Career Outlook: 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 813,500 jobs in 2019. Probation officers and correctional treatment specialists held about 91,800 jobs in 2019. 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 5% (faster than average) through 2029, with people established in their career generally earning between $37,710 and $109,620 per year. The median pay for 2019 was $65,170. Employment of probation officers is expected to grow 4% (as fast as average) through 2029, with people established in their career generally earning between $36,370 and $94,860 per year. The median pay for 2019 was $54,290 per year.

**PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRADUATES:**

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Criminal Justice graduates. Of the 60 Bemidji State University 2018-2019 Criminal Justice (B.S.) graduates, 72.2% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation and 17 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.)

- ApelCo. Property Preservation  
  Business Owner  
  Bemidji, MN
- Arrowhead Regional Corrections  
  Juvenile Probation Officer  
  International Falls, MN
- Beltrami County Sheriff’s Office  
  Court Bailiff  
  Bemidji, MN
- Bemidji Police Department  
  Patrol Officer  
  Bemidji, MN
- Brown County Evaluation Center  
  Chemical Dependency Technician  
  New Ulm, MN
- Crow Wing County Community Services  
  Juvenile Probation Officer  
  Brainerd, MN
- Department of Corrections  
  Corrections Agent  
  Walker, MN
- Dove  
  Victim Advocate  
  White Earth, MN
- Hubbard County Sheriff’s Office  
  Deputy Agent  
  Park Rapids, MN
- Minnesota Department of Corrections  
  Corrections Agent  
  Albert Lea, MN
- Minnesota Monitoring, Inc.  
  Drug Testing Coordinator  
  Waite Park, MN
- Waubun Public School  
  Student Success Counselor  
  Waubun, MN
- White Earth Tribal Council  
  Cultural Coordinator  
  White Earth, MN
- Xcel Nuclear Generating Plant  
  Armed Responder  
  Monticello, MN

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

- Alexandria T. & Community College, Alexandria, MN
- Cloquet Fire Department, Cloquet, MN
- College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, MN
- Hennepin Tech. Collegen, Brooklyn Park, MN
- Hibbing Community College, Hibbing, MN
- Mitchell Hamline School of Law, St. Paul, MN
- North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND
- Rasmussen College-Eagan, Eagan, MN
- University Of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND
- University of Wisconsin Stout, Menomonie, WI

*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:**

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  (2021)  
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For more information, contact Career Services; Decke Hall/218-755-2038/career@bemidjistate.edu For more job listings please visit:

[https://www.bemidjistate.edu/services/career/events-guides-resources/job-listings/](https://www.bemidjistate.edu/services/career/events-guides-resources/job-listings/)