CAREERS IN….

Criminal Justice and Criminology covers the broad system of government practices and institutions directed at maintaining social control, deterring crime, upholding the law, and giving fair punishments to offenders. Criminal justice draws from many disciplines including sociology, psychology, political science, philosophy, and law. Students who are interested in pursuing careers in criminal justice will find a wide array of options in the field such as working in a police station or a government agency. By focusing on this concentration within the program of sociology, students will become effective citizens learning to deal with issues such as multiculturalism, inequality, and globalization.

WPUNJ Criminal Justice and Criminology:
http://www.wpunj.edu/cohss/departments/sociology/undergraduate.dot#BA2

Interests & Skills:
- Good communication skills
- Critical thinking
- Attention to detail
- Desire to help others/promote justice
- Ability to handle stress and physical tasks
- Leadership

Work Environment:
Careers in criminal justice can focus on aspects of social justice, crime-solving, prevention, and more. The work settings can be located in a variety of industries and environments, which could be at the federal, state and local levels, as well as private sector organizations. Some criminal justice positions are in an office environment while others are primarily mobile.

Possible Job Titles:
- Police Officer
- Criminologist
- FBI Agent
- Correctional Officer
- Police Detective
- Security Guard
- Customs Agent
- Nonprofit Organization Advocate
- U.S. Marshal
- Border Patrol Agent
- Postal Service Investigator
- Employment Agency Recruiter
- ATF Agent
- Probation Officer
- Paralegal
- Crime Scene Investigator
- Airline Security Representative
- Animal Control Worker
- Bailiff
- Court Clerk
- Social Worker
- Youth Advocate
- Probation and Parole Officer
- Military Officer
- CIA Agent
- DEA Agent

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”
—Martin Luther King, Jr.
Enhance Your Qualifications:
Students who focus in Criminal Justice within the Sociology major at William Paterson University have nu-
merous opportunities to enhance their academic experience. Students can join the Sociology Club, which will
enable them to meet others in their major with similar interests and career goals, and participate in events to
increase awareness of social issues relevant to your interests. Students can obtain internships ranging from
police stations to government agencies through the Sociology department. Students can also apply for mem-
bership in a professional organization that fosters networking for those seeking opportunities in the field.

Related Web Sites:
National Criminal Justice Association                      www.ncja.org/
The U.S. Department of Justice                              www.justice.gov/
Occupational Outlook                                         www.bls.gov/oco
Criminal Justice USA                                         www.criminaljusticeusa.com/

Other sources:
Please drop by the Career Development and Advisement Center to learn more about careers in criminal justice.
Visiting the Sociology department may also prove valuable in addressing questions.

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http://www.wpunj.edu/career-advisement
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