

# MAP THE FUTURE CRIMINAL JUSTICE

A Guide For  
Optimizing Your Degree

This career map provides a general blueprint of how to navigate your under-graduate program. The map highlights quality experiences to supplement your coursework and identify academic milestones for years one through four.

Take advantage of the rich resources the university and Chattanooga community have to offer as you prepare for post-college years. During your time here, forge connections, participate in organizations and utilize exploratory learning options to gain real-world experiences outside of the classroom.

## **ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

Our mission is to provide an environment for intellectual curiosity and a foundation for life-long learning, thinking, reflection and growth. We do this by: equipping students with transferable skills, encouraging cultural and intellectual diversity and advancing knowledge through research and creative activities.

Small classes, careful advising and personal attention make our commitment work for students majoring in the fine arts, the humanities, the sciences and behavioral sciences, and for students preparing for professional study through a liberal education.

## **YOUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREE**

Criminal Justice is an exciting major allowing for a wide range of employment opportunities following graduation. With classes in subjects including Criminology, Policing, Courts and Corrections, students will build a solid footing in the core of the criminal justice system. Outside of the core, students explore courses on Drugs and Crime, Serial Murder, Media and Crime, Victimology and more.

## **Department of Social, Cultural and Justice Studies**

Students and their futures are our first priority.

Our programs prepare students for professional and personal success in the context of a strong liberal arts education. We are committed to coursework that is grounded in theory, research and community engagement to help students prepare for their careers.

**[utc.edu/social-cultural-justice-studies](http://utc.edu/social-cultural-justice-studies)**

## **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENTS**

**Doc Schettler Scholarship:** A maximum of \$2,000 a year awarded to an outstanding, full-time, senior. Criteria include undergraduate GPA, purpose of pursuing a criminal justice degree and financial need. Preference will be given to students who intend to pursue a master's degree in Criminal Justice at UTC.

**Suzanne Bailey Scholarship:** A maximum of \$600 a year awarded to a junior or senior who has demonstrated financial need and successful academic progress. Preference is given to a student who has previously held this award.

**Leslie Vaughn Prater Memorial Scholarship:** Approximately \$500 awarded to a student with at least 60 credit hours and a GPA of 2.75 or higher. Preference is given to African-American students and to the student who currently holds this scholarship. Applicants must write an essay on "I Believe in Justice for All."

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJORS

UTC emphasizes opportunities for meaningful learning experiences inside and outside of the classroom.

For many Criminal Justice students, their classroom experience extends through Chattanooga with internships routinely available in diverse settings, including:

- Juvenile Court
- Chattanooga Police Department
- Hamilton County Sheriff's Office
- The Partnership, GA Department of Community Supervision
- Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth
- The Next Door, a women's correctional pre-release center
- Public Defender's Office
- Local Law Offices
- ATF
- U.S. Marshals

### The Senator Tommy Burks Victim Assistance Academy

Conducted by the Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, in partnership with UTC, the academy provides basic level training to victim advocates. A variety of subjects are covered by the 40-hour curriculum, including Impact of Trauma, Bystander Programming, Victim's Compensation, Child Victimization, Sexual Assault and more.

UTC students can attend the academy at normal tuition rates and receive course credit.

## CAREER POSSIBILITIES FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJORS

Are you starting college with a specific career in mind? Criminal Justice graduates excel in these fields and more.

Visit University Career Services at [utc.edu/career-student-employment](http://utc.edu/career-student-employment) for a detailed list of career possibilities.

*These options do not represent all of the occupations you might consider. Some of the options listed below might require additional training.*

### Local and State Law Enforcement

- Police Officer
- Sheriff's Deputy
- State Trooper
- Process Server
- Crime Analyst

### Federal Law Enforcement

- DEA
- FBI
- ATF
- Secret Service

### Corrections

- Court Liaison
- Victim Advocate
- Victim/Witness Coordinator
- Court Officer
- Courts
- Court Liaison
- Victim Advocate
- Victim/Witness Coordinator
- Court Officer

### District Attorney/Public Defender

- Investigator
- Law Enforcement Liaison

### Probation and Parole

- Probation Officer
- Parole Officer
- Juvenile Probation Officer

### Sample of Advanced Study Options

- MSCJ
- Law School
- PhD

**SUCCESS TRACK: CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
DEGREE: BS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	PROF. DEVELOP.
EXPLORATION	Explore what interests you and identify your strengths with resources available through University Career Services.	Match your interests with future careers at <a href="http://mynextmove.org">mynextmove.org</a> .  Learn more about occupations with O*NET and University Career Services online.	Grow your professional network and knowledge base. Talk with faculty about professional associations and scientific literature to join.  Plan for internships and graduate school.	Identify your unique mix of abilities and experiences to launch your job search.  Develop a datasheet of the openings that interest you.	Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences <a href="http://acjs.org">acjs.org</a>
ACADEMIC MILESTONES	Complete CRMJ 1100, 2100 and additional General Education courses where appropriate.	Complete CRMJ 3110, 3100 and 3310.  Continue to meet General Education requirements.	Complete CRMJ 3120, 3250, 4300 and appropriate elective courses.  Establish and maintain a professional relationship with your advisor.	Complete any remaining General Education requirements and CRMJ 4850.  Apply to graduate by Oct. 15.  Complete Senior Exit Exam in February.	American Society of Criminologists <a href="http://asc41.com">asc41.com</a>
CONNECTIONS	Consider joining a student club in your major.  Check out opportunities in Student Development.  Schedule an appointment with a Criminal Justice faculty member to discuss your major and occupations.	Get involved with campus and community organizations. Quality is better than quantity.  Explore departmental research opportunities and apply for a Provost Student Research Scholarship.	Submit a proposal for ReSEARCH Dialogues.  Join or create an interesting research project with faculty, students or in the community.  Consider pursuing an internship.	Determine and join appropriate professional organizations (Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Southern Criminal Justice Association).  Network with department and UTC alumni.	American Correctional Association <a href="http://aca.org">aca.org</a>
READINESS	Meet with University Career Services.  Identify four skills employers want and begin cultivating them now.  Attend a part-time job fair in fall or spring.	Write your first professional résumé. Save job search websites and contact information of potential mentors or employers.  Invest in an interview outfit.	Participate in University Career Services' MOC interview programs.  Attend career fairs on campus.  Develop communication skills.	Contact organizations and associations in your interest area for informational interviews, potential mentors and shadowing opportunities.  Engage with resources in University Career Services.	American Probation and Parole Association <a href="http://appa-net.org">appa-net.org</a>
ACHIEVEMENT	Complete 30 credit hours.  Meet with your advisor twice.  Have your second year mapped out and a general plan for years three and four.	Complete 60 credit hours.  Meet with your advisor at least three times.  Have your third year mapped out and a general plan for year four.	Complete 90 credit hours.  Begin your minor and internship planning.  If you don't have an internship, consider a summer job in an area of interest.	Complete 120 credit hours.  Share your post-graduation successes with University Career Services and your department.  Join Alumni Association.	Southern Criminal Justice Association <a href="http://southerncj.org">southerncj.org</a>