

Criminal Justice



Fight crime. Protect the community. Save lives.

Are you ready to step *behind* the crime scene tape? Do you want to work with professionals to create a safer community? Are the scales of justice calling your name? Get ready to start your day protecting the public, advocating for victims, investigating crime, or serving in the court or prison system. Numerous career options await you in the criminal justice field.

Collin College's Criminal Justice Program

Explore topics that include the death penalty, criminal investigations, blood spatter, policing, corrections, criminal trials, juvenile justice, and criminological theory.

Criminal justice careers:

- Law enforcement
- Correctional officer
- Victim advocate
- Probation officer
- Parole officer
- Investigator
- Court services

Why Collin College?

- Small class size
- Criminal justice professors with professional experience
- Award-winning criminal justice club, Gamma Alpha Epsilon, with competitions in CSI, physical agility, knowledge testing, and handguns
- Lowest tuition in the state of Texas
- Day, evening, and online classes available



Uphold the law in an exciting career

**Criminal Justice
Associate of Arts Degree**
(60 credit hours)

**Criminal Justice
Certificate**
(15 credit hours)

Average Salary and % growth:

Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers:
Average Salary \$71,000; 19% Growth

Correctional Officers and Jailers:
Average Salary \$44,100; 9% Growth

**Probation Officers
and Correctional Treatment Specialists:**
Average Salary \$50,100; 20% Growth

Private Detectives and Investigators:
Average Salary \$53,800; 21% Growth

Data obtained from JobsEQ (Collin County), O*NET, and Workforce Solutions of North Central Texas
Note: Job growth projected from 2019-2025
Note: The earning potential for employees with certifications and associate of applied science degrees may exceed the average salary

Contact Information

For more information, visit

<https://www.collin.edu/departments/criminaljustice/>
or call 972.377.1672.

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