

What can I do with a...

Major in Criminal Justice?

<i>I CAN GO IN TO...</i>	<i>AND POSSIBLY WORK FOR...</i>	<i>DOING THIS CAN HELP ME GET THERE...</i>	<i>SAMPLE COMPANIES</i>	<i>SAMPLE TITLES</i>
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SOCIAL SERVICES				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrections • Probation • Parole • Juvenile Justice • Program Development • Outreach • Mentoring • Victim's Assistance • Counseling • Casework • Prevention Services • Advocacy • Administration • Supervision • Assessment • Reporting • Grant Writing • Consulting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government agencies • State and federal correction facilities • County jails • Precinct station houses • Youth correction facilities • Voluntary Correction facilities • Residential treatment facilities • Reintegration programs • Alternative schools • Juvenile detention centers • Women's and family shelters • Domestic violence agencies • Immigration and naturalization services • Medical centers • Adult education providers • Public and private high schools 	<p>Sharpen your skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victimology, social problems, diversity issues, or grieving. • Learn to work well with people of diverse backgrounds. Study a second language for increased marketability. • Gain firearms and self-defense training for some areas. <p>Gain experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain experience with youth through sports teams, as a summer camp counselor, in parks and recreation programs, or community/religious youth groups. • Seek volunteer or intern positions in areas such as employment interviewing, social casework, substance abuse, rehabilitation, or juvenile justice. <p>Network Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Pursue a minor BS in Political science</p> <p>Pursue graduate school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goodwill of Central Texas • Interfaith Action of Central Texas • Texas Public Policy Foundation - Development • Texas Department of Family and Protective Services • Integral Care 	<p>Job titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentor Formerly Incarcerated Individuals • Refugee Youth Program Intern • Right on Crime Development Administrator • Prevention Specialist <p>Internship titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Trafficking and Child Exploitation Division Intern

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earn a master's degree in social work or counseling for therapy positions. • Obtain a master's degree in criminal justice or business for upper-level positions in facilities. 		
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JUDICIARY AND LAW				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court Reporting/Transcription Services • Court Clerkship • Court Security • Legal Assistance • Legal Research • Administration • Legal Representation 	Local, state, and federal courts Government agencies including Department of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Services • Justice • Treasury • Defense Law firms Corporate legal departments Public interest law organizations Self-employed	<p>Sharpen your skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research, computer, and writing skills. • Court reporting (CR) or paralegal (CLA) certification programs. • Software packages for research positions. <p>Gain experience Observe courtroom proceedings and become familiar with the legal system.</p> <p>Network Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Pursue a minor Consider a double major or minor in the humanities such as English, philosophy, or history as these build good writing skills.</p> <p>Pursue a graduate degree Obtain a law degree from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas Public Policy Foundation - Development 	<p>Job titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right on Crime Development Administrator <p>Internship titles Click or tap here to enter text.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Security • Consulting • Installation • Investigating • Systems Integration • Global Intelligence • Private Investigation • Internet Security • Surveillance • Loss Prevention • Property Loss Management • Program Development • Staffing and Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance companies • Banks • Private security companies • Software companies • Retail organizations • Hotels and resorts • Health care facilities • Transportation services • Nuclear power plants • Manufacturers • Online companies • Other large corporations • Local, state, and federal agencies • Private Individuals • Self-employed 	<p>Sharpen your skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written and oral communication skills, along with the ability to present information to others. • Knowledge of computer languages and technology. <p>Gain experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek opportunities that include training in the hardware and software of security systems. • Attend firearm safety courses. Obtain first aid and CPR certification. • Military experience and training. <p>Network Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Pursue a minor Business or computer science, and/or take related courses in computer science or computer systems.</p> <p>Pursue a graduate degree Earn a graduate degree in business or law for upper-level positions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) 	<p>Job titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security Administrator <p>Internship titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intern - Program Investigations

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EDUCATION				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching • Research • Supervision and Consultation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colleges and universities 	<p>Sharpen your skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop strong written and oral communication skills and the ability to present materials well to others. • Take additional coursework related to research and statistics. <p>Gain experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve as a tutor to other students. • Assist a professor with research. <p>Network Network with others in your field through membership in professional associations and organizations.</p> <p>Pursue a minor Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Pursue a graduate degree Earn a graduate degree for post-secondary teaching opportunities.</p>	Click or tap here to enter text.	<p>Job titles Click or tap here to enter text.</p> <p>Internship titles Click or tap here to enter text.</p>

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