What is Criminal Justice?

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In its broadest sense, Criminal Justice encompasses all aspects of society's notions of fairness, and to cultural beliefs about right and wrong, particularly those issues that concern violations of criminal laws.

The purpose of criminal justice is to prevent, reduce, control and investigate crime; to fairly and in an unbiased manner adjudicate offenders and sanction (punish) them for their offenses in an effort to remedy, deter or eliminate crime through corrections (jail, prison and other institutions).

What is the Criminal Justice System?

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The Criminal Justice System is the aggregated of local, state, tribal, and federal agencies tasked with performing functions that address crime problems. The basic operational divisions of the criminal justice system are: Prosecuting Attorney/Public Defender/Probation and Parole.

The three independent and interdependent components which support the Criminal Justice System are:

Cops (Law Enforcement)
Courts (Judicial System)
Corrections (Penal Institutions)

The Study of Criminal Justice

Students at Lincoln University begin their study of Criminal Justice (CJ) with an overview of the three components of the criminal justice system. Each component is expanded and studied more in depth, including examining the organizations, social and behavioral aspects pertinent to each. Core, supported and supplemental courses of instruction are provided to enhance the student's knowledge and functional understanding of the field of criminal justice. These courses are found in the current Lincoln University Undergraduate Bulletin and are referenced with the course designations CJ (Criminal Justice), COR (Corrections), LE (Law Enforcement) and SOC (Sociology).

Criminal Justice Courses at Lincoln University

Core Courses

Core courses are completed by students seeking a minor, Associates of Arts, or Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice, and include:

Foundations of Criminal Justice	(CJ 201)
Criminal Justice Systems	(CJ 211)
Introduction to Law Enforcement	(CJ 310)
*Legal Aspects of Criminal Justice	(CJ 320)
Introduction to Corrections	(CJ 330)
The American Courts System	(CJ 340)
Criminology	(SOC 405)

Electives

Special Topics	(CJ 175)
Ethnicity in Criminal Justice	(CJ 351)
Ethics in Criminal Justice	(CJ 308)
Crime Analysis	(CJ 421)
Professional Seminar in CJ	(CJ 460)
Criminal Justice Practicum	(CJ 462)
Criminal Law	(CJ 475)
Forensics	(CJ 480)
Criminal Justice Research Methods	(CJ 485)
Police Administration	(LE 410)
Criminal Evidence and Procedures	(LE 420)
Police-Community Relations	(LE 430)
Internship in Law Enforcement	(LE 450)
Seminar in Law Enforcement	(LE 451)
Corrections Administration	(COR 415)
Correctional Srvs in the Community	(COR 425)
Probation and Parole	(COR 435)
Internship in Corrections	(COR 455)
Seminar in Corrections	(COR 456)

**** denotes writing intensive course***

100+ Best Careers in Crime Fighting

911 Operator
Accident Reconstructionist
Agriculture Enforcement Agent
Airport Security Officer
Armored Car Security
Attorney at Law

Background Investigator
Bailiff
Bail Enforcement Agent/ Bounty Hunter
Ballistics Specialist
Bank Security
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Agent
Blood Spatter Expert

Campus Police/Security
Capitol Police
Casino Security Specialist
Civilian Law Enforcement
Child Abuse Advocate
Communications/Dispatcher
Computer Cryptographer
Computer Forensic Specialist
Computer Network Security Manager
Constable
Corrections Officer
Court Administrator
Court Advocate
Court Clerk
Court Reporter
Crime Analyst
Crime Laboratory Technician
Crime Photographer
Crime Scene Investigator
Criminal Justice Instructor
Criminal Justice Researcher
Criminal Profiler
Criminalist
Criminologist

DEA Agent
Defense Attorney
Defense Investigation Agency
Department of Public Safety
Deputy Sheriff
Detective/Investigator
Dispute Resolution Mediator
Document Specialist
Domestic Violence Worker
Environmental Protection Agency
Evidence Tech
Executive Protection/ Bodyguard

Federal Agency Support Services
Federal Air Marshal
Federal Bureau of Investigations Special Agent
Fire Marshal (Arson Investigator)
Forensic:
- Accountant;
- Biologist;
- Botanist;
- Chemist;
- Entomologist;
- Pathologist

Game Warden/Conservation Agent
Guardian Ad Litem
Highway Patrol Officer

Immigration & Naturalization Services Agent
Internal Revenue Service Special Agent
Industrial Security Specialist
Insurance Claims Adjustor;
Special Investigations Unit

Judge/Magistrate
Juvenile Counselor
Juvenile Detention Specialist
Juvenile Officer
Juvenile Probation Officer

Laboratory Technician
Latent Print Examiner:
- Fingerprint
- Shoe Impression
- Tire Impression
- Tool Marks/Impression

Legal Aide/Secretary
Liquor Control Agent
Loss Prevention/Theft Prevention Officer

Military Police (DoD) — Special Agent:

US Army Criminal Investigation Division;
US Air Force Office of Special Investigations;
US Navy, Naval Criminal Investigative Services

Narcotics Enforcement Officer
National Security Agency
Non-line Officer

Paralegal
Park Ranger
Parole Officer
Personal Security Officer
Police Academy Instructor/ Trainer
Police Chief
Police Officer
Polygraph Examiner/Tester
Private Investigator
Prison Guard
Probation Officer:
- Federal
- State

Public Defender

Railroad Police

School Resource/ Officer
Scopist (Transcripts)
Security Consultant
Security Guard
Sheriff
Sketch Artist
Social Services Investigator
Social Worker
State Police
State Regulatory Agent
State Trooper

Transportation Security Office
Telecommunication Security Officer

US Coast Guard
US Customs Agent
US Marshal
US Postal Inspector
US Secret Service Agent
US Treasury Department

Victim's Advocate

Water Patrol Officer

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