

Robert R. McComsey Career Development Center



Careers In...Criminal Justice

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The Industry

Criminal Justice Studies majors typically work within the fields of law enforcement, correctional counseling, court administration, human services, juvenile justice, and private security. In addition, many public and private agencies have related job openings for planners, researchers and analysts. Many of Alfred University's Criminal Justice graduates attend law school or graduate school.

Sample Job Titles

- Probation officer
- Police officer
- Social worker
- Security consultant
- Loss prevention specialist
- Contract clerk
- Health inspector
- Criminal lab technician
- Law educator
- Counselor
- Urban planner
- Fraud department specialist
- Lawyer
- Park ranger
- Customs agent
- Postal inspector
- Paralegal
- Border patrol agent
- Tax attorney
- Investigator
- Immigration inspector
- Security officer
- Child welfare caseworker
- Court administrator
- Patent agent

Our Graduates...Where Are They Now?

Within the past few years, graduates have obtained employment as...

Director – Allegany County Youth Court

Research Assistant – Clinical Directors Network

Correction Officer - NYSDOCS

Service Coordinator – Livingston/Wyoming ARC

Investigator – The Legal Aid Society

Loss Prevention – Macy's

Case/Social Worker – St. Christopher's Inc.

Assistant Director-Kids Court - Allegany County Courthouse

Agent - Federal Bureau of Investigation

Anger Management Counselor – Beacon Lights at Bradford Middle School

Child Support Legal Assistant - State of New Mexico

Correctional Officer – Orleans County Sheriff's Department

Federal Agent – Department of Justice

Forensic Case Manager – Steuben County Mental Health
U.S. Air Force

...and have gone to graduate school at:

Massachusetts School of Law
Chautauqua County (Law Enforcement)
John Jay College of Criminal Justice (Criminal Justice)
Albany Law School (Law)
Alfred University (Community Services Administration; MBA; Counseling)
American University (Criminal Justice)
John Jay College of Criminal Justice (Forensic Psychology)
Long Island University (Criminal Justice)
SUNY Oswego (Education)
University of Buffalo (Law)

Alumni who graduated several years ago are currently employed as...

Associate Professor of Sociology – University of Wisconsin LaCrosse
Attorney/Partner - Caloia Houpt & Light PC
Consultant - Business Protection Specialists
Director of Residential Life – St. John Fisher College
Grant Monitoring Specialist – U.S. Department of Justice
Information Management Specialist – SUNY Albany
Investigator – City of New York Civilian Complaint Board
Management Consultant - Federal Management Partners, Inc.
Self Employed – Attorney (several)
Staff Attorney – The Legal Aid Society of New York City

Get Experience on Campus

Try to get involved on campus in activities or organizations related to your area of interest. For example, if your dream is to be a defense lawyer, volunteer for a club on campus that will give you experience in social justice issues. Gain relevant experience in the following ways:

- Join student organizations like Students for Social Change, Amnesty International, College Democrats, College Republicans, the Political Science Society, Women's Issues Coalition, and more.
- Become part of the Student Senate.
- Get involved in undergraduate research with a faculty member.
- Take advantage of the Social Science Fieldwork program to get an internship.
- Write articles for the *Fiat Lux* student newspaper or sign up to DJ a justice-oriented radio show on WALF radio.

Where to go from here?

- Individual career counseling for anything from choosing a major to getting a job.
- Saxon JobLink web services (www.alfred.edu/cdc) to review internship and job postings, post a resume and more.
- Saxon Career Volunteer network – speak to alumni in your career field.
- Choices CT computerized program for searching graduate schools.
- Web resources: We recommend www.nonprofit-jobs.org or jobs.lawinfo.com or ask us for a list of other suggestions.