Careers: Criminology and Criminal Justice

The University of Maryland Criminology and Criminal Justice graduates have been successful in many different fields post-graduation. Review additional resources at BSOS’s Your Career.

Using information from the University of Maryland graduation survey, we have compiled information about CCJS majors, such as where they work or go to graduate school post-graduation.

Check out the topics below to learn more about planning for your career!

**Topics/Quick Links**

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Entry Level Job Titles for CCJS Majors (Sample)

The sample career titles below may give you an idea of positions Criminology and Criminal Justice majors are qualified for based on their major coursework, co-curricular activities, and/or past internships.

**ENFORCEMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY**
- Airport Security Officer
- Background Investigator
- Border Patrol Agent
- Corrections Officer
- Crime Data & Intelligence Analyst
- Customs & Border Patrol Officer
- Deputy Sheriff
- Digital Video Evidence Technician
- Discrimination Investigator
- Drug Enforcement Agent
- Firefighter/EMT
- Investigator
- Military Officer
- Park Ranger
- Personnel Security Assistant
- Police Officer
- Postal Service Investigator
- Probation & Parole Officer
- Public Safety Officer
- Secret Service Officer

**FEDERAL/STATE**
- Analyst
- Adjudicator
- Contracting Specialist
- Government Information Specialist
- Hotline Operator
- Human Resources Assistant
- Investigator
- Management and Program Analyst
- Policy Assistant
- Program Analyst
- Research Assistant

**JUDICIARY AND LAW**
- Business Law Project Assistant
- Clerk
- Conflict Analyst Assistant
- Conflicts Analyst
- Court/Legal Administrator
- Criminal Analyst
- Discovery Specialist
- File Clerk
- Immigration Case Specialist

**JUDICIARY AND LAW Cont.**
- Legal Assistant
- Legal Personnel Assistant
- Legal Practice Assistant
- Litigation/Legislative Paralegal
- Paralegal

**SOCIAL SERVICE**
- Associate Therapist
- Case Manager
- Child Support Agency Community Service
- Field Staff
- Housing/Tenant Rep
- Human Services Specialist
- Juvenile Court Counselor
- Support Specialist
- Victim Services Specialist
- Youth Advocate

**PRIVATE SECTOR**
- Account Executive/Manager
- Acquisition Support Specialist
- Assets Protection Specialist
- Auditor
- Business Analyst
- Claims Representative
- Contract Specialist
- Executive Development Program Trainee
- Faculty Research Assistant
- Finance Manager
- Fraud Investigation and Dispute Services Staff
- HR Coordinator
- Independent Contractor
- Inside Security Investigator
- Insurance Appeals Specialist
- Junior Analyst
- Library Technician
- Loss Prevention Agent
- Operations Assistant
- Public Policy Intern
- Quality Assurance
- Recruiter
- Research Assistant
- Sports Writer
- Teacher for America Candidate

*Reported by UMD Criminology and Criminal Justice graduates. Obtained by the University Career Center & The President’s Promise Graduation Survey.*

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## Sample Job Titles - Require Additional Education or Experience

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<td>Criminal Intelligence Analyst</td>
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### Additional Resources:
- [UMD Pre-Law Advising](#), contact for guidance on law related graduate school options and course suggestions
- [Graduate School listing](#), ASC
- Follow this [timeline](#) to stay on track with your graduate school application
- [Tips](#) for completing the application and [financing](#) the experience
- [Questions to consider](#) before applying to graduate school

### Explore Career Titles

Use the sample job and internship titles (mentioned above) to start exploring career paths. The links below provide a short overview of the titles.
- [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)
- [O*NET Online](#)
- Use [FOCUS2](#) to explore career paths using self-assessment questionnaires
- Talk with professionals working in the field through the [Terrapins Connect](#)
- [Candid Career](#), informational career videos (example to the right)
- [Vault Guides](#), download 100’s of industry guides (Click the book below to read more. Note – users who are not logged in to UMD Vault Campus when they click below will first be prompted to log in. Use your Careers4Terps account for easiest access.)

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**CCJS majors noted these areas of work on LinkedIn Alumni.**
The links below will be a helpful start in locating internship openings. Sample list of opportunities:

- **BSOS Engagement Opportunities**, offers links on many other out of the classroom experiences that can add to your marketable skills
- **Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Blog**, review internship, fellowship, research, scholarship, and community service opportunities
- **Police Auxiliary**, we are seeking applicants who are looking to gain experience in the field of criminal justice.
- **Research Opportunities**, advice and links for undergraduate students pursuing research experiences
- **Secretary’s Honors Program (SHP)**, a new initiative to recruit exceptional recent graduates for careers at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) that includes fellowships related to cybersecurity, policy, management, emergency management, and law
- **University Student Judiciary**, members help the campus community by educating students and holding them accountable to the policies of the University of Maryland
- **UMD Careers4Terps**, UMD maintains a job and internship database for off-campus positions for students.
- **UMD National Scholarships Office**, opportunities for all levels of undergraduates
- **USAJobs Student Internships**, list federal government internship openings

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice offers internship for credit, study abroad, and independent study related information on their website.

### Internship Title/Sites (Sample)

Criminology and Criminal Justice majors pursue a variety of internships. Internships are a great way to try out an interest, regardless if it is directly related to your major. Employers tend to favor job seekers who have had an internship in the field they are hiring for.

- Counterterrorism Research Intern, National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism
- Data Entry Intern, Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy
- Drug Enforcement Task Force Intern, U.S. Attorney's Office
- Drug Task Force Intern, Georgia Bureau of Investigation
- Homicide Unit Intern, Philadelphia District Attorney's Office
- Intern and Clerk, Chester County Office of the District Attorney
- Intern Investigator, Public Defender Service
- Intern, DC Pretrial Services
- Intern, Greenbelt Police Department
- Intern, International Community Corrections Association
- Intern, Office of the Attorney General
- Law Enforcement Apprentice Program, Montgomery County Police Department
- Legal Advising Intern, Staines Magistrates' Court
- Legislative Intern, Maryland General Assembly
- Manhattan Special Victims Squad Intern, New York City Police Department (Manhattan Special Victims Squad)
- Office Assistant/Firearms Examiner Assistant, Montgomery County Police Department
- Research Intern, Justice Policy Institute (Research)
- Student Analyst, U.S. Department of Justice
- Student Intern, State Attorney's Office of Montgomery County

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Skills Developed as a CCJS Major

Skills lead to jobs. Which skills do you possess? Review the **Skills Inventory** list to examine soft skills to highlight on your resume and within interviews. *Sample list of skills developed in class by Criminology and Criminal Justice majors*

- Descriptive and inferential statistics
- Social science research methods
- Understanding of basic criminology and criminal justice content area

Job & Internship Search Links for CCJS Major

Applying for advertised positions located on a large board is an ineffective job/internship search strategy, but it can be helpful in researching what the typical qualifications are for a field or position. Criminology and Criminal Justice graduates work in many different fields so the list below is *only a sample of resources* for you to utilize.

Start by reviewing openings posted by employers looking for YOU on the UMD Careers4Terps database.

**Correction Related Job**
- [Corrections Connection](#), lists positions located across the country
- [Federal Bureau of Prisons](#), explore careers paths with the FEP

**Law Enforcement**
- [911HotJobs](#), full-time positions mostly (country-wide)
- [Police Jobs](#), police jobs and law enforcement employment

*Law Enforcement Information*
- [Fire Science: Public Service Career Resource](#), guides for public service and safety careers including criminal justice, firefighting, homeland security, paramedic/EMT, and more
- [Official Directory of State Patrol & State Police](#), country-wide
- [Police How](#), Discover how to become a police officer
- [Officer.com](#), research police careers in tactical, on the street, technology, and investigations
- [Riley Guide–Law Enforcement & Protective Services](#), overview of field

*Forensic*
- [International Association for Identification](#), job listings (i.e. latent prints, finger print identification, etc.)
- [Crime Scene Investigator Network](#), opening positions
- [All Police Jobs](#), list forensic positions
- [Forensic Science](#), information about forensic careers (i.e. ballistics, criminalistics, trace evidence)
- [Discover Criminal Justice](#), information on the types of forensic study and tips for pursuing a career in each
Law

- [FindLaw](#), some undergraduate internships advertised
- [Maryland Court System](#), positions advertised within the MD court system
- [U.S. Courts](#), country wide position database

Law Related Information

- [Internet Legal Research Group](#), information about choosing a law school and much more
- [National Association for Law Placement](#), articles on employment in the law field and specialties available
- [National Federation of Paralegal Associations](#), career center and information about certification
- [UMD Pre-Law Advising](#), resources
- [WashLaw](#), Maryland law & government resources

Federal, State, & Local Government (preparation tips)

- [Federal Government Jobs](#), list of federal government agencies and their hiring websites
- [Federal Job Search](#), search for federal positions by profession or location
- [Job wonk, DC Jobs & Internships](#), DC opportunities listed as global, U.S., business, and society categories
- [State and Local Government on the Net](#), directory provides websites of state agencies, city & county governments
- [State of Maryland](#), position openings in Maryland
- [Student jobs](#), with the federal government

Research the Federal Government as a Field

- [Federal positions by major](#) (mostly undergrad)
- [Find Your Fit](#), offers resources to help seekers decide if the federal government would be a good career fit
- Visit the [UCC @ BSOS](#) to read more about search tips for federal government positions

Nonprofit

- [AmeriCorps](#), post-graduation service based positions at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, etc.
- [Corporation for National and Community Service](#), Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and the Social Innovation Fund
- [Human Services Career Network](#), positions advertised in the Human Service Jobs, Social Service Jobs, etc.
- [Idealist Job Board](#), list volunteer, internship, and job opportunities across the country in the nonprofit field
- Riley Guide: [Nonprofits, Associations, Foundations](#)

Aggregate search engines yield more advertised opportunities because of the algorithm used to search the entire web. Examples: [Indeed.com](#), [Linkup](#), [Simplyhired](#).

Learn more about search strategies at [http://go.umd.edu/internsearch](http://go.umd.edu/internsearch).

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Career Shuttle with UMD students to U.S Secret Services training facility

Career Shuttle to Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Baltimore

Career Shuttle to tour the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives’ Labs

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### Employers of CCJS Undergraduates (Sample)

The sample list below includes employer who have hired UMD Criminology and Criminal Justice graduates.

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### Connect and Grow Your Network

Use these sample opportunities to meet professionals in your field of interest to learn about the field, establish new networking contacts, and conduct informational interviews.

**Sample Engagement Opportunities**

Expand your network:

- **Career Shuttles** - a half day, group experience to visit an organization of interest
- **DC Link Tank** - find citywide events, organizations and people engaging on topics that matter to you
- **Employer networking events** - attend to meet professionals and gain knowledge of openings
- **Intern** - make the most of your internship by requesting informational interviews
- **Intern for a Day** - one day shadowing experience that allows students to forge connections
- **Meetup** - locate people in your area with similar interests or within your industry of interest
- **Online Events Calendar** - for the state of Maryland
- **Terrapins Connect** - connects students with UMD alumni
Social Media
- Join LinkedIn groups
- Connect with other BSOS alumni in the UMD College of Behavioral and Social Sciences LinkedIn group
- Tips for using LinkedIn to make industry specific connections and research career paths

Network - Join a Professional Association
- American Correctional Association, offers resources, conferences, and professional development opportunities
- American Society of Criminology
- American Academy of Forensic Sciences, includes student and career information
- The Criminal Justice Student Association-UMD & Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society-UMD
- International Association of Crime Analysts, offers job postings and news within the field
- Law Enforcement & Emergency Services Video Association, committed to improving the quality of video training and promoting the use of effective equipment
- NALS – The Association for Legal Professionals, contains information about certifications and volunteer opportunities
- National Sheriffs' Association, for information about sheriffs

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