

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

From Study to Skills

The Criminal Justice major provides students with a foundation in the theory and methods used to understand crime. Students receive instruction on the theories and practices pertaining to the criminal justice system, crime prevention, and public and corporate responses to crime on the local, national, and international levels. Employment opportunities exist for criminal justice majors in all areas of the legal, law enforcement, and justice systems. Students are also prepared to pursue graduate coursework in law or public policy as well as many other criminal justice related disciplines. Employment opportunities exist at the managerial level in country, state, and federal criminal justice agencies.

Related Fields: Anthropology, Forensics, Law, Psychology, Sociology

Skills and Abilities

Critical Thinking- Students will learn problem-solving skills, decision-making skills, judgment, logic, and reasoning. Students will utilize an ethical framework and understand legal policies and constraints.

Communication Skills- Students will utilize active listening skills, negotiation, persuasion, and clear speaking. Students should also have strong social skills.

Practical Skills- Students will learn to instruct and lead others, to monitor, to coordinate, and to identify ways to help individuals.

Internships

Rutgers-Camden Criminal Justice students have interned with the following employers:

African Hispanic Immigration and Nationality Law
Burlington County Superior Court
Camden County Office of the Public Defender
Camden County Prosecutor's Office
Camden County Public Defenders
Federal Public Defender's Office
Gloucester County Probation
Gloucester Twp. Municipal Court
GSA Office of Inspector General
Juvenile Justice Commission
Lawrence Township Police Dept.
New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice
New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness
New Jersey State Parole Board
New Jersey State Police

NJ State Assoc. of Chiefs of Police
North Wildwood Police Dept.
Phelan, Hallinah, Schmlegg & Diamond Law Firm
Philadelphia District Attorney's Office
Rutgers University Police
Servicios Latinos Del Burlington County, Inc.
State of New Jersey / Administrative Office of the Courts
State of NJ - Public Defender - Cape May Region
Stratford Municipal Court
Third Legislative District
U.S. Dept. of Justice, U.S. Marshals Service
U.S. Probation Office
Walter Rand Institute

What Careers are Available for Criminal Justice Majors

The following are samples of first jobs of Rutgers-Camden Criminal Justice majors:

Correction Officer Trainee, New Jersey Department of Corrections
Correctional Officer, Federal Bureau of Prisons
Courtroom Deputy, US District Court
Family Specialist, DYFS
Investigator, US Department of Justice
Paralegal, Petrillo & Goldberg, PC
Police Communications, Rutgers University Police Department
Police Office, Camden County Police Department
Police Officer, Wilmington Police Department
Probation Office, Camden Probation Division
Psychiatric Attendant, Camden County Health Services
Recordings Clerk, Somerset County Clerk
Security Screener, TSA

Graduate School Options

Rutgers-Camden Criminal Justice majors have earned Master's and Doctorate level degrees. These degrees include Criminal Justice, Law, Psychology, Social Work and Public Administration.

Resources

Consider joining a professional organization such as:

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)

www.acjs.org

American Academy of Forensic Sciences

www.aafs.org

American Society of Criminology

www.asc41.com

National Criminal Justice Association

www.ncja.org

Get Involved:

- join the **Criminal Justice Debate Team**, the **Pre-Law Society**, or the **Student Government Association**.
- Help a faculty member with their research.
- Visit RaptorLink for internship opportunities in your field of interest.
- Connect with professionals in fields that interest you on LinkedIn.

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