**Criminal Justice**

**What is Criminal Justice?**

Criminal Justice is a multidisciplinary career field in which professionals draw on the expertise of several fields, including justice administration, sociology, political science, psychology, and others. The FHSU Department of Criminal Justice incorporates multiple disciplines to give students to the skills they need to distinguish themselves in the field and better prepare them for a variety of career paths, including advocacy and programming, corrections, courts, law enforcement, private enterprise, and research.

We have programs for every level of interest and experience, from new college students to mid-career professionals looking to advance in the workplace. We offer a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degree, a minor, certificates, and a Master of Professional Studies emphasis.

**Related career titles**

**advocacy and programming**

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| Case Manager | Employment Agency Recruiter | Non-Profit Organization Advocate | Victim Services Coordinator |
| Child Support Agency Worker | Employment Counselor | Social Service Worker | Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor |
| Child Welfare Case Worker | Housing/Tenant Representative | Victim Advocate | Youth Advocate  |
| Community Service Coordinator |

**corrections**

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| Corrections Counselor | Inmates Classification Specialist | Unit Team Manager | Warden |
| Corrections Officer | Probation/Parole Officer |

**courts**

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| Bailiff | Court Liaison Counselor | Judge | Law Librarian |
| Court Administrator | Court Reporter  | Juvenile Court Counselor | Legal Assistant |
| Court Clerk | District Attorney | Law Clerk | Pre-trial Services Officer |

**law enforcement**

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| Airport Security Officer | Criminal Investigator | Fish and Game Warden | Secret Service Agent |
| Arson Specialist | Customs Agent | Internal Revenue Service Agent | Security Agent |
| ATF Agent | Deputy, include rank up to Sheriff | Military Police Officer | Special Agent |
| Border Patrol Agent | Drug Enforcement Agent | Naval Investigator | State Bureau of Investigation Agent |

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**law enforcement (continued)**

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| CIA Agent | FBI Agent | Park Ranger | State Trooper |
| Crime Analyst | Firefighter | Police Officer, including rank up to Chief/Commissioner | US Marshall  |

**private enterprise**

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| Administrative Examiner | Litigation Manager | Polygraph Examiner or Specialist | Private Security Officer |
| Body Guard | Loss Prevention Specialist | Private Investigator |

**research**

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| Author | Criminologist | Penologist | Research Assistant |

**Transferable skills**

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| Ability to conduct and clearly explain scientific research  | Ability to work well under pressure or when in physical danger | Good vision, physical stamina and manual dexterity |
| Ability to interact with people of differing personalities and background  | Analytical thinking abilities in the face of adversity | Proficiency in interpersonal communication  |
| Ability to make appropriate decisions and sound judgements  | Appreciation for order  | Proficiency in reading, writing and speaking  |
| Ability to react spontaneously and maintain composure  | Aptitude for accurate details  | Understanding and respect for the values and workings of the legal system |
| Ability to solve problems and meet deadlines  | Background of legal knowledge  | Willingness to take action as situations arise |

*Attainment and demonstration of* [*NACE Career Readiness Competencies*](https://www.naceweb.org/career-readiness/competencies/career-readiness-defined/) *help prepare for a successful transition into the workplace.*

**Contact for additional information**

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**Related career exploration links**

[Careers at the Drug Enforcement Administration](http://www.justice.gov/dea/careers/occupations.shtml): <http://www.dea.gov/careers/occupations.shtml>
[Careers at the Federal Bureau of Investigation](https://www.fbijobs.gov/index.asp): <https://www.fbijobs.gov/home/>
[Careers at the Internal Revenue Service](http://jobs.irs.gov/home.html): <http://jobs.irs.gov/home.html>
[Careers at the United States Secret Service](http://www.secretservice.gov/join/index.shtml): <http://www.secretservice.gov/join/index.shtml>
[Careers at the U.S. Marshals Service](http://www.usmarshals.gov/careers/index.html): <http://www.usmarshals.gov/careers/index.html>
[Federal Jobs and Employment Information](https://www.usajobs.gov/): <https://www.usajobs.gov/>
[Military Careers](http://www.todaysmilitary.com/military-careers): <http://todaysmilitary.com/working>

****FHSU Career Services: <https://www.fhsu.edu/career/>
[Occupational Outlook Handbook](http://stats.bls.gov/ooh/): <http://bls.gov/ooh/>