Careers: Criminology and Criminal Justice

The University of Maryland Criminology and Criminal Justice graduates have been successful in many different fields post-graduation. Using information from the annual University of Maryland graduation survey, we have compiled details about CCJS majors, such as their post-graduation adventures.

Review additional resources at the University Career Center @ BSOS Your Career webpage.

**Titles/Industry of Recent Alumni (Sample)**

Explore career paths of CCJS majors with LinkedIn’s Alumni tool.

*Note: Must have a LinkedIn account to access.*

**Job Titles:**
- Enforcement/Public Safety
- Federal/State

**Entry tips:**
*Important qualities/skills generally include:* communication, attention to detail, service minded, good judgment, leadership, physical stamina, and interpersonal skills.

- Many positions require a clean background (e.g. no criminal offenses).
- Demonstrate an interest in the community.

**Federal opportunities:**
- USAJobs
- Application tips

For detailed tips, visit Vault’s Guide to Politics, Public Policy, and Activism Jobs.

**Federal position options by major:**
Research career titles with the federal government related to your major.

Forensic investigators require an advance degree.

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**Enforcement/Public Safety**

- 911 Operator
- Background Investigator
- Border Patrol Agent
- Detention Officer
- Dispatcher
- Enforcement Officer
- Firefighter/ EMT
- Intelligence Specialist
- Paramedic; Sergeant
- Police Candidate
- Police Officer
- Security Assistant
- TSA Officer
- Uniformed Protection Officer

**Organizations:**
- Branchville Vol. Fire Co. 11
- City of Gaithersburg
- CSRA
- Gaithersburg Police Department
- Inter-Con
- Next Level Investigations
- OPM
- PG County Police Department
- Pinkerton
- The Universities at Shady Grove
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Secret Service

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**Federal/State**

- Background Investigator
- Contract Specialist
- Coordinator, Domestic Violence
- Crime Data & Intelligence Analyst
- Diplomatic Security
- English Monitor Analyst
- Global Engagement Center Assistant
- Judiciary Clerk
- Legal Assistant
- Legislative Correspondent
- Management and Program Analyst
- Operations Specialist
- Policy Assistant
- Program Analyst
- Program Assistant
- Public Safety Officer
- Research Assistant
- Secret Service - Uniform Division
- Security Specialist
- Social Science Analyst
- Staff Assistant

**Organizations:**
- Army Research Laboratory
- District of Columbia Government
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Maryland Courts
- Maryland Government
- Metropolitan Police Department
- Smithsonian Institution
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Department of Defense
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Department of the Navy
- U.S. House of Representatives
- U.S. House of Representatives
- U.S. Marshal Service
**Job Titles:**
AML Contractor
Case Manager
Case Manager/Legal Advocate
Intake Coordinator
Intellectual Property Support Service
Assistant
Legal Assistant
Legal Practice Assistant
Litigation/Legislative Paralegal
Paralegal
Paralegal Specialist Trainee
Senior Paralegal

**Organizations:**
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLC
Bergman & Moore LLC
Bergmann and Moore, LLC
Crowell & Moring LLP
Delany McKinney LLP
Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP
Harman Claytor Corrigan & Wellman
Jaklitsch Law Group
Konare Law
Littler Mendelson P.C.
Mayer Brown
Pretrial Services Agency, DC
Robert Half Legal
Stepto & Johnson LLP
U.S. Department of Justice

**Entry tips:**
Important qualities/skills generally include: communication, interpersonal, organizational, research, analytical, speaking, problem solving and writing skills.

Apply for internships. Gaining experience in the field will test your interest and demonstrate interest to law school programs.

For detailed tips, visit Vault’s Guide to Law Careers.

Take writing intensive courses to improve writing skills.

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**Job Titles:**
Case Manager
Caseworker
Coordinator
Criminal Justice Program Coordinator
Diversity Programs Coordinator
English Teacher
Outreach Assistant
Outreach Coordinator
Program Coordinator/Manager
Rehabilitation Counselor
Sociology Academic Advisor
Social Services Foster Care, Caseworker
Teaching Assistant

**Organizations:**
American Physical Society
Anne Arundel Conflict Resolution Center
Bethany Christian Services
CASA de Maryland
Cornerstone Montgomery
Department of Social Services
District of Columbia Public Schools
Home Base Inc.
Institute for Creative Community
Latin American Youth Center
State of Maryland
Teaching Assistant Program - France
U.S. Global Leadership Coalition
University of Maryland

**Entry tips:**
Important qualities/skills generally include: creativity, communication, and attention to detail skills, as well as being flexible and patience.

Apply for internships. Seek positions at organizations working on causes you believe in or in settings you wish to experience.

For detailed tips, visit Vault’s Guide to Education.

A second language could be helpful.

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**Internship Spotlight:**

**Yana Kramarenko ’18 (CCJS),**
Internship: Office of Police Complaints, Investigative Intern

**Zheng Yang ’19 (CCJS),**
Private Sector

Job Titles:
- Absence Coordinator
- Assistant Project Manager
- Auditor
- Background Compliance Analyst
- Claims Representative
- Client Specialist
- Contract Specialist
- Core Assurance Associate
- Drone Data Analyst
- Incoming Discovery Associate
- Intelligence Associate
- Logistics Coordinator
- Loss Prevention Associate
- Operations Associate
- Operations Manager
- Outside Sales Representative
- Quality Assurance
- Realtor
- Recruiter
- Research Analyst I
- Research Associate and Publisher
- Sales Associate
- Sales Representative
- Selling Manager
- Senior Case Management Specialist
- Special Investigator

Organizations:
- Aerotek
- Alliance Material Handling
- Ankura
- Bank of America
- C2G Partners
- CACI
- Compass
- Critical Systems LLC
- GIS Benefits
- Great Shoals Winery
- Hugo Boss
- Leonard Resource Group
- Measure
- Optimal Solutions Group
- Point72
- Protection Strategies Incorporated
- PWC
- SAP National Security Services
- START- UMD
- Target
- The Cadmus Group
- The Hartford
- TitanHouse
- Toll Brothers
- Valcourt Safety Systems

Entry tips:
Important qualities/skills generally include: analytical, communication, creativity, decision making, interpersonal, and organizational skills.

For detailed tips, visit Vault’s Guide on...
- Business Administration Jobs
- Consulting
- Real Estate
- Consulting Jobs

Apply for internships. Employers recruit full-time employees from their internship programs.

Consider applying for post-grad management or rotational programs to gain experience.

Identify what skills the industry seeks and prepare talking points from your experiences to explain why you are a great fit.

Explore Career Paths: Resources

The links below provide search boxes for you to locate more information on the titles as well as search for other options.
- Occupational Outlook Handbook, a career title dictionary
- O*NET Online, the nation's primary source of occupational information
- FOCUS2, explore career paths using self-assessment questionnaires
- Terrapins Connect, talk with professionals working in the field through UMD’s alumni network

Vault Guides - browse 100’s of industry guides to gain inside tips (see examples below).

Note - Access Vault through your Careers4Terps account for FREE.
Explore Career Options: Gain Experience

The links below will be a helpful starting point in locating opportunities. Identify the type of experience that meets your needs.

Sample list of opportunities
- BSOS Engagement Opportunities - browse links on out of the classroom experiences
- Careers4Terps - check out job and internship openings for UMD students
- Police Auxiliary – on campus opportunity
- Federal government internships - links to openings and application tips
- UMD Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Blog - list of opportunities
- UMD National Scholarships Office - review a listing of opportunities for UMD
- Research Opportunities - advice and links for students pursuing research experiences

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice offers:
- internship for credit
- study abroad
- independent study

CAREERS4TERPS@BSOS

Openings for CCJS Majors
Start your internship/job search here.

Where are CCJS Majors Interning?

Internships are a great way to try out an interest, regardless if they are directly related to your major. Employers tend to favor job seekers who have had an internship in the field they are hiring for. Review inspiring internship stories from BSOS students to gain ideas.

Sample internship sites/title
- 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

Did you know?
“Whether or not one has an internship impacts short-term and longer-term career success. Survey takers who completed at least one internship received a job offer more quickly and had a higher first position salary than those who did not.”
-NACE 2018
Skills Developed as a CCJS Major

Skills lead to jobs. Which skills do you possess?

- Assess your skills, abilities, interests, and values and explore how they relate to career options.
- Complete this skills inventory to get started.

Sample list of skills developed in class by CCJS majors.
- Descriptive and inferential statistics
- Social science research methods
- Understanding of basic criminology and criminal justice content area
- Competency in applying quantitative skills to criminological concepts

Add to your skill set with these learning videos/courses.

Graduate School Programs CCJS Majors are Pursuing

Start researching your career path of interest to identify if there are additional educational requirements.

Sample job titles that require an advance degree:
Adjunct Professor
Assistant United States Attorney
Attorney
Consular Officer
Contract Attorney
Contract Patent Attorney
Crime Analyst
Criminal Intelligence Analyst
Foreign Affairs Officer
Investigator
Professor of Criminology
Program Analyst
Research and Writing Specialist
Senior Consultant (Anti-Money Laundering)
Special Agent
Plus many more

Graduate School Resources
- UMD Pre-Law Advising, contact for guidance on law related graduate school options and course suggestions
- Graduate School listing, LASC
- Questions to consider before applying
- Application timeline: stay on track with your graduate school application
- Tips for completing the application
- Financing ideas for graduate school

Need help starting your career exploration or job search? Schedule a career consultation appointment with the University Career Center. Get started mapping your career action plan today!