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.

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**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
- 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.

**Social Services/Education/Advocacy**

**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.

**Internship Spotlight:**

![Yana Kramarenko ‘18 (CCJS). Internship: Office of Police Complaints, Investigative Intern](image1)


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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

Use the sample job titles (mentioned above) to start exploring career paths. 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.
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** - seeking applicants who are looking to gain experience in the field of criminal justice
- **UMD Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Blog** - list of opportunities
- **UMD National Scholarships Office** - review a listing of opportunities for UMD
- **University Student Judiciary** - seeking applicants to help the campus community by educating students and holding them accountable to the policies
- **Federal government internships** - links to openings and application tips
- **Start your search with these tips** - provided by the University Career Center @ BSOS
- **Browse positions** - featured in Careers4Terps for CCJS majors
- **Research Opportunities** - advice and links for undergraduate students pursuing research experiences

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

*The President’s Promise* ensures that the University of Maryland is chock-full of opportunities outside the classroom to help you identify your passions and gain a competitive edge.

**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

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**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 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 courses or videos…

What skills are in demand?

Check out these “Must Have” Career Readiness Competencies, according to employers - NACE

GRADUATE SCHOOL PROGRAMS CCJS MAJORS ARE PURSING

Start researching your career path of interest to identify the 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

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

Plus many more
Meet professionals in your field of interest to learn about the field, establish new networking contacts, and conduct informational interviews.

*Engagement Opportunities (sample)*

- **Connect with alumni** - gain tips on specific career paths using Terrapins Connect to review a listing of alumni who have volunteered to share career information, review resumes, etc.
- **Employer networking events** - attend on-campus events to meet professionals and gain knowledge of openings
- **UMD Event Calendar** - review a listing of career exploration panels and career readiness workshops on-campus
- **Join LinkedIn groups** to meet alumni. 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

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Did you know?

“Studies reveal 85% of all jobs are filled via networking.”

-LinkedIn

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Need help starting your career exploration or job search? Schedule a [career consultation appointment](#) with the University Career Center & The President’s Promise. Get started mapping your [career action](#) plan today!

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