Criminal Justice majors use strong critical thinking, and decision-making skills. Understanding the nature of crimes, coupled with competent research strategies and knowledge of legal structures are crucial skills needed in the field of criminal justice. Some traits common among majors are that they are patient, ethical, curious, and persistent. Criminal justice majors tend to be analytic, logical thinkers who enjoy factual detail and appreciate order. They may work for federal, state and local government, police departments, newspapers, court systems, law firms, the military, social service agencies, or colleges and universities.

Related Occupations

- Administrative Examiner
- Airport Security Officer
- Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms Agent
- Bailiff
- Bar Examiner
- Border Patrol Agent
- City Manager
- Criminal Investigator
- Counselor
- Court Clerk
- Court Reporter
- Coroner
- Corrections Officer
- Customs Agent
- Deputy Marshall
- Detective
- District Attorney
- Drug Enforcement Agent
- FBI Agent
- Fish & Game Warden
- Forensics Specialist
- Law Librarian
- Law Librarian
- Military Officer
- Paralegal
- Parole/Probation Officer
- Police Officer/Sherrif
- Postal Service Investigator
- Public Defender
- Secret Service Agent
- Social Worker
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Surveillance Officer
- Victim Services Specialist
- Warden
- Witness Protection Plan Worker
- Youth Advocate

Some of these options require additional training and/or education

Internet Resources

- American Job Bank
  www.jobbankinfo.org
- Career Resources and Job Postings
  www.rileyguide.com
- Cop Careers
  www.copcareer.com
- Colorado Cities Job Board
  www.colorado.gov
- Colorado County Job Board
  www.ccionline.org/index.cfm/ID/30/Job-Board
- Colorado Division of Youth Corrections
  www.cdhs.state.co.us/dyc/index.htm
- Corrections and Criminal Justice Careers
  www.corrections.com/networks/careers
- Criminal Justice Jobs
  criminaljusticeusa.com
- Federal Bureau of Investigations
  www.fbi.gov
- Government Jobs
  www.govtjobs.com/crim
- Law Enforcement Jobs
  www.lawenforcementjobs.com
- National Center on Institutions and Alternatives Central
  www.ncianet.org
- National Security Agency
  www.nsa.gov
- Occupational Outlook Handbook
  stats.bls.gov/oco/home.htm
- Police Employment
  www.policeemployment.com
- Professional Resources

- American Correctional Association
  www.aca.org
- American Probation and Parole Association
  www.appa-net.org
- American Society of Criminology
  www.asc41.com
- Colorado Criminal Justice Association
  www.ccja.net
- Colorado Bar Association
  www.cobar.org
- National Association of Legal Assistants & Paralegals
  www.nala.org
- National Sheriff’s Association
  www.sheriffs.org
- National Drug Enforcement Officers Association
  www.ndea.org
- National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives
  www.noblenatl.org