Criminal Justice Career Outlook 2009-2010

Criminal Justice Programs Available at Bemidji State University:
Major: Criminal Justice (B.S.)
Minor: Criminal Justice
Related Programs: Minor in Fraud Examination (Accounting), Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Criminalistics Emphasis
Department Website: http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/criminal_justice

Major Highlights:
The criminal justice major provides students with knowledge about the nature and causes of crime and delinquency, law and the legal system for juveniles and adults in American society, and the decision-making processes of criminal justice agencies. The purpose of a criminal justice major within a liberal arts framework is to develop the knowledge, values, and ethical consciousness that are essential for becoming successful managers and leaders in criminal justice and related human service vocations. The Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice is a generalist degree, preparing students for careers in law enforcement, corrections, and other public and private agencies concerned with the prevention and investigation of crime. This preparation includes a combination of course work, internships, and special research projects. Students considering this major are encouraged to develop a proficiency in writing. The degree is also appropriate for students who choose to pursue advanced study in criminal justice or law. Completion of the criminal justice degree at Bemidji State University satisfies the Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (POST) academic requirements.

Employment Areas:
Criminal justice majors can work in a variety of settings including corrections, probation, customs, and police or sheriff’s departments. The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" reports that police and detectives held about 883,600 jobs in 2008. Probation officers and correctional treatment specialists held about 103,400 jobs in 2008. Most jobs are found through federal, state or local governments.

Projected Demand for Criminal Justice Majors in Minnesota:
MnCareers reports that the demand for probation and police patrol officers is good. Police officers had an average wage of $25.80 per hour, while probation officers averaged $29.50 per hour. Public safety concerns and an increased need to monitor more people create openings. However, openings are often based on budgets.

Projected Demand for Criminal Justice Majors Nationwide:
The DISCOVER guidance system reports that the nationwide demand for police officers is growing moderately with a 1.1% expected growth rate per year. The “Occupational Outlook Handbook” reports that the median annual wages of probation officers and correctional treatment specialists in May 2008 were $45,910, while police and sheriff’s patrol officers had median annual wages of $51,410 in May 2008.

Placement Information for Criminal Justice Graduates:
There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University criminal justice graduates. Of the 2008-2009 Bemidji State University criminal justice (B.S.) graduates, 64.1% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation and 17.6% went on to continue their education. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, unavailable, or had unknown status.

A Partial List of Employers Who Have Hired BSU Criminal Justice Graduates:
Aitkin County Sheriff's Department Jailer/Dispatcher Aitkin, MN
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State of Minnesota
State Treatment & Rehabilitation Academy
Stearns County Sheriff's Department
Steele County
Stellher Human Services
Summit Sheriff's Department
Target
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Thistledew Camp
Treasure Island Resort and Casino
Tri-County Corrections
United States Border Patrol
United States Marine Corps
US Customs
US Customs Service
Vance Security
Viking Collection Services
Violence Intervention Center
Wal-Mart
Warroad Police Department
Watchguard
West Hennepin County Public Safety
Wilderness Camp
Woodland Hills
Woodland Hills Correctional Facility
Yakutat Police Department
Senior Court Clerk
Youth Counselor
Correctional Officer II
Adult Probation Officer
Delinquency Interventionist
Deputy Sheriff
Assets Protection Team Lead
Investigations Center Operations Leader
Corrections Officer
Surveillance
Corrections Counselor
Border Patrol Agent
Second Lieutenant
US Customs Inspector
US Customs Inspector
Project Manager
Collection Agent
Unspecified
Loss Prevention Specialist
Police Officer
Field Surveillance Officer
Police Officer
Counselor
Youth Treatment Specialist
Senior Youth Advisor
Police Officer
Alexandria, MN
Custer, SD
St. Cloud, MN
Owatonna, MN
Bemidji, MN
Breckenridge, CO
Grand Forks, ND
Brooklyn Park, MN
Togo, MN
Welch, MN
Crookston, MN
Tucson, AZ
Pensacola, FL
International Falls, MN
Blaine, WA
St Paul, MN
Eden Prairie, MN
 Thief River Falls, MN
Bemidji, MN
Warroad, MN
Grand Rapids, MN
Maple Plain, MN
CO
Duluth, MN
Yakutat, AK

Colleges and Universities Where BSU Criminal Justice Majors Have Gone to Continue Their Education:

Alexandria Technical College, Alexandria, MN
Andrew Jackson University, Birmingham, AL
Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
Central Lake College, Brainerd, MN
Center for Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement, Minneapolis, MN
Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, MN
Hibbing Community College, Hibbing, MN
Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA

Mankato State University, Mankato, MN
Mercyhurst College, Erie, PA
North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND
Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ
Oak Hills Bible College, Bemidji, MN
South College, Savannah, GA
St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, MN

Note 1: Some of the above job/career titles require advanced degrees or specialized training.
Note 2: Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.
Note 3: Personal Competencies: it is also recommended that individuals be competent in a variety of communication methods, and computer skills are a must.

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