

# WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

## CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Criminology & Criminal Justice focuses on understanding the causes and consequences of criminal behavior, the functioning of criminal justice institutions, and the development of policies to prevent and control crime. It combines the study of sociology, law, psychology, and public policy to analyze crime patterns and the effectiveness of various justice systems.

### COMMON JOB TITLES \* additional education or certification required post graduation

#### ENTRY & MID LEVEL POSITIONS:

Victim Advocate  
Police Officer\*  
Loss Prevention Manager  
Paralegal  
Juvenile Services Coordinator  
Legal Assistant  
Detective\*

Case Worker  
Restorative Justice Coordinator  
Probation/Parole Officer\*  
Lawyer\*  
Fraud Investigative Analyst  
Public Policy Analyst\*  
Private Investigator

### AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT: WHERE DO CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJORS TYPICALLY WORK?

Law Enforcement: Omaha Police Dept, Lincoln PD, Boys Town PD

County Jails: Douglas County Dept. of Corrections, Sarpy CJ

Correctional Facilities: Omaha Correction Center, NE Youth Corr. Center

Courts: NE Supreme Court, Douglas County Court

Insurance Companies: WoodmenLife, Blue Cross Blue Shield

Banks: FNBO, Union Bank & Trust, Pinnacle Bank

Colleges & Universities: UNO, UNL, Nebraska Wesleyan

Nonprofit Organizations: Project Harmony, CASA, Legal Aid of Nebraska

Government: FBI, CIA, NE DHHS

Law Firms: High & Younes, LLC, Baird Holm LLP, Kutak Rock LLP

Immigration Services: Immigrant Legal Center, Center for Refugee & Immigrant Services

Crime Laboratories: NE State Patrol, Omaha Police Crime Lab

### IMPORTANT QUALITIES:

#### Transferable Skills Gained:

Critical thinking Skills  
Communication Skills  
Attention to detail  
Leadership  
Cultural Awareness

#### Concrete Skills Gained:

Microsoft Office  
SPSS Statistics  
Google Scholar  
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Lexis Advance

### HOW TO DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS :

Join a **UNO Criminology/Criminal Justice Student Organization** to connect with other students and advance your professionalism

Get involved in a **Student Research Lab** to collaborate with faculty and explore your interests

Attend **Criminology & Criminal Justice Events** to apply your learning outside of the classroom

Volunteer within your community or with non-profits at the **Community Engagement Center**

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## MAJOR + MINOR SPECIALIZATION: HOW CAN I SPECIALIZE IN SOMETHING BEFORE I GRADUATE?

Criminology/Criminal Justice + Psychology minor = Forensic Psychologist\*

\* additional education or certification required post graduation

Criminology/Criminal Justice + Cybersecurity minor = Fraud Investigative Analyst

Criminology/Criminal Justice + Ethics minor = Restorative Justice Coordinator

## OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK:

Police & Detectives

Paralegals & Legal Associates

Probation Officers

Lawyers

Private Investigators

Information Security Analysts

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Check out daily job postings on **Handshake** related to jobs, internships, and opportunities to boost your student experience

## ADDITIONAL EDUCATION:

A **Masters degree** or **Doctoral degree** may be beneficial or required after graduation depending on your desired career path. A Masters degree offers opportunities for advanced study, specialization, and development

### More Information:

UNO Criminology & Criminal Justice Graduate Programs

### Considering Law School?

Law school involves a curriculum focused on legal theory, principles, and practical skills necessary for a career in law. Law schools offer Juris Doctor (J.D.) Degrees, which are required for individuals to practice law in most jurisdictions

### More Information:

UNL College of Law

Creighton University School of Law

## OTHER RESOURCES :

UNO Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Career Exploration in Career Services

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics: Occupational Outlook Handbook

## NEED SOME EXTRA HELP?

Book an appointment with Career Services

Book an appointment with your Advisor

## Career Services

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