



# 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 and online classes available



### Uphold the law in an exciting career

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

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

### Careers in Criminal Justice

**Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialists**

**Avg. Starting Salary: \$60,400**

**Average Salary: \$83,200**

**Projected Job Growth: 21.9%**

**Private Detectives and Investigators**

**Avg. Starting Salary: \$35,800**

**Average Salary: \$69,100**

**Projected Job Growth: 26.2%**

*The average salary listed reflects the mean average wage for workers in this industry, while the average starting wage is tied to workers at the beginning of their careers. The earning potential for employees with certifications and associate of applied science degrees may exceed the average salary.*

*Data for Collin County obtained from JobsEQ and O\*Net  
Note: Average salary for occupation as of 2023 and job growth projected from 2023-2029.*

### Contact Information



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