

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE

## From Study to Skills

The Criminal Justice major provides students with a foundation in the theory and methods used to understand crime. Students receive instruction on the theories and practices pertaining to the criminal justice system, crime prevention, and public and corporate responses to crime on the local, national, and international levels. Employment opportunities exist for criminal justice majors in all areas of the legal, law enforcement, and justice systems. Students are also prepared to pursue graduate coursework in law or public policy as well as many other criminal justice related disciplines. Employment opportunities exist at the managerial level in country, state, and federal criminal justice agencies.

**Related Fields:** Anthropology, Forensics, Law, Psychology, Sociology

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## Skills and Abilities

**Critical Thinking-** Students will learn problem-solving skills, decision-making skills, judgment, logic, and reasoning. Students will utilize an ethical framework and understand legal policies and constraints.

**Communication Skills-** Students will utilize active listening skills, negotiation, persuasion, and clear speaking. Students should also have strong social skills.

**Practical Skills-** Students will learn to instruct and lead others, to monitor, to coordinate, and to identify ways to help individuals.

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## Internships

Rutgers-Camden Criminal Justice students have interned with the following employers:

African Hispanic Immigration and Nationality Law  
Burlington County Superior Court  
Camden County Office of the Public Defender  
Camden County Prosecutor's Office  
Camden County Public Defenders  
Federal Public Defender's Office  
Gloucester County Probation  
Gloucester Twp. Municipal Court  
GSA Office of Inspector General  
Juvenile Justice Commission  
Lawrence Township Police Dept.  
New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice  
New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness  
New Jersey State Parole Board  
New Jersey State Police

NJ State Assoc. of Chiefs of Police  
North Wildwood Police Dept.  
Phelan, Hallinah, Schlegg & Diamond Law Firm  
Philadelphia District Attorney's Office  
Rutgers University Police  
Servicios Latinos Del Burlington County, Inc.  
State of New Jersey / Administrative Office of the Courts  
State of NJ - Public Defender - Cape May Region  
Stratford Municipal Court  
Third Legislative District  
U.S. Dept. of Justice, U.S. Marshals Service  
U.S. Probation Office  
Walter Rand Institute

## What Careers are Available for Criminal Justice Majors

The following are samples of first jobs of Rutgers-Camden Criminal Justice majors:

Correction Officer Trainee, New Jersey Department of Corrections  
Correctional Officer, Federal Bureau of Prisons  
Courtroom Deputy, US District Court  
Family Specialist, DYFS  
Investigator, US Department of Justice  
Paralegal, Petrillo & Goldberg, PC  
Police Communications, Rutgers University Police Department  
Police Office, Camden County Police Department  
Police Officer, Wilmington Police Department  
Probation Office, Camden Probation Division  
Psychiatric Attendant, Camden County Health Services  
Recordings Clerk, Somerset County Clerk  
Security Screener, TSA

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## Graduate School Options

Rutgers-Camden Criminal Justice majors have earned Master's and Doctorate level degrees. These degrees include Criminal Justice, Law, Psychology, Social Work and Public Administration.

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## Resources

Consider joining a professional organization such as:

### **Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)**

[www.acjs.org](http://www.acjs.org)

### **American Academy of Forensic Sciences**

[www.aafs.org](http://www.aafs.org)

### **American Society of Criminology**

[www.asc41.com](http://www.asc41.com)

### **National Criminal Justice Association**

[www.ncja.org](http://www.ncja.org)

Get Involved:

- join the **Criminal Justice Debate Team**, the **Pre-Law Society**, or the **Student Government Association**.
- Help a faculty member with their research.
- Visit RaptorLink for internship opportunities in your field of interest.
- Connect with professionals in fields that interest you on LinkedIn.

## **Career Center**

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