What You Can Do With a Degree in Criminal Justice

Description:
Criminal justice is the system of practices and institutions of governments directed at upholding social control, deterring and mitigating crime, or sanctioning those who violate laws with criminal penalties and rehabilitation efforts. Those accused of crime have protections against abuse of investigatory and prosecution powers.

Skills/Abilities:
- Strength
- Endurance
- Dexterity
- Writing Skills
- Communication Skills
- Leadership
- Problem Solving
- Reasoning
- Attention to Detail
- Organizational Skills
- Listening Skills

Typical Work Activities:
- Determines scope, timing, and direction of investigations.
- Obtains and uses search and arrest warrants.
- Obtains and verifies evidence by interviewing and observing suspects and witnesses, or by analyzing records.
- Performs undercover assignments and maintains surveillance, including monitoring authorized wiretaps.
- Prepares reports that detail investigation findings.
- Collaborates with other offices and agencies in order to exchange information and coordinate activities.
- Compares crime scene fingerprints with those from suspects or fingerprint files to identify perpetrators, using computers.
- Investigates organized crime, public corruption, financial crime, copyright infringement, civil rights violations, bank robbery, extortion, kidnapping, and other violations of federal or state statutes.
- Testifies before grand juries concerning criminal activity investigations.
- Provides protection for individuals such as government leaders, political candidates and visiting foreign dignitaries.

Salary:

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Job Outlook:
- Increasing
  - The employment change from 2008 to 2018 is estimated to be +17.3%.
  (The National average for all occupations is +13%)

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**Job Openings:**
- Very small number
- A total of 4,173 average annual openings are expected for this occupation between 2008 and 2018.
  (The National Average for all occupations is 7,242 openings)

**Employment:**
- Small occupation
- This was a small occupation in the United States, employing 106,336 workers in 2008.
  (The National average for all occupations is 191,847 workers)

**Growth:**
- Average growth
- Many openings will be created by the need to replace workers who retire and those who leave local agencies for Federal jobs and private sector security jobs. There will be more competition for jobs in Federal and State law enforcement agencies than for jobs in local agencies. Applicants with military experience or college training in police science will have the best opportunities in local and State departments. Applicants with a bachelor's degree and several years of law enforcement or military experience, especially investigative experience, will have the best opportunities in Federal agencies.

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**Organization**
- National Criminal Justice Association

**Job Opportunities**

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