us/](http://www.troopers.state.ny.us/)

**Samples of Cazenovia College Employment and Internship Sites**

Town of DeWitt Police Department  Spectrum Security, Ltd
Cayuga Counseling Service  Hancock and Estabrook
Cayuga, Chenango and Madison Counties Sheriff's Offices  Probe Services

Center for Community Alternatives
Berg Law Offices