

What can you do with a major in Criminal Justice?

Campus(s) program is offered: Marietta, Canton, North Metro

What are the most likely job titles one can expect to qualify for once completed with this program?

- Airport Security Officer
- Jailer
- Juvenile Corrections Officer
- Bailiff
- Body Guard
- Non-Profit Organization Advocate
- Child Support Agency Worker
- Community Service Coordinator
- Deputy Marshall
- Police Officer
- Discrimination Investigator
- Corrections Officer
- Postal Service Investigation
- Witness Protection Worker

What do students express as the thing they enjoy the most about this program?

Students enjoy the hands on learning opportunity that this program affords.

What is the least?

That all of the credits they earned taking criminal justice courses at CTC will not transfer to a four year school of higher learning in the University System of Georgia.

What are some typical misconceptions about this program of study?

That once a student completes the degree program, they will be certified as a Law Enforcement Officer in GA or be qualified to be a Probation Officer or Parole Officer in Georgia or that they will be eligible for employment with a Federal Agency. All of these require a 4 year degree.

What are some essential skills a student needs to have in order to be successful in this program of study?

- Strong interpersonal skills
- Physical strength and stamina
- Outstanding decision making, and teamwork
- Skilled communication
- Strong organization skills
- Sound judgment and integrity
- Strong problem solving/analytical skills

What are some typical skills and abilities that a student gains once he/she has completed the program of study?

A student will have gained knowledge of the criminal justice system in Georgia and the United States. A student will be knowledgeable of the operations of the three components that make up the criminal justice system: law enforcement, the courts and corrections.

Typical work activities/occupational functions:

The occupational function of a criminal justice professional depend on the job position:

- Police officers respond to criminal cases and must patrol areas looking for crime.
- Forensics investigators use science in order to gather information that will be used in a criminal investigation and a legal case.
- Customs agents control that which is imported into the United States.
- Penologists attempt to build effective prison systems and facilitate criminal rehabilitation.

What additional training would you recommend for a student who wants to go to the next level in this field?

To attend a four year institution (university) and attain a bachelor's degree in this field of study.

Do any of the occupational courses transfer easily?

Yes, we have an articulation agreement with Reinhardt College for occupational course transfer to a four year degree.

What are some common limitations, if any, in this program that students face?

Students allowing life events to interfere or impede with their educational abilities.

Are there any exams/certifications that a student needs to take after completing the courses? Are these exams/certifications offered on campus?

This is a non-certified program.

Possible employment settings:

Criminal Justice Technology graduates find employment with law enforcement and corrections agencies in the private and public sectors, forensic laboratories, or the judicial court system.

Names of employers:

- Marietta Police Department
- Georgia Department of Corrections
- Georgia Department of Public Safety
- Georgia State Police
- Atlanta Police Department
- Cobb County Sheriff's Department

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