What Can I do with a Major in Criminal Justice?

A major in criminal justice prepares the student for one of several professional options in the field of justice administration. The LAW ENFORCEMENT sequence makes possible a career in public law enforcement [federal, state, or community] as well as private and industrial security. CORRECTIONS emphasizes and prepares the criminal justice major to become a practitioner in institutional corrections, community based correctional settings, or juvenile justice administration. The LEGAL ASSISTANT emphasis enables the student to prepare for occupations in ancillary aspects of the legal profession such as legal assistant, paralegal research, and court administration.

Typical Occupations:

| Police Officer | Corrections Officer | Educator |
| FBI/CIA Agent  | Foreign Service Officer | Intelligence Specialist |
| Lobbyist       | Border Patrol          | Special Agent          |
| Military Officer| Probation Officer      | Public Affairs Officer |
| Paralegal      | Legal Assistant        | Court Reporter         |

Skills & Abilities:

- Ability to work well with others
- Computer skills
- Good communication skills
- Interact with diverse populations
- Leadership ability
- Problem solving
- Understanding of community needs
- Work well under pressure

Career Resources:

Career Services
http://www.sfasu.edu/ccs/careerservices/index.asp

Occupational Outlook Handbook
Police:
http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos160.htm

Teacher
http://www.bls.gov/OES/current/oes251111.htm

Corrections
http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos265.htm

Criminal Justice at SFA
http://www2.sfasu.edu/polisci/cjdegree.html