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

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.

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, Schmlegg & 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
- Correction 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

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.

Resources

Consider joining a professional organization such as:

- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)
  www.acjs.org
- American Academy of Forensic Sciences
  www.aafs.org
- American Society of Criminology
  www.asc41.com
- National Criminal Justice Association
  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.

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