

Careers in Criminal Justice

Associate Degree

A variety of careers in the Criminal Justice field do not state a required degree. However, to be hired at a police department, you will need a Bachelor's degree or minimally an associates for smaller counties. Admittance into the academy can be competitive. For this reason, a candidate is more likely to gain admittance if he/she has a higher level of education.

- Corrections Officer (requires 60 credits of college work, requires academy)
- Police Officer (requires academy)

Other careers for associate degree level include:

- Intervention Specialist
- Victim Advocate
- Security Officer
- Dispatch/Telecommunications Operator

Bachelor's Degree

Here are some examples of careers that may require or prefer a bachelor's degree in a Criminal Justice related field. In addition to a degree, employers also want to see work experience in the industry.

- Juvenile Detention Specialist
- Corrections and Parole Officer (requires academy)
- Probation Officer
- Police or Detective (requires academy)
- Forensic Interviewer (advanced field experience required)
- Victim's Right Advocate
- Legal Advocate
- Re-Entry/Workforce Development Coordinator
- Social Services Specialist

**Students who complete a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice are able to apply to Law School for additional career options. The LSAT (Law School Admission Test) is required in order to be admitted to Law School. The Law School Admission Council provides helpful information about:*

The LSAT: <https://www.lsac.org/lSAT>

Applying to Law School: <https://www.lsac.org/applying-law-school>

Fields of Law: <https://www.lsac.org/discover-law/pathways-legal-career/fields-law>

You can also find official LSAT Prep at: <https://www.khanacademy.org/prep/lSAT>