

Helpful Resources

Career Guide in Criminal Justice

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Chapter 1: Clearing up the Many Misconceptions Regarding Criminal Justice Careers

The biggest takeaway from Chapter 1 is to never base career decisions or planning on fictional depictions (E.g. television shows and movies) of our criminal justice system. These fictional depictions contain sensationalism to entice viewership and do not reflect the reality of the real-world jobs in the field of criminal justice.

A special note needs to be made on the increasing popularity of cybercrime-related television shows and movies. Cybercrime is a big topic these days and there are many fictional depictions of cybercrime related careers gaining popularity. Do not fall into the trap of believing these fictional depictions reflect actual job requirements in the field of cybercrime. If you are interested in landing a career related to combating cybercrime make sure you are looking at actual job advertisements in this field (E.g. cybersecurity analyst in Chapter 12) to study the requirements these real-world positions require.