Career Outlook 2019: Criminal Justice

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 $35,780 and $105,230 per year. The median pay for 2017 was $62,960. Employment of probation officers is expected to grow as fast as average through 2026, with people established in their career generally earning between $33,920 and $90,880 per year. The median pay for 2017 was $51,410 per year.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRADUATES:

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Criminal Justice graduates. Of the 61 Bemidji State University 2016-2017 Criminal Justice (B.S.) graduates, 55.9% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation and 21.3% 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.)

Anoka County Corrections - Workhouse: Correction Officer - Anoka, MN
Anoka County Sheriff's Department: Detention Deputy - Anoka, MN
Bemidji State University - Public Safety: Student Officer - Bemidji, MN
Big Lake Police Department: Police Officer - Big Lake, MN
City of Crosby Police Department: City Police Clerk - Crosby, MN
Dane County Sheriff's Office: Deputy Sheriff - Madison, WI
East Grand Forks Police Department: Patrol Officer - East Grand Forks, MN
Grand Rapids Police Department: Police Sergeant - Grand Rapids, MN
Itasca State Park: Security Guard - Lake Itasca, MN
Mall of America: Patrol Officer - Bloomington, MN
Messerli & Kramer PA: Legal Assistant - Plymouth, MN
MN Department of Corrections: Corrections Agent - Walker, MN
Northwestern MN Juvenile Ctr.: Juvenile Corrections Officer - Bemidji, MN
Oshkiaajitahdah: Adult Education Specialist - Redby, MN
Project Turnabout: Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor - Granite Falls, MN
Stearns County Sheriff's Office: Correctional Officer - St. Cloud, MN
University of St. Thomas: Public Safety Officer - St. Paul, MN
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COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU CJ MAJORS HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:

- Alexandria Technical College, Alexandria, MN
- Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park, MN
- Vermilion Community College, Ely, MN
- Hazelden Graduate School of Addiction Studies, Center City, 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.

Bibliography:

Annual Graduate Follow-Up Study 2016-2017, Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN (2019)
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For more information, contact Career Services; Decker Hall/218-755-2038/career@bemidjistate.edu

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