DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY



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	Beginning the Journey	Trailblazing the Path	Destination Graduation
EDUCATE	- Meet with your CRCJ advisor to review any transition requirements. - Familiarize yourself with the degree plan and program requirements. - Verify you are on the CRCJ lister to get all of the departmental announcements.	- Consider adding a minor in another field of interest, such as Crime Forensics or Law and Legal Studies. - Consider taking a service learning or study abroad course. - Meet with your CRCJ advisor each semester to review progress.	- Begin exploring career options and/or graduate school. - Meet with your advisor prior to your final semester to ensure you have not missed any required courses. - Apply for graduation.
ENGAGE	- Join the Society of Criminal Justice Students (SCJS). - Make connections with peers in your classes. - Attend departmental and student organization mixers and activities. - Ask faculty members if they have opportunities for paid or unpaid research assistants.	- Attend Criminal Justice Week events. - Apply for CRCJ scholarships via ScholarShop. - Consider running for an officer position in SCJS.	- Plan to attend your graduation ceremony and UTA ring ceremony. - Investigate requirements for full-time jobs in your preferred field of interest. - Ask faculty members for recommendations based on your performance in their classes. - Assess what experience you are missing and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships. - Visit the Career Development Center to finalize your resume.
EXCEL	- Join the Criminal Justice National Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma (APS). - Join Handshake.	- Consider running for an officer position in APS - Attend the Internship Fair and All-Majors Career Fair to begin exploring post-graduation opportunities - Attend a regional conference, such as the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice - Attend a national conference, such as the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.	- Discuss graduate school options with CRCJ faculty and your advisor. - Participate in Test Drive to sit in a graduate class and see how you like it. - Prepare to take any required tests, such as the GRE or LSAT.

*You can ask your freshman advisor about what these requirements are



MAVERICK ADVANTAGE

Be Bold. Be Ambitious. Set Yourself Apart.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- All Majors Job Fair
- Federal Work Study
- Internships
- Interviews
- Mavmentors
- The Career Development Center

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

- Global Grounds
- Global Mavericks Program
- International Week
- Language Exchange Program

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Take leadership roles in student projects and a student organization in your career field
- Student Governance
- Grant proposal development seminar
- Leadership Institute

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Alternative Break trips
- Service learning with major classes

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

- Involve professor and business leaders to conduct research in a needed area of your field of study

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What career options do I have with this major?

- Computer Forensics Investigator
- Corrections Officer
- Crime Scene Investigator
- Fish and Game Warden
- Forensic Science Technician
- Management Municipal Positions
- Police Officer
- Private Detective
- Probation and Community Control Officer
- Security Guard
- State and Federal Agencies
- State Trooper
- Crime Lab Analyst

Workforce Skills

- Critical Thinking: Analyze issues, make decisions, and overcome problems by using sound reasoning before forming a strategy, decision, or opinion.
- Leadership: Takes initiative, demonstrates effective decision making and informed risk-taking, and motivates and encourages participation from others to work toward a shared vision.
- Professionalism: Display effective work habits, high integrity, and ethical behavior. Possess the ability to demonstrate skills confidently and apply talents to achieve professional success.

Career Readiness

- Ability to Identify and Analyze Social Problems and Develop Solutions
- Case and Trial Preparation
- Considerations of Gender and Race
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Criminal Investigation, Including Theory and History, Conduct at Crime Scenes, Sources of Information, Collection
- Critical Thinking
- Forensic Science
- Knowledge of Legal Structures and Nature of Crimes
- Processes Involved in the Criminal Justice System; The Rules of Evidence, Laws of Arrest Search and Seizure, and the Judicial Process from Offense to Conviction
- Research, Strategies, and Scientific Methodology

Take Action

- Explore workforce skill development through on and off-campus activities.
- Engage with the UTA Career Development Center at uta.edu/careers.
- Meet with a career consultant.
- Network with employers.
- Discover internships and co-ops.
- Join Handshake, our career services platform.
- Participate in career development programs.
- Apply for on-campus employment.

Visit **www.uta.edu/student-success/major_maps** for the latest version of this major map.

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