Criminal Justice Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

**Major:** Criminal Justice (B.S.)  **Minor:** Criminal Justice

**Fields of Emphasis:** Corrections, Tribal Justice, Victimology, Law Enforcement

**Department Website:** [http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/criminal_justice](http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/criminal_justice)

**EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:**

Criminal Justice majors can work in a variety of settings including corrections, probation, customs, and police or sheriff’s departments. The “Occupational Outlook Handbook” (OOH) reports that police and detectives held about 807,000 jobs in 2016. Probation officers and correctional treatment specialists held about 91,300 jobs in 2016. Most jobs, close to 97%, are found through state or local governments. OOH reports that the nationwide demand for police officers is expected to grow as fast as average through 2026, with people established in their career generally earning between $34,970 and $102,750 per year. The median pay for 2016 was $61,600. Employment of probation officers is expected to grow as fast as average through 2026, with people established in their career generally earning between $33,630 and $88,930 per year. The median pay for 2016 was $50,190 per year.

**PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRADUATES:**

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Criminal Justice graduates. Of the 2015-2016 Bemidji State University Criminal Justice (B.S.) graduates, 68.6% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. 8.9% of graduates continued their education. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, unavailable, or had unknown status.

**PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRADUATES***:** (This list only includes employment within one year of graduation.)

- Beltrami County Sheriff’s Office  
  Bailiff  
  Bemidji, MN
- Border Patrol  
  Border Patrol Agent  
  International Falls, MN
- City of Rochester, MN  
  CSO (Community Supervision Office?)  
  Rochester, MN
- International Falls Police Department  
  Police Officer  
  International Falls, MN
- JLL  
  Facility Manager  
  Eagan, MN
- Koochiching County Sheriff’s Office  
  Correction Officer/911 Dispatcher  
  International Falls, MN
- Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe  
  Truancy Case Manager  
  Cass Lake, MN
- Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe  
  Child Protection Investigator  
  Onamia, MN
- North Homes Children & Family Services  
  Social Worker  
  Grand Rapids, MN
- Northstar Specialized Services  
  Mental Health Practitioner/Targeted Case  
  Grand Rapids, MN
- Roseau Police Department  
  Police Officer  
  Roseau, MN
- Ross Resources  
  Recovery Specialist / Truancy Prevention  
  Grand Rapids, MN
- Texas Department of Public Safety  
  State Trooper  
  San Antonio, TX
- U.S. Air Force  
  Security Forces  
  San Antonio, TX
- Wadena County Sheriff  
  Jail Guard  
  Wadena, MN

**COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU CJ MAJORS HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:**

- Alexandria Technical College, Alexandria, MN
- Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park, MN
- Hibbing Community College, Hibbing, MN
- St. Cloud Community College, St. Cloud, MN

*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.

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For more information, contact Career Services; Decker Hall/218-755-2038/career@bemidjistate.edu

For more job listings please visit: [http://www.bemidjistate.edu/students/services/career/job_search/jobs/](http://www.bemidjistate.edu/students/services/career/job_search/jobs/)

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