

JUSTICE STUDIES

What can I do with this degree?

AREAS	EMPLOYERS	STRATEGIES
CORRECTIONS Institutional Community	City, County, State, Federal prisons and jails City, County, State, Federal court systems, plus private agencies	Some low level jobs do not require a degree, such as prison guard. We recommend earning a bachelor's degree at a minimum; there is greater opportunity for advancement/management positions with an M.A. Examples would include caseworker, probation or parole officer (Bachelor's); warden, agency or program supervisor or director (Master's).
COUNSELING/ SOCIAL SERVICES (corrections, rehabilitation, victim services provider, child and family specialist)	Private or public facilities	Obtain Master's degree and license in counseling or social work Some human service agency employees can work with a Bachelor's degree in Justice Studies. To be a Social worker or counselor, one usually earns a Master's degree from an accredited program.
EDUCATION College professor	Universities/colleges (four year) Community colleges (two year)	Obtain PhD for positions in academia Obtain MA and gain field experience
LAW ENFORCEMENT Patrol officer U.S. Marshal Agent	Local, state, and federal agencies City, county, state Federal system Federal agencies (FBI, DEA, ATF, NSA, CIA)	Many local agencies do not require a B.A., but some require a two-year degree; pay is typically higher with a college degree. B.A. preferred; deputies must pass civil service exam and have experience dealing with the public. FBI needs accounting, IT, foreign language, electrical engineering, or law degreed graduates, or 3 year's experience.

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Ranger	Park service	NSA and CIA seek those with international relations/foreign language/ computer specialties. Be attentive to civil service requirements/openings. Watch for local academy training. College degree not required; an elected position.
Sheriff	Local	
LAW/JUDICIAL		
Attorney (private, defense, prosecutor)	City, County, State, Federal agencies; private firms (for- and not-for-profit)	Earn high grades while an undergraduate; then attend best law school possible.
Judge	State, federal, or local courts	Earn high grades while an undergraduate; then attend law school. Gain experience practicing law. Judges are elected in some jurisdictions, appointed in others.
MILITARY		
Intelligence, Language specialist, Military police		Consider ROTC while in college. Pursue dual degree-foreign/critical language plus Justice Studies.
RESEARCH		
College professor Researcher	Universities/colleges State and federal government agencies	Obtain PhD for research and teaching positions Earn graduate degree (Master's, minimum)
PARALEGAL		
	Local/regional law firms, government agencies, corporations (law offices)	Attend college plus gain on-the-job experience. Educational requirements vary.
SECURITY		
Guard	Private security firms	Does not require a college degree.