



## What can I do with a Major in...

**Major:** Criminal Justice

### **O\*net Outlook Link to Career Titles**

[Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Teachers, Postsecondary](#)

[Judges, Magistrate Judges, and Magistrates](#)

[Lawyers](#)

[Criminal Investigators and Special Agents](#) **InDemand**

[Administrative Law Judges, Adjudicators, and Hearing Officers](#)

[Law Clerks](#)

[Police Detectives](#) **InDemand**

[Police Identification and Records Officers](#) **InDemand**

[First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Police and Detectives](#) **InDemand**

[Immigration and Customs Inspectors](#) **InDemand**

[Forensic Science Technicians](#)

[Clinical Psychologists](#)

[Psychologists, All Other](#)

[Detectives and Criminal Investigators](#) **InDemand**

[Police Patrol Officers](#) **InDemand**

### **Additional Job Titles:**

Loss Prevention Specialist/Manager

[Insurance Claims Adjuster](#)

[Paralegal](#)

TYC Case Manager

Crime Scene Analyst

[Game Warden](#)

Court Clerk

[Forensic Scientist](#)

### **Organizations Recruiting UNT Students:**

Asset Protections/Loss Prevention

- Blockbuster
- SixFlags
- Target
- JCPenney's
- Saks 5th Avenue
- Neiman Marcus

Federal

- FBI
- DEA
- ATF
- Border Patrol
- U.S. Marshals
- U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement

State & Local

- Texas Youth Commission
- Texas Parks & Wildlife
- Texas Department of Criminal Justice
- Community Supervision and Corrections – Dallas County
- DFW Airport
- Denton District Attorney

Other

- CASA of Denton
- Denton Friends of the Family
- Federated Insurance
- Facticon

**Knowledge:**

Law and Government  
 Public Safety and Security  
 English Language  
 Psychology  
 Administration and Management  
 Education and Training  
 Customer and Personal Service  
 Computers and Electronics

**Skills:**

Active Listening  
 Reading Comprehension  
 Writing  
 Critical Thinking  
 Speaking  
 Active Learning  
 Coordination  
 Social Perceptiveness  
 Persuasion  
 Time Management

**Abilities:**

Inductive Reasoning  
 Oral Comprehension  
 Oral Expression  
 Speech Recognition  
 Information Ordering  
 Near Vision  
 Deductive Reasoning  
 Flexibility of Closure  
 Problem Sensitivity  
 Speech Clarity

**Links:**

Associations:

- [US Department of Justice](#)
- [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)
- [National Federation of Paralegal Associations](#)
- [National Association of Legal Assistants](#)
- [Central Intelligence Agency](#)
- [American Bar Association](#)
- [National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives](#)
- [National Drug Enforcement Officers Association](#)
- [National Sheriff's Association](#)
- [National Security Agency](#)

**Description of Coursework:**

As a criminal justice major, you will take required courses in the history of crime and justice in the United States, police systems, administration of criminal justice agencies, correctional systems, criminal justice and public policy, criminal law, criminal procedure, criminology, ethical and diversity issues in criminal justice, and research methods. You will also take courses in psychology and sociology.

You may take elective courses that cover alcohol and drug abuse, community corrections, corporate security, correctional case management, juvenile justice, offender behavior and rehabilitation, and organized crime. Seminars focusing on such diverse topics as juvenile gangs, terrorism, victims' issues and violence are also offered.

UNT's criminal justice faculty includes nationally recognized experts in policing, juvenile justice, corrections law and practice, criminological theory, victims' issues, computer crime and forensics. Faculty members also have expertise in offender behavior and research methodology. Their books and articles are used in classrooms across the nation, and some have been cited as "landmark" research efforts.

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### **General information on Careers in the Major:**

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, criminal justice job opportunities have dramatically increased in the last 10 years. These options will continue to grow as law enforcement staffs are expanded and as more prisons are built to relieve overcrowding. Choosing criminal justice as a major for a bachelor's degree may help lay the groundwork for becoming a federal or state enforcement officer, a police officer, a sheriff's deputy or another kind of law enforcement official. After receiving your degree, you will need further training at a police academy or through another department of law enforcement.

You may enter the corporate world as a loss prevention officer or a contingency manager, assisting in investigations of internal theft and fraud. Several professional journals list Dallas-Fort Worth as one of the major areas for corporate security career opportunities.

In addition, you may work as a detention or custodial officer in a city, county, state or federal jail or prison. You may serve as a probation or parole officer or a victim's advocate at the county, state or federal level. With additional graduate school training, you may become a criminal lawyer, an administrator with a criminal justice agency or a researcher in crime and law enforcement.

UNT's criminal justice alumni can be found in virtually every criminal justice agency serving the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Alumni include police chiefs, state law enforcement officers, special agents at federal agencies and supervisory staff at community corrections agencies.

UNT's Career Center can help you prepare to pursue your career. The center has information about jobs and employers. The staff can help you with resume and letter writing, job search strategies and interview preparation. <http://careercenter.unt.edu/>

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