

# Linking Majors to Careers

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

# Criminal Justice

A criminal justice major at Regis University focuses on an analysis of the causes of crime and the nature of the criminal justice system. The criminal justice system in the United States involves three major areas - law enforcement, judiciary, and corrections. A student with a major in criminal justice may get a job in any of these areas and in the academic field teaching. It is an enormous field with many diverse areas of employment. Most people in the law enforcement and corrections area work for the government at the federal, state, county or city level.

**SKILLS:** The person who majors in **Criminal Justice** at Regis University has the opportunity to learn a variety of essential **skills** such as:

- understanding of human behavior
- writing skills
- research design
- good communication skills
- critical thinking and analysis
- relate to diversity issues
- generate new ideas
- able to synthesize ideas & information
- adapt or initiate change
- know resources in the field
- problem-solving
- computer skills

### **SOME TIPS ON GETTING A JOB IN THIS FIELD:**

1. Do an internship in the area in which you are interested.
2. Do volunteer work or a special project in the field.
3. Join a professional association in the field of your interest. Check with your advisor for names. You can usually join at a discount rate as a student.
4. Attend a national or local professional meeting.

**RELATED JOBS:** Listed below are some career fields someone with a Criminal Justice major may enter:

police officer*	alcohol, tobacco, and firearms inspector	border control agent
criminal investigator**	custom inspector customs	postal inspector
customs examiner	special agent, drug enforcement admin.	detective**
sheriff	special agent, FBI*	lawyer*
criminologist*	child welfare caseworker*	correction officer
paralegal*	prison - classification interviewer	warden**
correction counselor*	probation/parole officer	cottage parent
immigration agent	community facilities manager	half-way house worker

\*Usually requires a higher degree or further training beyond the bachelor's level.

\*\*Usually requires work experience.

## Career Services

*"Your Connection to the Future"*

<http://www.regis.edu/careerservices>



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## **WEB SITES RELATED TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE:**

US Department of Justice	<a href="http://www.usdoj.gov">www.usdoj.gov</a>
Federal Bureau of Investigation	<a href="http://www.fbi.gov">www.fbi.gov</a>
National Federation of Paralegal Associations	<a href="http://www.paralegals.org">www.paralegals.org</a>
National Association of Legal Assistants	<a href="http://www.nala.org">www.nala.org</a>
Central Intelligence Agency	<a href="http://www.cia.gov">www.cia.gov</a>
American Bar Association	<a href="http://www.abanet.org">www.abanet.org</a>
National Security Agency	<a href="http://www.nsa.gov">www.nsa.gov</a>

## CAREER RESOURCES IN:

- CAREER SERVICES LIBRARY (CS)
  - DAYTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY (DM)
  - ON THE INTERNET
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### Career and Occupational Information

*Occupational Outlook Handbook* (CS, DM, and <http://www.bls.gov/oco>)

ONET <http://online.onetcenter.org>

*Adams Jobs Almanac* (CS, DM)

*Dictionary of Occupational Titles* (CS, DM)

*Great Careers for... series* (CS)

*Careers for ... series* (CS)

*Careers in ... series* (DM)

*Encyclopedia of Career and Vocational Guidance* (DM)

*Liberal Arts Career News* (CS)

### Professional Organizations

*National Directory of Non-Profit Organizations* (DM)

*Denver Meets* (DM)

*Encyclopedia of Associations* (link on DM online catalog)

Internet Public Library listing at:

<http://www.ipl.org/div/aon>

### Employer Directories

*Reference USA* (link on DM online catalog)

*Denver Business Journal Top 25 Book of Lists* (CS, DM)

*Colorado Business Directory* (DM and available via link on DM online catalog)

*Directory of Colorado Manufacturers* (DM)

*Rocky Mountain High Tech. Directory* (DM)

*Almanac of American Employers* (DM)

*Job Banks for US cities* (CS, DM)

*Standard & Poor's Register of Corp. Directory* (link on DM online catalog)

*Thomas Register of American Manufacturers*  
<http://www.thomasregister.com>

*Directory of Colorado Non-Profits* (DM and <http://www.coloradonoprofits.org>)

### Employment Outlook

*Occupational Outlook Quarterly* (CS, DM)

*Job Rated Almanac* (DM)

*CAM report* (CS)

*Employment Outlook for Colorado* (DM)

### Internships

Internships are placements with employers that give Regis College students with a GPA of 2.5 or better the opportunity to combine coursework with real-life experience while earning academic credit. Internships enhance academic knowledge, personal development and professional preparation. In addition, a successful internship can give students an edge when hiring decisions are made because employers seek applicants with practical experience in their field. Students interested in an internship need to register with the **Academic Internship Program** for help with determining a site placement, learning objectives and academic criteria.

### Graduate School Information

*Real Guide to Grad School* (CS, DM)

*Peterson's Graduate and Professional Programs* (CS, DM and <http://www.petersons.com>)

*Gorman Report* (CS)

*Graduate School Admissions Advisor* (CS)

*Getting what you came for* (CS)

*Educational Rankings Annual* (DM)

*College Blue Book* (DM)

*Directory of Post-Secondary Institutions* (DM)

### Salary Information

*Colorado Occupational Wages*  
(<http://www.coworkforce.com/lmi/wages/wages.asp>)

*Compensation & Working Conditions* (DM)

*NACE Salary Survey* (CS)

Salary.com - <http://Salary.com>

### Alumni Career Network

One of the best resources for career information is people who work in the field you are considering. Contact information for Regis Alumni who have agreed to talk with students investigating career fields is available on the Alumni Career Network, a program located under "Alumni" at <http://www.ecampusrecruiter.com/regis>

### World Wide Web Sites

Regis Career Services: <http://www.regis.edu/careerservices>

Dayton Memorial Library article and research database:  
<http://www.regis.edu/libdatabase.asp?sctn=lib&p1=empty>

JobWeb (NACE): <http://www.jobweb.org>

Career Magazine: <http://www.careermag.com>

America's Job Bank: <http://www.ajb.dni.us>