What are some of my career options if I complete a major in Criminal Justice or Administrative Justice?
The field of Criminal Justice/Administrative Justice is very broad with a number of specific professional options. First, you may want to prepare for careers in corrections and public safety that could include jobs like law enforcement officers, border patrol agents, transportation security agents, homeland security officials or Secret Service agents. Second, if you are interested in becoming a lawyer or a professional in public and legal policy then you will need to complete a Bachelor’s degree and a law degree or graduate studies. Another option for students may be to pursue the field of detective or criminal investigation within a police force or a variety of federal agencies such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). And finally, if a student who is interested in studying physical evidence in order to solve crimes, then the field of forensic science may be of interest. Forensic Science will typically require a minimum of a Bachelor’s in the Science field.

Salaries and working conditions differ widely depending on the career path that you want to pursue. In addition, employment opportunities vary depending on location and community needs.

How do I prepare for a major in this field?
For students who want an entry level position in the criminal justice profession may want to explore an Administration of Justice Associate of Applied Science (AAS). Students
interested in pursuing a transfer major in Administrative Justice or Criminal Justice should complete the Associate of Arts degree. Classes that would be beneficial to complete within your AA degree include the following:

- English &101 and 205
- Political Science &200
- Criminal Justice &101, 102, and/or 110
- Sociology &101
- Psychology &100
- Math &146 or Math &107

Students interested in Forensic Science will typically need at least a Bachelor's degree in science or a science-related technology and have a very good eye for detail as well as critical analysis skills.

**What Washington colleges offer this major?**
In Washington State there are a number of colleges that offer a major in Criminal Justice, Administrative Justice or Law and Society including Seattle University, Central Washington University, University of Washington-Seattle and Tacoma, Western Washington University, Eastern Washington University, Gonzaga University, Washington State University, Pacific Lutheran University and others. Law schools in the State of Washington include the University of Washington, Gonzaga University, and Seattle University.

**Where can I get more information on these careers?**
https://www.cia.gov/areers/index.html

https://fbi

http://www.secretservice.gov/contact.shtml

http://www.cbp.gov/ (U.S. Customs and Border Protection)

http://www.aafs.org (American Academy of Forensics Sciences)

http://www.wsp.wa.gov/ (Washington State Patrol)

http://www.wacops.org/ (Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs)

http://www.dhs.gov/ (Department of Homeland Security)

**How do I get a faculty advisor?**
To request a faculty advisor, go to:
http://edplanning.highline.edu/request.advisor.php or drop in at the Educational Planning and Advising Center (EPAC) in Building 6. For hours of operation, go to http://edplanning.highine.edu/