

What Can I Do With This **Ohio State** Major?

Bachelor of Arts

Criminology & Criminal Justice

College of Arts and Sciences

Criminology is the sociology-based study of crime and the criminal justice system. The major exposes students to the dimensions of the crime problem, explanations of the prevalence of various types of crime, and the various agencies and programs designed to prevent and control crime and delinquency. These agencies include the police, courts, probation and parole systems, and correctional institutions. Attention is also given to such issues as women and crime, youth and crime, and the place of control agencies in larger societal context. As a social science/liberal arts field, criminology provides majors with a variety of techniques for examining and responding to important questions about the causes and consequences of crime and the workings of the criminal justice system. ¹

Career Areas/Job Titles:

Communication and Media

Grant Writer

Court Reporter/Transcriptionist

Health Professions

Psychologist

Substance Abuse Counselor

Rehabilitation Counselor

Social Worker

Law Enforcement

Probation Officer

Corrections Officer

Police Officer

Private Detective and

Investigator

Security Officer

Loss Prevention Specialist

Fraud Investigator

Education

Professor

Safety Trainer

Non-Profit/Advocacy

Victim's Advocate

Fundraiser/Development Officer

Government/Politics

Court Clerk

Legal Assistant

Attorney

Judge

Legal Researcher

Paralegal

Bailiff

Forensic Scientist

**Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

Transferable Skills:

Law and Policy Awareness

Interviewing

Listening Skills

Negotiating

Provide/Respond to Feedback

Speaking Effectively

Use Technology Effectively

Written Communication

Cultural Understanding

Service Orientation

Social Perceptiveness

Teaching/Instructing Others

Teamwork

Willingness to Take Risks

Gathering Information

Research Skills

Adaptability/Flexibility

Attention to Detail

Judgment & Decision Making

Managing Time/Stress

Investigative Skills

Mediating Conflict

Analytical/Critical Thinking

Problem Solving

**This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here:*

<http://ccss.osu.edu>

Professional Links:

American Criminal Justice Association: <http://www.acjalae.org/>

National Criminal Justice Association: <http://www.ncja.org/>

American Probation and Parole Association: <http://www.appa-net.org/eweb/>

The American Society of Criminology: <http://www.asc41.com/>