

Career Roadmap - Academic

NOTE: It is highly recommended that students take CJE 3001 Careers in Criminal Justice as soon they begin taking Criminal Justice courses.

Freshman Year

- Focus on completion of General Education courses
- Take career assessment inventories to explore personal interest, values, and personality types.
- Meet with program advisor to discuss program requirements. Scholar track requires completion of ENC 1101 and ENC 1102 with specific grade (B or better).
- Meet with career services to compose resume
- Investigate student clubs and organizations.
- Join Lambda Alpha Epsilon Pre-professional Criminal Justice Fraternity (Must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA, complete 10 hours of combined community service hours as well as fundraisers)
- Attend [Workshop on Undergraduate Research](#)

Sophomore Year

- Continuation of General Education courses
- Suggested completion of CJE 3001 Careers in Criminal Justice course.
- Participate in externship (contact experiential Learning/Career Resource Center)
- Explore various information on related criminal justice careers: Corrections, Juvenile Justice, Law Enforcement/Policing, FBI/CIA/DEA/ICE, Homeland Security, Boader patrol, Crime analysis, Victim Advocate/Counseling/domestic Violence/Social Work, Investigation, law school, and Graduate School/Academic Profession.
- Seek non-credit internship or volunteer opportunities within Criminal Justice field.
- Explore related minors with program advisor
- Update resume
- Seek information on student groups/organizations (LAE, etc.).
- Seek program advising
- Meet with the Criminal Justice Internship Director to begin the application process
- Make an application to the PHI THETA OMEGA Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma (Requirement: declared major/minor, 3 full time semesters, 3.2 GPA, top 35% of class, and four courses in Criminal Justice)
- Attend [Workshop on Undergraduate Research](#)
- Apply for a [UCF Student Research Grant](#) (March, July, October)
- [Summer Research Academy Application](#)

Junior Year

- Enroll in certificate courses if applicable to career goals.
- Join the UCF Criminal Justice Group (LAE) and participate in networking and volunteering activities
- Obtain information about qualifying to join the Criminal Justice Honor Society.
- Review Honors in the Major program



- Review Senior Scholar Program
- Review Scholars Track courses
- Review the Leads scholars Program
- Consider study abroad courses (England)
- Attend the Criminal Justice Career Fair (Every Spring term).
- Attend UCF Job Fair (Give students 1 -5 points if they have to miss class to attend)
- Seek input on your career opportunities from department and faculty advisor.
- Participate in a criminal justice internship or internship through experiential learning
- Participate in job shadowing activities (ride along, spend a day with a judge, a classification officer at the jail or a private investigator).
- Begin researching graduate schools if planning to continue education.
- Seek out a faculty Mentor (Department provide a list of faculty who is willing to work with students as their mentors)
- Attend faculty research workshops to get to know faculty and their areas of interest
- Visit Career Services to explore available resources.
- Use relevant career services career related inventories.
- Attend Career Services workshops on interviewing, resume writing, and other relevant topics.
- Attend job fairs.
- Register with Career Services Knight Link to have resume posted online.
- Map out careers steps (to select the appropriate coursework as well as skill building task).
Meaning going to Law School – Legal Studies minor, join moot court/ Law Enforcement – pick the appropriate classes – ride along – internship.
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Senior Year

- Complete CCJ 4054 – CJ Ethics.
- Continue to work with Faculty Mentor
- Work with a peer mentor
- Apply to graduate schools if planning to continue education. Meet with Graduate Advisor (discuss expectations, application deadlines, preparation for the GRE, etc.)
- Develop potential list of references and request letters of recommendation from faculty/ employers.
- Participate in the Criminal Justice Honor Society if eligible.
- Continue participation with Criminal Justice Group (LAE).
- Attend Criminal Justice Career Fair.
- Attend University Job Fairs
- Update resume.
- Continue to work with Career Services to explore specific employment opportunities.
- Upload resume to knight link
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