

A.A. in Criminal Justice

DESCRIPTION OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

The Criminal Justice Degree Program is designed to prepare students with a strong foundation in the behavioral sciences that introduces them to the goals and processes of the entire criminal justice system. Criminal justice majors are provided with real-world issues that may be complex and controversial and address local, state, national, and global concerns, while they are taught to develop their critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Kingsborough's criminal justice program offers dual registration at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Once you complete your associate degree, you will continue at John Jay to earn your bachelor's degree.

CAREER INFORMATION

The criminal justice field can offer dozens of rewarding job opportunities in areas like crime prevention, victim advocacy, corrections and rehabilitation, and investigative work. The need for public safety career personnel is expected to grow exponentially. The demand for police and security services to maintain and improve public safety is expected to continue to grow.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) statistics, employment in the criminal justice field is growing faster than average, and is projected to experience a projected growth rate in NYC of 20% in the coming years. In NYS, the DOL projects a rate of 15.8%.

The Criminal Justice field is broad and encompasses a variety of careers within both government and nonprofit criminal justice career arenas: addiction specialist, border patrol, CIA agent, college professor, corrections counselor, corrections officer, court clerk, court officer, court reporter, customs agent, cybercrime specialist, DEA agent, defense attorney, detective, FBI agent, firefighter, forensic accountant, forensic psychologist, forensic scientist, immigration advocate, investigator, juvenile counselor, legal services (attorney), medical examiner, mental health counselor, paralegal, parks police, parole officer, police officer, probation officer, prosecutor, public defender, public safety officer, secret service, sheriff, forensic social worker, U.S. marshall.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Overall employment of police and detectives is projected to grow 3 percent from 2021 to 2031, slower than the average for all occupations.

Employment of probation officers and correctional treatment specialists is projected to show little or no change from 2021 to 2031.

Employment of lawyers is projected to grow 10 percent from 2021 to 2031, faster than the average for all occupations.

Employment of forensic science technicians is projected to grow 11 percent from 2021 to 2031, much faster than the average for all occupations.

CAREER PATH

The median annual wage for police and detectives was \$66,020 in May 2021.

The median annual wage for probation officers and correctional treatment specialists was \$60,250 in May 2021.

The median annual wage for lawyers was \$127,990 in May 2021.

The median annual wage for forensic social workers was \$50,390 in May 2021.

The median annual wage for forensic science technicians was \$61,930 in May 2021.

All criminal justice positions provide training prior to the start of the job. Candidates for officer positions usually attend a training academy before becoming an officer. Training includes classroom instruction in state and local laws and constitutional law, civil rights, and ethics. Recruits also receive training and supervised experience in areas such as patrol, traffic control, firearm use, self-defense, first aid, and emergency response. ([bls.gov](https://www.bls.gov))

For more information about criminal justice career paths, visit www.bls.gov/ooh.

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<https://kingsborough.emsicc.com/programs/criminal-justice-aa>

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