

CAREERS FOR

# Criminology

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[UNM's Sociology Department](#) offers a specialized program in criminology, designed to give students a comprehensive introduction to the field. Courses focus on the characteristics and causes of crime and deviance and on the origins, nature and consequences of societal reactions to crime and deviance, giving particular attention to the criminal justice system. Basic instruction is also given in sociological theory and research methods. The program is particularly appropriate for students wishing to pursue one of the following career options:

- graduate work in the social sciences with a special emphasis on criminology or criminal justice
- a graduate program in social work, counseling, or law
- a career in criminal justice (e.g., law enforcement, corrections, crime prevention), especially in agencies or departments involved in planning and evaluation

The UNM Sociology department offers field experience to juniors and seniors in the program through its [internship program](#). Internship settings range from the Albuquerque Police Department to Metro Court to community and non-profit organizations.

Although many careers are available to those with a Bachelor's degree in Criminology, an advanced degree is needed for careers such as [Lawyer](#) or [Clinical Social Worker](#).

## Graduate School

Admittance into graduate schools typically require completed pre-requisites, passing of an entrance exam (GRE, LSAT), and a competitive GPA. Admission requirements vary based on the program.

- [UNM School of Law \(JD\)](#)
- [NMHU School of Social Work \(MA\)](#)
- [UNM Counselor Education program \(MA\)](#)
- [UNM School of Public Administration \(MPA\)](#)
- [UNM Anderson School of Management \(MBA\)](#)

## Industries & Target Employers

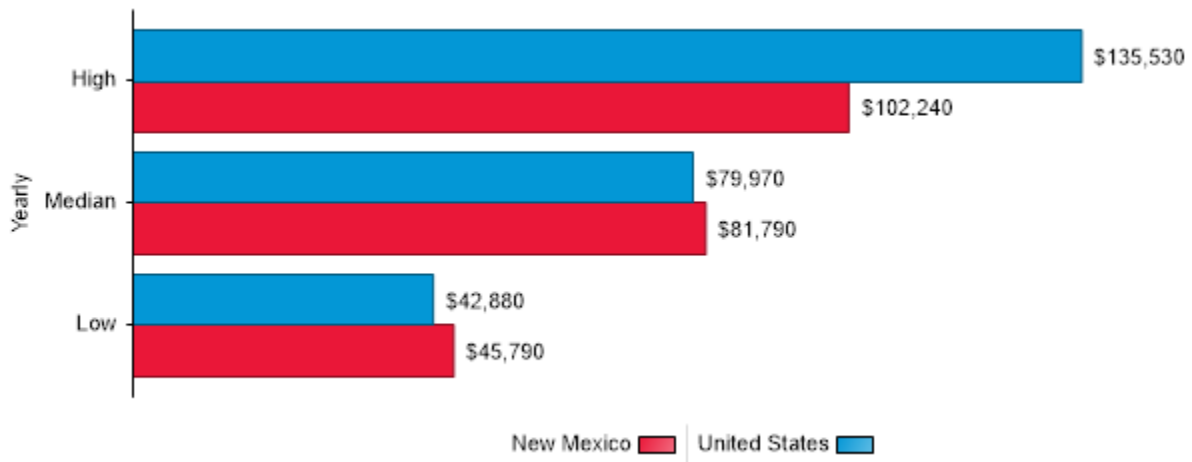
- Social Services: Casework, probation/parole, victim advocacy
- Judiciary and Law: Court reporting, legal assistance, legal research, administration
- Law Enforcement: Police officer/detective, probation/parole officer, investigation, forensics, security, law enforcement
- Business: Private security, investigation, global intelligence, internet security

## Top Companies

[Albuquerque Police Department](#)  
[NM Children, Youth and Families Department](#)  
[New Mexico Courts](#)  
[NM Corrections Department](#)

## Salary Information

### Wages for Police Detectives and Criminal Investigators in NEW MEXICO



\*Must graduate from the agency's training academy (such as the [Albuquerque Police Department's Law Enforcement Academy](#)) before applying and completing a period of on-the-job training.

## Tips

- Students who are interested in working as a crime scene investigator (Forensic Science Technician) might consider a degree in Biology or Chemistry. Please see the [Occupational Outlook Handbook; Forensic Science Technicians](#) for more information on this career.
- Considering graduate school? Apply for the [McNair Scholars Program](#), which provides research opportunities, support with applying to grad school, and a summer stipend!
- Interested in a career in behavioral health? Consider applying to [El Puente de Encuentros Fellowship Program](#)

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