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/department-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
Correction 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

Jobs Requiring Additional Education or Experience:
CIA Agent
Contracts Administrator
Coroner
Corrections Facilities Manager
Criminal Investigator
Criminologist
Detective
FBI Agent
Fish and Game Warden
Forensic Chemist/Pathologist/Specialist

Related Work Sites
Airports/Other Transportation Facilities

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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
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
Federal Hiring Tools:
https://www.avuecentral.com/casting/aiportal/control/hiringProcess;jsessionid=45a87c6852a9cf6f47da2866407b6e317b5eeedab53f1d4fa48335a3149cb24.e34RahOTahaOc40Sch4Sc3aQchn0
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
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

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 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/
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/
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
Officer.com: http://www.officer.com/careers
Police Employment: http://www.policeremployment.com/jobs
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: http://www.usajobs.gov/
U.S. Department of Treasury: https://treasury.usajobs.gov/
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services: https://uscis.usajobs.gov/
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
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:
CareerHMO: http://careerhmo.com/
CareerOneStop: http://www.careeronestop.org/
CareeRealism: http://www.careerealm.com/
CollegeGrad: http://www.collegegrad.com/jobs
GlassDoor: http://www.glassdoor.com/index.htm
Going Global: http://online.goingglobal.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
O*NET OnLine: http://www.onetonline.org/
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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