

JUSTICE STUDIES

CONCENTRATION: INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE

AREAS:

- International Criminal Justice; Migration and Immigration; International and Domestic Law; Human Rights; International Justice and Transnational Justice

PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT:

- Non-Profits; Human Rights Organizations (Amnesty International, etc.); United Nations; Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs); Civil Liberties Organizations (ACLU etc.); Federal Government such as Department of Defense and Department of Justice, FBI, CIA, Legal Professions, International Law, Immigration Services

STRATEGIES:

- Seek relevant coursework in preferred subfields. Pursue language study appropriate for career goals. Conduct research work in conjunction with faculty. Present research work where appropriate, and research study abroad opportunities.
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CONCENTRATION: JUSTICE SYSTEMS

AREAS:

- Criminal Justice System; Social Services; Treatment Programs; Advocacy; Research Centers

PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT:

- Local, State, and Federal Courts; Local State and Federal Law Enforcement; Local, State and Federal Correctional Institutions; Treatment Programs; Halfway Houses; Juvenile Assessment Centers; Alternative School Programs; Research Institutes (VERA, RTI, Police Foundation, Treatment Research Institute); Private Security Firms; Victims Advocacy Groups/Organizations; Offender Advocacy Groups/Organizations

STRATEGIES:

- Seek coursework and in areas related to the criminal justice system including policing, corrections, research, courts, drug treatment, victims rights/advocacy. Gain experience working with criminal justice populations (e.g., Petey Greene Program), Learn to work well with others from diverse backgrounds in a team environment. Learn a second language and research skills including software packages like Office and SPSS. Maintain clean driving and criminal record to maximize employment opportunities. Consider graduate level education in Criminology or Criminal Justice to pursue administrative positions/upper level management.
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CONCENTRATION: PARALEGAL STUDIES

AREAS:

- Criminal Law; Civil Law (Bankruptcy; Corporate; Immigration; Litigation; Personal Injury; Real Estate; Intellectual Property; Family; Wills; Trusts; Probates); Investigation; Compliance; Conflict Resolution; Alternative Dispute Resolution; Parole; Probation; Human Rights; Civil Rights; Nursing; Banking/Finance; Publishing; Entertainment Industry

PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT:

- Law firm; legal department in any organization; local, state, and federal courts; real estate and title companies; property management companies; insurance companies, mortgage companies; immigration, library; governmental agencies (FBI, DEA, ATF, Homeland Security, US Postal Service); probation and parole; victims advocacy groups/organizations; offender advocacy groups/organizations.

STRATEGIES:

- Obtain an ABA Approved Paralegal Certificate
 - Develop a well-rounded course of study that emphasizes a proper balance between general education, law-related coursework and legal specialty areas
 - Develop strong organizational skills and strengthen oral and written communication
 - Develop strong research skills including computer assisted legal research (CALR) specifically WestLaw or LexisNexis
 - Gain experience from internship opportunities and working in an office setting
 - Learn to work well with others from diverse backgrounds in a team environment
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GENERAL INFORMATION

- Many criminal justice professions require candidates to possess strong oral and written communication skills and good computer skills. The ability to speak a second language is also desirable.
 - Develop good listening skills and the ability to work well with a wide range of diverse populations.
 - Most entry-level positions for criminal justice majors reside with law enforcement and social service organizations.
 - Be willing to start in an entry-level job in order to prepare for more advanced career opportunities.
 - Obtain experience through volunteer, practicum, or internship opportunities.
 - Supplement program of study with courses in business, psychology, anthropology or sociology. Course work related to the hard sciences (biology, chemistry or biochemistry) is preferred for career opportunities in forensics.
 - Depending upon one's career goals, earn a master's degree in disciplines such as criminal justice, forensic science, social work, counseling or business to obtain positions involving therapy, higher levels of administration, forensics or research. Earn the doctorate degree for university teaching positions.
 - Conduct informational interviews with professionals in fields of interest to learn more about opportunities.
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RELATED RESOURCES

American Correctional Association: [http://www.aca.org/aca prod imis/aca member](http://www.aca.org/aca_prod_imis/aca_member)

The Paralegal Association: <https://www.nala.org/>

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

Criminal Justice School Info: <https://www.criminaliusticeschoolinfo.com/criminal-iustice-careers.html>

Criminal Justice Programs: <https://www.criminaliusticeprograms.com/>

US Department of State: <https://www.state.gov/>

National Security Agency: <https://www.nsa.gov/>

Careers in Criminal Justice: <https://www.criminaliusticedegreeschools.com/criminal-iustice-careers/>