



UNIVERSITY of WEST FLORIDA
CAREER SERVICES

**College of Education and Professional Studies:
Criminal Justice**

This sheet identifies sample occupations and work settings associated with the Criminology and Criminal Justice major in the College of Education and Professional Studies. These are not the only options for this major, so further research may be necessary to identify a career path that is right for you. Additional training may be required for some of these options.

Sample Occupations:

- Bloodstain Patter Analyst
- Corrections Officer
- DEA Agent
- Detectives and Criminal Investigator
- DNA expert
- FBI Special Agent
- Crime Analyst
- Fraud Investigator
- Victim Advocate
- Military Security
- Police Officer
- Probation and Community Control Officer
- Probation Officer
- Secret Service Special Agent
- U.S. Border Patrol Agent
- ICE Agent
- U.S. Marshal
- Trace Evidence Expert
- Medical Examiner Investigator
- Child Protection Officer

Sample Work Settings:

Adoption/Child Care Agencies, Public Schools, Colleges and Universities, Police Stations, Local/Federal Government, Military, Laboratories, Think Tanks, Correction Facilities, Courthouses

Industry Buzzwords:

Industry buzzwords are words or phrases specific to an industry, profession, or field of study and are used by recruiters to vet applicants for positions. Below is a sample list of buzzwords for the Criminology and Criminal Justice industry. Buzzwords can be found in the job description and should be incorporated into your resume and cover letter.

Innovative investigative techniques, verbal and written communication, problem solving skills, analytical skills, leadership experience, interviewing, law enforcement, detail-oriented, honesty, integrity, interpersonal skills, data interpretation, staff management and team development.

Career Exploration & Job Search Resources:

- Career and Major Exploration Resources: MyCareerShines (accessed via MyUWF), OnetOnline.org
- Job Search Resources: JasonQuest (accessed via MyUWF), LinkedIn, company job pages.
- State and federal job opportunities: jobs.myflorida.com; www.usajobs.gov
- Salary Research: <http://www.naceweb.org/salary-resources/starting-salaries.aspx>

