Pace University, Dyson School of Arts and Sciences

B.S. in Criminal Justice

GPA: 3.8

Summary

A criminal justice program offers students an opportunity to pursue studies leading to law school, graduate school or a career in the administration of justice. Although many criminal justice graduates attend law school, an increasing number are choosing other areas of graduate work as well. Students with a degree in criminal justice often elect to do their graduate work in criminal or public administration. However, they can also pursue graduate degrees in any behavioral or social science, including political science, sociology, or psychology. Those who seek employment after completing their degree requirements have generally good prospects in such areas as correctional counseling, court administration, law enforcement and private security. In addition, many public and private agencies will have criminal justice-related job openings for planners, researchers, data analysts and others who have sharpened their skills in statistics and computer science.

Selected Occupational Opportunities

Entry Level/Bachelor’s Level
- Police Officer
- Paralegal
- Probation Officer
- Security Officer
- Animal Treatment Investigator
- Body Guard
- Corrections Officer
- Identification Specialist
- Armed Forces
- Criminal Justice Policy Analyst

Graduate Level/Experienced
- Attorney
- Judge
- Social Worker
- Public Defender
- Intelligence Agent
- Crime Scene Investigator
- Addiction Counselor
- Homeland Security Administrator
- Forensic Psychologist
- Criminologist

Skills and Abilities

Strong oral and written communication • Ability to work quickly and accurately under pressure • Ability to separate emotions from work • Excellent analytical and research skills • Some criminal justice jobs require physical fitness and weapons and self-defense training • Proficiency in appropriate technology • Flexibility and adaptability

Resources & References

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) (www.acjs.org/)
Criminal Justice Education (http://www.cjed.com/)
FBI Website (www.FBI.gov)
New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us/)
Occupational Outlook Handbook (www.bls.gov/oco)

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