

What you can do with your Justice and Law Administration major



As a Justice and Law Administration (JLA) major, you will study law enforcement, corrections, criminology, and legal studies. Following graduation, many JLA graduates work in careers that are critical to the success of our civil society.

Some examples of careers for this major include federal, state and local law enforcement, corrections, probation and parole, offender rehabilitation, paralegal, public administration, fraud investigation, private security and much more. With a strong understanding of legal processes and policy, you can find work opportunities at many varied businesses and organizations. The JLA program also provides a solid foundation to pursue further studies in law and other graduate schools. Emerging fields for this program of study include homeland security, computer forensics and cybersecurity.

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), jobs in Justice and Law Administration can expect to grow about 10% from 2021 until 2031, faster than the average for all occupations.

Essential Skills & Characteristics to develop and highlight



Critical thinking



Empathy



Public Speaking



Patience



Attention to detail and organization



Project management



Communication and interpersonal skills



Technical writing

How To Get Started

- [Assess](#) your personal strengths & preferences
- [Research opportunities](#): online/in-person
- [Grow your network](#), [technical](#) skills and improve your professional brand/reputation
- Get an [internship/relevant](#) work experience
- [Join a related professional organization](#)
- [Connect with professionals](#) through career conversations & job shadowing

Chart Your Path Forward with the [Career Success Center](#)

[Activate Your Handshake Account](#)

for events, coaching appointments and connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking & more!
www.wcsu.edu/handshake

[Explore Career Communities](#)

to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your JLA major into success.

[Get Career & Internship Advising](#)

from the Career Success Center to make a plan, whether you're a first-year student or about to graduate

Put your JLA major to **WORK**

Common Alumni Job Titles

- Arbitrator
- Judge
- EMT
- Private Detective
- Probation Officer
- Lawyer
- Court Reporter
- Paralegal
- Police
- Firefighter

Employers of JLA Majors

- WWE
- Connecticut Judicial Branch
- Travelers
- State of Connecticut
- CT Conservation Police
- Allied Universal
- Family and Children's Aid
- FBI
- Cartus
- DEA

Recent JLA Alumni

Employment Sector

- 17 % Health Care and Social Assistance
- 16 % Retail Trade
- 10 % Administration and Support
- 10 % Professional, Scientific and Tech Services
- 9 % Public Administration
- 6 % Educational Services
- 6 % Finance and Insurance
- 5 % Accommodations and Food Services

Live & Work

- 70 % Connecticut
- 13 % Middle Atlantic
- 6 % South Atlantic
- 3 % New England Balance
- 2 % East North Central
- 2 % West South Central
- 2 % Pacific
- 1 % Mountain



[LaQueshia Clemons](#)

B.S. in Justice and Law Administration
Minor in Psychology, Class of 2011
*State of CT Public Defender Social Worker in the
Middlesex Superior Court*

"As a Public Defender Social Worker, I provide counseling and family support to juvenile justice-involved individuals. My JLA degree was very helpful in understanding the legal and court system processes and helped me appreciate the many complicated issues related to criminal behavior. "

Informational & Job Websites

- <https://wcsu.joinhandshake.com/login>
- <http://www.abanet.org/lsd/jobopp.html>
- <http://www.criminaljusticecareersnow.com/>
- <http://discovercriminaljustice.com/>
- <https://www.how-to-become-a-police-officer.com/>
- <http://www.thelawengine.com/>
- <http://www.paralegals.org/>
- <https://www.justice.gov/legal-careers/attorney-salaries-promotions-and-benefits>
- <http://www.nala.org/>
- <http://www.acjs.org/>
- <http://www.aca.org/>
- <http://www.acjalae.org/>



[Daniel L. Viera](#)

B.S. in Justice & Law Administration, Class of 2012
Corporate Loss Prevention & Safety Analyst at Lovesac

"The Justice & Law Administration program gave me the foundational knowledge necessary to excel in the Loss Prevention, Investigation, and Safety fields in the private sector. "

Career Communities for JLA Majors

The Career Success Center has seven Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where JLA majors can start.

Not inspired by these options? Visit our website at www.wcsu.edu/careersuccess/career-communities/ to view more.

- [Government, Public Policy, Law and Non-Profit](#)
- [Financial, Business and Consulting Services](#)