



## **Careers Specific to the Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice**

Graduates of the BACJ program are especially well educated for careers in law enforcement at the local/state/federal level, probation and parole, and corrections, as well as in the rapidly growing area of private security. Students graduating with a major in criminal justice will also be well situated to start a career in the social welfare field, in private law offices or public/state attorney's offices as assistants, or in regulatory agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency, and in business.

### **Possible Career Paths for those with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice**

**Law Enforcement** - positions in city, town, county, state and federal police departments and agencies.

**Probation Officer** - employed in local, state and federal courts to handle the cases of offenders being brought to the attention of the courts.

**Institutional Counselor** - hired by adult and juvenile correctional institutions as counselors and social service providers.

**Correctional Supervisors** - work in security institutions supervising correctional staff and help provide safety and security of the institution's population.

**Parole Officer** - responsible for the supervision of adult and juvenile offenders released by state or federal agencies.

**Community Correctional Worker** - employed in a variety of community agencies ranging from state community correctional centers to volunteer, private agencies such as Youth Service Bureaus.

**Investigator** - employed by private and public agencies to investigate civil/tort claims as well as criminal activities. Opportunities may exist in prosecutor's offices or with insurance agencies.

**Victim/Witness Advocate** - employed in local, state, and federal agencies to assist victims of crimes and witnesses to crime.

**Asset Protection** - employed by business and corporations to assist in the protection of assets, both from internal and external forces.

### **Job Outlook for those with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice**

The job outlook for the foreseeable future for those with a BACJ or MCJ is excellent. Crime continues to be a major domestic policy concern. Opportunities in public and private policing are expanding and probation and parole offices are hiring in response to increasing demands.

### **Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice as a stepping stone to further education**

There are also tremendous career opportunities in advanced administrative and research for those who obtain a graduate education in criminal justice. An undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice is also an excellent pre-law program for persons planning a career in the legal profession. There are also numerous teaching and research opportunities in public and private universities for graduates of Ph.D. programs in criminal justice.

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