

# Protect and Serve

## The Program



You receive instruction in the basic theoretical knowledge that prepares you to transfer to four-year institutions in pre-law, law enforcement or corrections. When you complete your studies, you will have developed a high level of academic, personal and professional competence demanded by a wide range of employers.

Many of our instructors are former police officers, FBI agents, corrections experts and criminalists. Their practical knowledge enriches your learning so you get a crystal clear picture of what it's really like to be in the criminal justice field. Our instructors prepare you to be hired by organizations such as a police or sheriff's department, U.S. Customs, U.S. Postal Service, private security firms, and the state or federal court system.

## What It Takes

As a profession, the field demands the highest levels of integrity, honesty, responsibility, commitment and a deep desire to help people. To succeed, you must demonstrate excellent communication skills, be able to lead and to

follow, and be an astute observer and judge of human behavior.

Many people wonder if the mistakes they've made in the past will prevent them from entering this field. Each person's situation is different. Speaking with our instructors will help you figure out where you stand and what possibilities there could be for you.



## A Typical Day

Your day will vary, depending upon what area you choose to specialize in, every day will be different, no two situations will be exactly the same and you will always need to think quickly and be able to multi-task.

You will be constantly tested: academically, emotionally and ethically. You may work indoors or outdoors in all kinds of weather, with all kinds of people and often in difficult situations.

As a law enforcement official, expect to encounter people who are not at their best—whether they're violating a law, experiencing anger, emotional anguish or even mental health issues. Writing concise reports and effectively communicating with others, such as your supervisor, a judge or jury, about your actions and the reason for them, are vital skills.



## The Industry

Criminal justice careers are as demanding as they are rewarding. Besides earning a livable wage with excellent benefits, you'll get the opportunity most others seldom do—a chance to make a positive difference in another person's life.

Criminal justice fields can be categorized into four major areas:

- Law enforcement
- The courts
- Corrections
- Private security

In these careers, criminal justice professionals prevent and control crime, protect the public from harm, provide detention and rehabilitation services, and ensure equal justice for all citizens through the judicial system.

According to the California Employment Development Department, more than 17,000 additional criminal justice positions will be needed by 2014 at an average salary of \$70,000 per year.

**For more information**  
**[cabrillo.edu/academics/  
public\\_safety](http://cabrillo.edu/academics/public_safety)**

# The Profession

**Do you feel strongly that protecting people from injustice is important?**

Every year, millions of people in the United States are victims of crime. While the monetary cost to society is huge, it is nothing when compared to the fear and helplessness that can destroy a victim's quality of life.

**You can make a difference.**

When you earn your associate degree in criminal justice, you are armed with the tools necessary to effectively help battle America's crime problem, improve public safety and make a positive impact on the lives of others.

Whether you want to enter the workforce after graduation or transfer to a four-year baccalaureate program, the Cabrillo College Criminal Justice program is a great place to begin your career.



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## How To Enroll

**STEP 1** You may apply online at [www.cabrillo.edu](http://www.cabrillo.edu), or use the form in the Schedule of Classes. Your application can be faxed (831-479-5782),

brought in person or mailed to: Admissions and Records Office, Cabrillo College, 6500 Soquel Drive, Aptos, CA 95003.

**STEP 2** You will receive registration information in the mail including your time to begin registering.

## Who May Enroll

Cabrillo College is open to anyone 18 years of age or older, or anyone with a high school diploma or proficiency certificate. High school students also may attend classes at Cabrillo on a limited basis with the permission of their high school principals.

## Nondiscrimination Policy

Cabrillo Community College does not discriminate on the basis of ethnic group identification, national origin, religion, age, sex, race, color, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation in any of its policies, procedures, or practices. This nondiscrimination policy covers admission and access to, and treatment and employment in, the college's programs and activities, including vocational education programs. Limited English language skills will not be a barrier to admission to and participation in vocational education programs.

## Plan De Acción No Discriminatoria

Cabrillo Community College no discrimina a base de identificación con grupos étnicos, nacionalidad de origen, religión, edad, sexo, raza, color, incapacidad mental o física ni orientación sexual en ninguna de sus reglamentaciones, procedimientos o prácticas. Este plan de acción no discriminatoria incluye la admisión y el acceso a los programas y actividades, y el tratamiento y el empleo en los mismos, incluyendo la educación vocacional. Tener limitadas destrezas en el idioma inglés no constituirá una barrera para ser admitido o participar en los programas de educación vocacional. 8/08

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