

Linking Majors to Careers

CRIMINOLOGY

For CPS Undergraduate Students

Criminology

An undergraduate major in Criminology from Regis University's College for Professional Studies program provides education and curriculum based on practical and theory based applications in the fields of criminal justice, law enforcement, public safety and security. This interdisciplinary curriculum prepares students to function and lead in an increasingly complex environment in which knowledge of human behavior, social and cultural dynamics, communication, and leadership are paramount. Graduates will find opportunities in crime analysis, law enforcement and criminal justice, public safety, security, regulatory agencies, restorative justice, the private sector, especially in security matters, and social support. Graduates typically find work in government, law enforcement, and the court system in roles such as victim's advocate, probation officer, security and security technology, law enforcement and criminal investigation.

SKILLS: The Regis CPS student who majors in criminology will develop skills such as the following:

- Understanding human behavior
- Knowledge about and application of legal structures, processes
- Understanding of cultural, economic and societal factors that impact criminal behavior
- Broad understanding of criminal justice system
- Crime and evidence analysis
- Writing skills
- Research skills
- Problem identification and solution generation

TIPS FOR ENTERING THIS CAREER FIELD:

- Join and participate in a professional association in the field to meet others and continue to develop skills and knowledge needed for long term success.
- Complete an internship for credit to get practical experience.
- Conduct information interviews with professionals in the field to help focus direction.
- Meet with Career Services to further discuss direction clarification and job targeted job search strategies.

RELATED JOBS: The following are examples of some of the career fields a CPS student with a major in Criminology:

Law enforcement officer*	Parole or probation officer
Drug Enforcement Agent	Federal Bureau of Investigation agent*
Central Intelligence Agency officer*	Homeland security officer
Security analyst-Homeland Security agent	Security systems installer and troubleshooter
Litigation manager	Emergency Management Specialist
Crime or forensic analyst	Detective, public or private
Crime investigator or criminal special agent*	Paralegal*
Immigration officer	Customs inspection agent
Warden or prison security	Forensic Science Technician
Forensic law and protective services	Victim's advocate
Lawyer*	
Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement teachers, post-secondary*	

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

**Usually requires work experience.



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Career Services

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

WEB SITES RELATED TO CRIMINOLOGY:

U.S. Department of Justice	www.usdoj.gov
Federal Bureau of Investigation	www.fbi.gov
National Federation of Paralegal Associations	www.paralegals.org
National Association of Legal Assistants	www.nala.org
Central Intelligence Agency	www.cia.gov
American Bar Association	www.abanet.org
National Security Agency	www.nsa.gov
Forensic Psychology careers information	www.psychologyinfo.com/forensic/
Law school programs in the U.S.	www.gradschools.com

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

ASIS: Advancing Security Worldwide	www.asisonline.org
American Academy of Forensic Scientists	www.aafs.org
American Correctional Association	www.corrections.com
American Criminal Justice Association	www.acjalea.org
American Probation and Parole Association	www.appa-net.org
American Society of Criminology	www.asc41.com
Colorado Criminal Justice Association	www.ccja.net
Colorado Association of Property and Evidence Technicians	www.capet.com
Information Systems Security Association (ISSA)	www.issa-denver.org
National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges	www.ncjfcj.org
Police Executive Research Forum	www.policeforum.org