



What can I do with a Major in... **Justice Administration**

What is Justice Administration?

Criminal justice is the system of law enforcement, the bar, the judiciary, corrections, and probation that is directly involved in the apprehension, prosecution, defense, sentencing, incarceration, and supervision of those suspected of or charged with criminal offenses.

It is a term used for the series of steps involved in proving any criminal activity like gathering evidences, arresting the accused, conducting trials, making defense, pronouncing judgment after the crime is proved, carrying out punishment.

The criminal justice system is one of the most important institutions in American society. A criminal justice system that is honest, fair, effective and efficient is essential to our quality of life and general peace of mind. Individuals who work within the criminal justice system determine its fairness. The mission of the faculty of the Department of Justice Administration is to provide our students with a practical educational background in all facets of the criminal justice system. We believe students must develop a thorough understanding of the practical and theoretical aspects of criminal behavior. It is imperative that criminal justice practitioners receive an education that will provide both strong general education skills as well as a thorough understanding of the criminal justice system and its processes.

What is Justice Administration at U of L?

The Department of Justice Administration, located within the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Louisville, is recognized as a nationally prominent academic department that provides quality undergraduate, graduate and professional education programs. These educational programs include undergraduate and graduate degree programs, the Southern Police Institute and the National Crime Prevention Institute. The department has a strong commitment to the practice of justice administration through the activities of a nationally recognized faculty and professional staff who engage in education, research and practice. The faculty maintains a rigorous program of research and contributions to the practice of justice administration which enhances their ability to bring real-world examples and experiences into the classroom and enriches the educational experience of students. The core values of the department as reflected in the content and delivery of its programs are:

- Integration of theory and best practice in criminal justice

- Civic commitment and leadership

- Integrity, accountability, equity, efficiency and effectiveness in the administration of justice

The Mission of the Department of Justice Administration is to:

- Enhance public safety and the quality of life in communities through education, research, and practice to achieve the goals of integrity, accountability, equity, effectiveness and efficiency in justice practice.

- Provide education and professional training for individuals seeking employment and career development within criminal justice organizations.



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Conduct and disseminate research that achieves an integration of theory and practice with an emphasis on applied methods and issues.

Maintain strong partnerships with agencies and organizations in the community and share of educational resources and expertise as a means of generating "best practice" within criminal justice system processes.

Degrees in Justice Administration at U of L:

The undergraduate (Bachelor of Science) degree program actively engages students in the learning process, provides students with a balance of theoretical knowledge and applied skills and promotes civic involvement and civic leadership in the practice of justice administration. This is accomplished through the use of varied instructional techniques and educational strategies, within and outside the classroom. The program offers students an active internship program with placements in a wide-range of local, state and federal criminal justice agencies. Additionally, students are provided with up-to-date information on available jobs within and outside the Greater Louisville Metropolitan Area as well as access to more than 50 hiring agencies during the annual career fair.

The graduate (Master of Science) degree program provides students with advanced theoretical and applied information on the administration of justice. The program content has been developed to address the needs of both in-service practitioners and those individuals seeking more advanced degrees or their first work within the administration of justice. This advanced degree program provides opportunities for students to have internship experiences and to engage in one-on-one original research with a faculty mentor. Various program options are available for degree completion - depending on the student's needs. These options include comprehensive exam, professional paper and thesis.

To allow maximum flexibility in scheduling for our students a full complement of core and elective courses are offered days, evenings, or on-line. Both degree programs can be completed 100% on-line.

Southern Police Institute

The Southern Police Institute and Community Security and Public Safety are programs of national and international stature. These institutes offer certificate, academic credit and continuing education programs for criminal justice practitioners. These programs include the Southern Police Institute, Administrative Officers Course which leads to a Certificate in Police Executive Leadership Development. This program, established in 1951, is a national leader in police executive leadership education.

Institute for Community Security and Public Safety

The Institute for Community Security & Public Safety (ICSPS) first began under the name of the National Crime Prevention Institute (NCPI), which was founded by John Klotter. While visiting England in 1968, John was impressed by the crime prevention efforts that were being utilized there by law enforcement officials. This inspired him to implement the concept at the University of Louisville.

NCPI opened its doors in 1971, holding classes on the university's Shelby Campus and operating on a grant obtained from the Ford Foundation. Additional funding received from the Department of Justice helped subsidize the project during the initial years of operation.



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As time went by, NCPI grew to develop contracts with private and public vendors, most notably, the United States Air Force and focused on a basic crime prevention program which consisted of:

- Crime and Loss Prevention Practice Level I
- Crime Prevention Technology & Programming Level II
- Physical Security
- Crime Prevention through Environmental Design
- College and University Security

In 2005 NCPI restructured and broadened its focus beyond the spectrum of crime prevention to meet the demands and training needs of our students. With these changes, the decision was made to give NCPI an overall new look which included a name change to reflect this new and improved institution. The Institute for Community Security and Public Safety offers not only professional development courses, but personal enrichment courses as well. Our goal is to meet the educational and training needs of those who practice in the law enforcement and security realm as well as those who are simply interested in security for personal awareness.

Career Opportunities in Justice Administration:

Nationally, almost 2 million people are employed in the criminal justice system. These jobs include those of police officers, special agents, criminal investigators, corrections officers, probation and parole officers, correctional treatment specialists, criminal records managers, court referral officers, court managers, security specialists, crime prevention officers, victim advocates, juvenile service workers and criminal justice planners. Careers in criminal justice are rewarding and challenging.

Related Links in the Justice Administration Discipline:

Justice Administration Careers (PDF)

FBI Employment

Federal Judiciary Employment

FedWorld - Federal Jobs

Government Jobs Database

[Law Enforcement Careers](#)

Federal Agencies:

Air Force Office of Special Investigations - <http://www.osi.andrews.af.mil/>

Border Patrol - <http://www.cbp.gov/>

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms - <http://www.atf.gov>

Bureau of Land Management - <http://blm.gov/wo/st/en.html>

Capital Police - <http://www.uscapitalpolice.gov/>

Citizenship and Immigration Service - <http://uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>

Customs Service - <http://www.customs.gov/>

Defense Criminal Investigation Service - <http://www.dodig.osd.mil/INV/DCIS/>

Drug Enforcement Administration - <http://www.usdoj.gov/dea/index.htm>

EPA Criminal Investigation Division - <http://www.epa.gov/enforcement/about/offices/division/cid.html>

Federal Bureau of Investigation - <http://www.fbi.gov/>

Federal Bureau of Prisons - <http://bop.gov>

Fish and Wildlife Services - <http://www.fws.gov/>

Internal Revenue Services - <http://www.irs.gov/compliance/enforcement/>

Immigration and Customs Enforcement - <http://www.ice.gov/index.htm>



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National Marine Fisheries Service - <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ole/>
National Parks Service - <http://www.nps.gov/personnel/>
Naval Criminal Investigation Services - <http://www.ncis.navy.mil/>
Marshals Service - <http://www.usmarshals.gov/>
Mint Police - <http://www.usmint.gov/>
Park Police - <http://www.nps.gov>
Pentagon Force Protection Agency - <http://www.pfpa.mil/>
Postal Service - <http://www.usps.com/websites/depart/inspect/>
Secret Service - <http://www.secretservice.gov/>
USA Jobs - <http://usajobs.gov>
Interpol - <http://www.interpol.int>
U.S. Department of Justice - <http://www.usdoj.gov>
National Center of Missing and Exploited Children - <http://www.missingkids.com/>
United States Courts - <http://www.uscourts.gov/>
Federal Aviation Administration - <http://www.faa.gov>

State Agencies:

Kentucky State Police - <http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org>
Indiana State Police Department - <http://www.state.in.us>
Kentucky Office of Alcoholic Beverage Control - <http://www.abc.ky.gov/>
Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife - <http://kdfwr.state.ky.us/>
Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement <http://www.kve.ky.gov/>
Commonwealth of Kentucky - <http://www.kentucky.gov>
Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training - <http://docjt.jus.state.ky.us/>
KY Attorney General - <http://ag.ky.gov>
KY Court of Justice - <http://www.courts.ky.gov/>
KY Department of Corrections - <http://www.corrections.ky.gov/>
KY State Medical Examiner - <http://www.justice.ky.gov/departments.me/>
Kentucky Probation and Parole - <http://corrections.ky.gov/pp/>
Luther Luckett Corr Complex - <http://corrections.ky.gov/llcc>
Kentucky State Reformatory - <http://corrections.ky.gov/ksr/>
Link to all Correctional Facilities in Kentucky - <http://corrections.ky.gov.instfac/>

Local Agencies:

Jeffersontown Police Department - <http://www.jtownpolice.net/main.html>
Louisville Metro Police Department - <http://www.lmpd.com/>
Link to all the Police Departments in Kentucky - <http://louisville.fbi.gov/kypolice.htm>
Clarksville, IN Police - <http://www.clarksvillepolice.com/>
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office - <http://jcsoky.org>
Metro Corrections - <http://www.louisvilleky.gov/Corrections/>
U of L Department of Public Safety - <http://louisville.edu/admin/dps/>
Commonwealth Attorney's Office (Jefferson County) - <http://www.louisvilleprosecutor.com/index.html>
Jefferson County Courts - <http://www.courts.ky.gov/>
Louisville Fire and Rescue - <http://www.louisvillefire.com/index.htm>
Louisville Metro Alliance for Youth - <http://lmafyo.org>
Louisville Metro Coroner's Office - <http://www.louisvilleky.gov/Coroner>
Jefferson County Circuit Court - <http://www.court.ky.gov.countier/Jefferson/judicialcenter/>
YMCA Safe Place Services - http://www.kyianaymcas.org/html/ymca_safe_place_services.html
Center for Women and Families - <http://www.thecenteronline.org>
Exploited Children Help Org. - <http://www.echolou.org>
Presbyterian Community Center - <http://www.pcclouisville.com>
Brooklawn Youth Services - <http://www.brooklawn.net/Jobs.htm>
Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom - <http://www.sixflags.com/national/jobs/index.aspx>



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Louisville Olmsted Parks Conservancy - <http://www.olmstedparks.org>

KY Center for School Safety - <http://www.kysafeschools.org>

Youth Enhancements Services (YES) - <http://www.lmafy.org>

Salary/Outlook Info



<http://online.onetcenter.org>



<http://www.bls.gov/oco/>

For more information about the Department of Justice Administration: <http://louisville.edu/justiceadministration>