

## 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.*

#### Enforcement/Public Safety

##### Job Titles:

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

##### 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/State

##### Job Titles:

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

##### Entry tips:

*Important qualities/skills generally include:* analytical, communication, interpersonal, problem-solving, and time-management skills.

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.



## Judiciary & Law

### 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  
Stepo & 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.

## Social Services/Education/Advocacy

### Job Titles:

Case Manager  
Caseworker  
Coordinator  
Criminal Justice Program Coordinator  
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.

## Internship Spotlight:



[Yana Kramarenko '18](#) (CCJS),  
Internship: Office of Police  
Complaints, Investigative Intern



[Zheng Yang '19](#) (CCJS). Internship:  
Department of Homeland Security,  
Homeland Security Investigations

## 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.

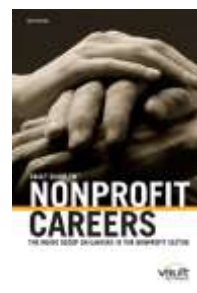
Identify what skills the industry seeks and prepare talking points from your experiences to explain why you are a great fit.

## 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](#)

### 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.”

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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*

## 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!

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