

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: <https://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 808,200 jobs in 2021. Probation officers and correctional treatment specialists held about 94,500 jobs in 2021. 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 3% (Slower than average) through 2031, with people established in their career generally earning between \$40,420 and \$105,540 per year. The median pay for 2021 was \$66,020. Employment of probation officers is expected have little to no change through 2031, with people established in their career generally earning between \$37,380 and \$99,090 per year. The median pay for 2021 was \$60,250 per year.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRADUATES:

There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Criminal Justice graduates. Of the 69 Bemidji State University 2020-2021 Criminal Justice (B.S.) graduates, 90% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation and 21 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.)

Belle Plaine Police Department	Patrol Officer	Belle Plaine, MN
Beltrami County Sheriff's Office	Bailiff	Bemidji, MN
Bemidji Police Department	Police Officer	Bemidji, MN
Carver County	Correctional Officer	Chaska, MN
City of Park Rapids	Police Officer	Park Rapids, MN
Faribault Police Department	Records Specialist	Faribault, MN
Grand Forks Corrections	Corrections Officer	Grand Forks, ND
Lac Qui Parle County Family Services	Adult Services Social Worker	Madison, MN
Lakeview Behavioral Health	Treatment Coordinator	Hibbing, MN
Minnesota Department of Corrections	Correctional Officer	Lino Lakes, MN
Minnesota Department of Corrections	Corrections Officer	Lino Lakes, MN
Minnesota Judicial Branch	Court Operations Associate	Red Wing, MN
Nashwauk Police Department	Police Officer	Nashwauk, MN
Pine County Sheriff's Office	911 Dispatcher	Pine City, MN
Renville County Sheriff's Office	Corrections Officer	Olivia, MN

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

Alexandria Technical & Community College, Alexandria, MN (x7)	Hamline University, St. Paul, MN
American Military University, Charles Town, WV	Hibbing Community College, Hibbing, MN (x3)
Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN	Northland Community/Technical College, Thief River Falls, MN
Boston University, Boston, MA	University of North Dakota School of Law, Grand Forks, ND
Colorado Christian University, Lakewood, CO	William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, 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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[Occupational Outlook Handbook](#). U.S. Dept. of Labor, JIST Publishing Inc., Indianapolis, IN (2022)

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

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<https://www.bemidjistate.edu/services/career/events-guides-resources/job-listings/>



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