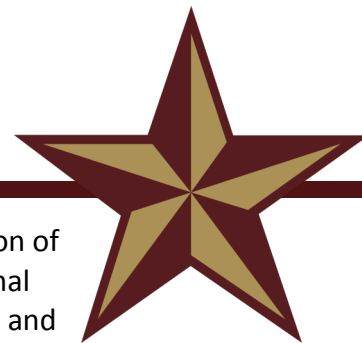


# Criminal Justice

## What can I do with this degree?



The primary goal of the criminal justice department is the preparation of competent and responsible public servants to assume roles in criminal investigation and apprehension, agency administration, prosecution and correctional services. This goal is pursued in the context of a broad university curriculum that provides a foundation of knowledge necessary to function in a challenging world. Students seeking employment regularly receive information on positions in the criminal justice field at the local, county, state and federal government levels, as well as positions in private security.

### Areas of Specialization

- Law Enforcement
- Corrections
- Criminal Justice

### CAREER PATHS

*(Some of the occupations outlined in this brochure may require additional education or training)*

#### **...in Corrections**

##### **Sample Job Titles**

- Advocacy Occupations
- Child Welfare Caseworker
- Community Relations
- Conservation Officer
- Correctional Institution Officer
- Corrections Counselor
- Family Counselor
- Juvenile Detention Specialist
- Juvenile Counselor
- Parole/Probation Officer
- Prison Recreation Leader
- Protective Services
- Sexual Assault Prevention Educator
- Social Services
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Victim Advocate

##### **Possible Work Settings**

- Community Transition Programs
- Courts — Juvenile/Adult
- Crisis Centers
- Drill Academics/Boot Camps
- Prison System — City, County, State, Federal
- Private Correctional Corporations
- Probation & Parole Commissions
- Probation Departments
- Youth Authorities

## ....in Criminal Justice (\*coupled with advanced degree)

### Sample Job Titles

- Adjudicator
- Appeals Reviewer
- Arson Investigator
- Bailiff
- Computer Crime Specialist
- Crime Laboratory Specialist
- Criminal Investigator
- Criminologist
- Expert Witness
- Forensic Chemist, Pathologist, Specialist
- Graphoanalyst
- Judge\*
- Law Clerk
- Lawyer\*
- Legal Technician
- Paralegal (requires advanced degree)
- Polygraph Examiner
- Private Investigator
- Professor

### Possible Work Settings

- Armed Forces
- Bureau of Prisons
- Colleges & Universities
- Court System
- Court Related Offices
- Crime Labs
- Department of the Interior
- Department of Justice
- Developmental Offices
- Diplomatic Services
- FBI
- Government Printing Office
- Private Detective Agencies
- Secret Service
- State Government Agencies

## ....in Law Enforcement

### Sample Job Titles

- Airlines Security Specialist
- Alcohol/Tobacco/Firearms Agent
- Border Patrol
- DEA Agent
- Customs Agent/Inspector
- Detectives
- Document Examiner
- FBI
- Secret Service Agent
- Fish & Game Warden
- Fraud Analyst
- Health Inspector
- Law Enforcement Officer
- Loss Prevention Specialist
- Narcotics Investigator
- Park Ranger
- Police Officer
- Private Security Specialist
- Safety Inspector
- Sheriff
- State Police
- Traffic Manager
- Treasury Enforcement Agent
- U.S. Marshall



## Possible Work Settings

- Armed Forces
- Bureau of Export Administration
- Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
- FBI
- Federal Law Enforcement Training Center
- Navy
- Office of Inspector General
- CIA
- Corporate Security Offices
- Highway Patrol
- Local Law Enforcement
- U.S. Customs
- Department of Justice
- U.S. Marshall Service
- U.S. Secret Service

## Resources

### Texas State University-Student Organizations

- Lambda Alpha Epsilon [www.cjtxstate.edu/centers/organizations/fraternities.html](http://www.cjtxstate.edu/centers/organizations/fraternities.html)

### Professional Organizations

- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences [www.acjs.org/](http://www.acjs.org/)
- American Academy of Forensic Sciences [www.aafs.org/](http://www.aafs.org/)
- American Correctional Association [www.aca.org/](http://www.aca.org/)
- American Criminal Justice Association [www.acjalae.org/](http://www.acjalae.org/)
- American Probation & Parole Association [www.appa-net.org/](http://www.appa-net.org/)
- American Society for Industrial Security <https://www.asisonline.org/>
- American Society of Criminology [www.asc41.com/](http://www.asc41.com/)
- National Association of Investigative Specialists [www.pimall.com/nais/home.html](http://www.pimall.com/nais/home.html)
- National Criminal Justice Association [www.ncja.org/](http://www.ncja.org/)

### Job/Internship Search Links

- Law Enforcement Jobs and Employment [www.lawenforcementjob.com](http://www.lawenforcementjob.com)
- U.S. Office of Personnel Management [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov)
- Police Employment [www.policeemployment.com](http://www.policeemployment.com)

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