

MAJOR TO CAREER GUIDE

Criminal Justice

Greenspun College of Urban Affairs

Mission of the Greenspun College of Urban Affairs

The Greenspun College of Urban Affairs is dedicated to your personal and academic development, the advancement of our disciplines, and the improvement of public policy and professional practices.

Our programs emphasize improvement of the quality of urban life by preparing you for professional practice through interdisciplinary learning, service, and scholarship founded on active collaboration among you, our faculty, professionals, and community members.

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<https://www.unlv.edu/urbanaffairs>

About the Criminal Justice Department

The Department of Criminal Justice provides a broad-based liberal arts education, with a particular focus on crime and criminal justice.

Our program provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the nature and causes of crime, criminal justice processes, criminal justice organizations and agency practices, and the law and legal system. They will also be exposed to scientific and theoretical models that are used for the analysis and critique of the criminal justice system.

UNLV Academic Advising for Criminal Justice Majors:

We have many academic advisors who are eager to meet with students about their academic goals and to assist in constructing a plan for graduation. Advisors can also help students understand how their experiences at UNLV can lead to a career in their desired field.

Greenspun College of Urban Affairs Advising Center
Phone: 702-895-1009

Campus Location: GUA 4th Floor - North Wing
<https://www.unlv.edu/urbanaffairs/advising>

Criminal Justice Career Options

- Private Security
- Youth Counselor
- Law and Courts
- Insurance Investigator
- Lawyer
- Private Investigator
- Judge
- Private Security Officer
- Bailiff
- Paralegal
- Pretrial Services Officer
- Law Enforcement
- Corrections
- FBI
- US Marshal
- Parole Officer
- Drug Enforcement Admin.
- Correctional Counselor
- Police Officer/Detective
- US Customs
- Community Caseworker
- Probation Officer

Graduate Program: Criminal Justice

The Department of Criminal Justice offers a broad-based graduate program leading to a Master of Arts degree and a Ph.D in Criminal Justice and Criminology. These programs share a similar focus as the undergraduate major, but take a more research-intensive approach to the study of criminology and criminal justice. Once students complete their undergraduate coursework, they can apply for the Graduate Program.

Criminal Justice Academic Organizations & CJ Related Websites

Academic organizations that study criminal justice offer membership benefits such as news about the latest research and job offerings. Students are encouraged to get involved with organizations early on.

Related websites are also listed so students can further explore criminal justice interests.

Alpha Phi Sigma: www.alphaphisigma.org/
Federal Bureau of Prisons: www.bop.gov/
Federal Bureau of Investigation: www.fbi.gov
US Supreme Court: www.supremecourt.gov/
Office of Justice Programs: <https://ojp.gov/>
U.S. Sentencing Commission: www.ussc.gov/
U.S. Department of Justice: www.justice.gov/
U.S. Attorney General Office: www.justice.gov/ag/

Helpful Career Information

Are You Career Ready?

Employers are looking to hire college students and recent graduates who know how to use their talents, strengths, and interests. These students are Career Ready.

How do you become Career Ready? Mastering these Career Readiness Competencies will prepare you for a successful transition into the workplace.



Visit the Career Occupational Handbook to learn more about a specific occupation:

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

The OOH can help you find career information on duties, education and training, pay, and outlook for hundreds of occupations.. Each profile also includes BLS employment projections for the 2014–2024 decade, as well as salary data.

UNLV Career Services

At Career Services, we strive to educate and equip UNLV students and alumni with the knowledge and tools to successfully navigate the increasingly global and dynamic workforce. We also work to create beneficial community partnerships to connect UNLV students and alumni with their respective industry.

Career Services encourages ALL UNLV students to take advantage of their services, which include:

- Assistance with developing a career plan and choosing a major
- Access to career exploration assessments, including FOCUS 2, the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI), and the Strong Interest Inventory
- Career counseling and guidance on building a RESUME
- Preparing for an interview, assistance with job searching and networking.

Phone: 702-895-3495

Campus Location: SSC-A 2nd Floor

<https://www.unlv.edu/hirearebel>

MEDIAN SALARIES BY DISCIPLINE 2016

Career	Salary Range	Median Salary
Police and Detectives	\$34,970 - \$102,750	\$61,600
Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialists	\$33,630 - \$88,930	\$50,160
Private Detectives and Investigators	\$27,210 - \$87,070	\$48,190
Lawyers	\$56,910 - \$208,000	\$118,160

Internship & Job Opportunities

As a UNLV student you have 24/7 access to an online recruiting system designed specifically for you, called Hire A Rebel. Within Hire A Rebel, you are able to manage your profile and search through a variety of job and internships postings for all industries.

By utilizing the "Advanced Search" feature within the Jobs & Internships section, you can filter by position type, location, industry, and more. Hire A Rebel contains all types of positions including: part-time and full-time jobs, paid and unpaid internships – located on-campus, locally, nationally.

<https://www.unlv.edu/hirearebel/jobs-internships>

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