Major in Criminal Justice

Ranked as one of the best value Criminal Justice degrees in the country, the B.S. in Criminal Justice focuses on the principles of democracy, rule of law, constitutionalism, civil liberties, equal rights, and safeguarding citizens against intimidation and oppression. This degree will also prepare those students who wish to pursue subsequent graduate degrees in criminal justice, political science, public administration, public policy, urban planning and law. The department aims to lead students to a path of self-discovery as an active citizen in an ever-evolving world.

Develop Skills

- written communication
- logical reasoning
- research
- speaking
- critical thinking
- civic engagement
- problem-solving
- research
- life-long learning
- interpersonal
- relationship building
- ethics
- critical thinking
- morality
- logical reasoning
- research
- oral communication
- critical thinking
- speaking
- problem solving
- ethics
- ethical decision-making
- civic engagement
- leadership
- communication
- relationship building
- moral decision-making
- logical reasoning
- interpersonal
- life-long learning
- oral communication

Make an Impact

The breadth and depth of knowledge gained will prepare graduates for a variety of career paths...

- Government Administrator
- Policymaker
- Criminal Justice Administrator
- Law Enforcement Officer
- Foreign Service Officer
- Lawyer
- Teacher
- Forensic Psychologist
- Paralegal
- Intelligence Analyst
- Youth Correctional Counselor
- Private Investigator
- Forensic Science Technician
- Criminal Profiler
- Investigative Reporter
- Public Safety Officer
- Correctional Officer
- Victim Advocate
- Probation/Parole Officer
- FBI Agent
- Crime Scene Investigator
- Homicide Detective
- Jail Screener
- Fraud Investigator
- Police Dispatcher

...the possibilities are endless.
Explore and Engage with Criminal Justice

- Participate in undergraduate research
- Join the Mock Trial team
- Meet with a faculty member
- Meet with a career advisor to discuss your plan
- Apply for the Crime Analytics REU at UNC in Charlotte, NC
- Present at a conference
- Apply for the Disparities in the CRJU System REU at USC
- Connect with alumni via LinkedIn

Considering adding a Minor?
These minors can compliment the major of Criminal Justice

- Sociology
- Political Science
- Anthropology

Top employers at GC for Criminal Justice majors

- Georgia Dept. of Corrections
- Baldwin County Sheriff’s Office
- Atlanta Police Department
- Teach for America
- Georgia Bureau of Investigation
- Georgia K-12 Systems

Median Starting Salary for Criminal Justice majors

$32,000*  
*based on GC First Destination Surveys, 2019 - 2022

Mean Starting Salary for Criminal Justice majors

$40,851*  
*based on NACE First Destinations for the College Class of 2020

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