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PROTECTING OUR CITIZENS — Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security in South Carolina

PROJECTED GROWTH OF NUMBER EMPLOYED IN SOUTH CAROLINA
IN RELATED OCCUPATIONS FROM 2008 – 2018.

9,600

NEW JOBS

16%

GROWTH RATE

THE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY, CORRECTIONS & SECURITY CAREER CLUSTER

This Career Cluster is divided into the following five majors:

- » Emergency and Fire Management
- » Security and Protective Services
- » Law Enforcement Services
- » Legal Services
- » Correction Services

LEARNING LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY, CORRECTIONS & SECURITY IN SOUTH CAROLINA

There are various education resources in the Midlands of South Carolina for those looking to pursue studies and start a career in this cluster, including the following:

Columbia College

Criminal Justice B. A. Program

Midlands Technical College

Paralegal Studies and Criminal Justice

South University

- » Criminal Justice
- » Legal Studies
- » Paralegal Studies

University of South Carolina

- » Criminology and Criminal Justice Program
- » School of Law





EMERGENCY AND FIRE MANAGEMENT: When an emergency happens, people in this major are frequently the first responders personnel at the scene of a traffic accident or medical emergency and may be called upon to put out a fire, treat injuries or perform other vital functions.

IF YOU CHOOSE EMERGENCY AND FIRE MANAGEMENT AS YOUR CAREER MAJOR, YOU MAY BE A PART OF:

- » Controlling and extinguishing municipal fires, protecting life and property and conducting rescue efforts
- » Serving as a working leader of an engine, hand, helicopter or prescribed fire crew of firefighters
- » Administering first aid treatment or life support care to sick or injured persons in pre-hospital settings
- » Coordinating disaster response or crisis management activities, such as ordering evacuations, opening public shelters and implementing special needs plans and programs

SAMPLE CAREERS

Associate's Degree or Less
Annual Salary Range
\$30,000-\$40,000

- » Police, Fire and Ambulance Dispatcher
- » Hazardous Materials Removal Worker
- » EMT Driver
- » First Responder
- » Multi Care Technician

Bachelor's Degree
Annual Salary Range
\$40,000-\$55,000

- » Firefighter
- » Fire Captain
- » Forest Firefighter
- » Fire Engineer

Bachelor's Degree + Graduate Degrees and/or Certifications

Annual Salary Range
\$55,000-\$75,000+

- » Business Continuity Planner
- » Fire Investigator
- » EMS Director
- » District Fire Management Officer

Career	Entry-Level Education	Annual Median Salary & Hourly Pay (2014)	Job Outlook (2012-22)	Responsibilities	Skills
Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	Post-Secondary Certificate	\$31,700/year \$15.24/hour	22% (Much faster than average)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Assess injuries, administer emergency medical care and extricate trapped individuals » Operate equipment, such as electrocardiograms (EKGs), external defibrillators or bag valve mask resuscitators, in advanced life support environments » Perform emergency diagnostic and treatment procedures, such as stomach suction, airway management or heart monitoring during ambulance ride » Observe, record and report to a physician the patient's condition or injury, the treatment provided and reactions to drugs or treatment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Active listening » Coordination » Critical thinking » Judgment and decision making » Service orientation » Speaking
Municipal Firefighters	High School Diploma or Equivalent	\$45,970/year \$22.10/hour	3% (Slower than average)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Rescue victims from burning buildings and accident sites » Administer first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation to injured persons » Dress with equipment such as fire-resistant clothing and breathing apparatus » Drive and operate fire fighting vehicles and equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Active listening » Coordination » Critical thinking » Operation monitoring
Emergency Management Directors	Bachelor's Degree	\$64,360/year \$30.94/hour	8% (Average)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Prepare plans that outline operating procedures to be used in response to disasters or emergencies, such as hurricanes, nuclear accidents and terrorist attacks, and in recovery from these events » Develop and maintain liaisons with municipalities, county departments and similar entities to facilitate plan development, response effort coordination and exchanges of personnel and equipment » Design and administer emergency or disaster preparedness training courses that teach people how to effectively respond to major emergencies and disasters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Complex problem solving » Coordination » Critical thinking » Service orientation » Speaking
Forest Fire Fighting and Prevention Supervisors	Associate's Degree	\$70,670/year \$33.98/hour	3% (Slower than average)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Supervise fire fighters who control and suppress fires in forests or vacant public land » Communicate fire details to superiors, subordinates or interagency dispatch centers, using two-way radios » Maintain fire suppression equipment in good condition, checking equipment periodically to ensure that it is ready for use » Train workers in skills such as parachute jumping, fire suppression, aerial observation or radio communication, in the classroom or on the job 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Active listening » Critical thinking » Decision making » Monitoring » Speaking



SECURITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES: In factories, organizations, laboratories, government buildings, data processing centers and military bases, security officers protect information, products, computer codes and defense secrets as well as check the credentials of people, packages and vehicles entering and leaving the premises.

IF YOU CHOOSE SECURITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES AS YOUR CAREER MAJOR, YOU MAY BE A PART OF:

- » Directing an organization's security functions, including physical security and safety of employees, facilities and assets
- » Guarding, patrolling or monitoring premises to prevent theft, violence or infractions of rules
- » Studying activities relating to narcotics, money laundering, gangs, auto theft rings, terrorism or other national security threats
- » Patrolling or monitoring recreational areas such as trails, slopes and swimming areas, on foot, in vehicles or from towers

SAMPLE CAREERS

Associate's Degree or Less
Annual Salary Range
\$15,000-\$50,000

- » Campus Security Officer
- » Water Safety Instructor
- » Loss Prevention Officer
- » Marine Safety Officer
- » Pool Attendant

Bachelor's Degree
Annual Salary Range
\$50,000-\$75,000

- » Security Management Specialist
- » Physical Security Engineer
- » Security Risk Management Director
- » Security Operations Staff Specialist

Bachelor's Degree + Graduate Degrees and/or Certifications
Annual Salary Range
\$75,000-\$150,000+

- » Crime Analyst
- » Corporate Physical Security Supervisor
- » Criminal Research Specialist

Career	Entry-Level Education	Annual Median Salary & Hourly Pay (2014)	Job Outlook (2012-22)	Responsibilities	Skills
Lifeguards, Ski Patrol and Other Recreational Protective Service Workers	High School Diploma or Equivalent	\$19,090/year \$9.18/hour	8% (Average)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Monitor recreational areas, such as pools, beaches or ski slopes to provide assistance and protection to participants » Examine injured persons and administer first aid or cardiopulmonary resuscitation, if necessary, using training and medical supplies and equipment » Rescue distressed persons using rescue techniques and equipment » Instruct participants in skiing, swimming or other recreational activities and provide safety precaution information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Active listening » Critical thinking » Judgment and decision making » Monitoring » Service orientation » Speaking
Security Guards	High School Diploma or Equivalent	\$24,410/year \$11.74/hour	8% (Average)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Monitor and authorize entrance and departure of employees, visitors and other persons to guard against theft and maintain security of premises » Write reports of daily activities and irregularities, such as equipment or property damage, theft, presence of unauthorized persons or unusual occurrences » Call police or fire departments in cases of emergency, such as fire or presence of unauthorized persons » Answer alarms and investigate disturbances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Active listening » Critical thinking » Judgment and decision making » Speaking » Writing
Intelligence Analysts	Bachelor's Degree	\$79,870/year \$38.40/hour	2% (Little to no change)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Gather, analyze or evaluate information from a variety of sources, such as law enforcement databases, surveillance, intelligence networks or geographic information systems » Use intelligence data to anticipate and prevent organized crime activities, such as terrorism » Prepare comprehensive written reports, presentations, maps or charts based on research, collection and analysis of intelligence data » Collaborate with representatives from other government and intelligence organizations to share information or coordinate intelligence activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Active listening » Critical thinking » Reading comprehension » Speaking » Writing
Security Managers	Bachelor's Degree	\$105,060/year \$50.51/hour	3% (Slower than average)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Plan, direct or coordinate security activities to safeguard company assets, employees, guests or others on company property » Create or implement security standards, policies and procedures » Identify, investigate or resolve security breaches » Respond to and follow emergency response procedures for medical emergencies, bomb threats, fire alarms or intrusion alarms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Active listening » Critical thinking » Judgment and decision making » Reading comprehension » Speaking



LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES: People who work in this major have a wide range of duties, including maintaining order, enforcing laws and ordinances, issuing traffic summonses, investigating accidents, presenting evidence in court, serving legal documents for the court system and apprehending, arresting and processing prisoners.

IF YOU CHOOSE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AS YOUR CAREER MAJOR, YOU MAY BE A PART OF:

- » Testing baggage for any explosive materials using equipment such as explosive detection machines or chemical swab systems
- » Collecting evidence from crime scenes and storing it in conditions that preserve its integrity
- » Patrolling a courthouse, guard court or grand jury or escorting defendants
- » Recording evidence and documents using equipment such as cameras and photocopy machines

SAMPLE CAREERS

Associate’s Degree or Less

Annual Salary Range
\$30,000-\$55,000

- » Security Screener
- » Special Agent
- » Railroad Police Officer
- » Canine Officer (K-9)
- » Patrolman

Bachelor’s Degree

Annual Salary Range
\$55,000-\$75,000

- » Crime Laboratory Analyst
- » Crime Scene Investigator (CSI)
- » Latent Fingerprint Examiner
- » Civil Process Server
- » Drug Abuse Resistance Education Officer (DARE Officer)

Bachelor’s Degree + Graduate Degrees and/or Certifications

Annual Salary Range
\$75,000-\$100,000+

- » FBI Special Agent
- » Master Police Detective
- » Narcotics Detective
- » Police Identification and Records Officer

Career	Entry-Level Education	Annual Median Salary & Hourly Pay (2014)	Job Outlook (2012-22)	Responsibilities	Skills
Transportation Security Screeners	High School Diploma or Equivalent	\$38,090/year \$18.31/hour	3% (Slower than average)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Conduct screening of passengers, baggage or cargo to ensure compliance with Transportation Security Administration (TSA) regulations » Inspect carry-on items using x-ray viewing equipment to determine whether items contain objects that warrant further investigation » Check passengers' tickets to ensure that they are valid and determine whether passengers have designations that require special handling, such as providing photo identification » Perform pat-down or hand-held wand searches of passengers who have triggered machine alarms, who are unable to pass through metal detectors or who have been randomly identified for such searches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Active listening » Coordination » Critical thinking » Judgment and decision making » Monitoring » Speaking
Forensic Science Technicians	Bachelor's Degree	\$55,360/year \$26.61/hour	3% (Slower than average)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Collect, identify, classify and analyze physical evidence related to criminal investigations » Perform tests on weapons or substances, such as fiber, hair and tissue to determine significance to an investigation » Keep records and prepare reports detailing findings, investigative methods and laboratory techniques » Testify in court about investigative or analytical methods or findings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Active listening » Critical thinking » Judgment and decision making » Reading comprehension » Speaking » Writing
Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs	High School Diploma or Equivalent	\$56,810/year \$27.31/hour	3% (Slower than average)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Enforce law and order in rural or unincorporated districts or serve legal processes of courts » Drive vehicles or patrol specific areas to detect law violators, issue citations and make arrests » Take control of accident scenes to maintain traffic flow, to assist accident victims and to investigate causes » Record daily activities and submit logs and other related reports and paperwork to appropriate authorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Active listening » Critical thinking » Judgment and decision making » Social perceptiveness » Speaking » Writing
Criminal Investigators and Special Agents	High School Diploma or Equivalent	\$79,870/year \$38.40/hour	2% (Little to no change)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Investigate organized crime, public corruption, financial crime, copyright infringement, civil rights violations, bank robbery, extortion, kidnapping and other violations of federal or state statutes » Prepare reports that detail investigation findings » Obtain and verify evidence by interviewing and observing suspects and witnesses or by analyzing records » Identify case issues and evidence needed, based on analysis of charges, complaints or allegations of law violations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Active listening » Complex problem solving » Critical thinking » Social perceptiveness » Speaking » Writing



LEGAL SERVICES: The legal system affects nearly every aspect of our society, from buying a home to crossing the street. Workers in this major form the backbone of this vital system; therefore, they hold positions of great responsibility and are obligated to adhere to a strict code of ethics.

IF YOU CHOOSE LEGAL SERVICES AS YOUR CAREER MAJOR, YOU MAY BE A PART OF:

- » Using verbatim methods and equipment to capture, store, retrieve and transcribe pretrial and trial proceedings or other information
- » Representing clients in criminal and civil litigation and other legal proceedings, drawing up legal documents or advising clients on legal transactions
- » Sentencing defendants in criminal cases according to government statutes or sentencing guidelines
- » Conducting research to support a legal proceeding, to formulate a defense or to initiate legal action

SAMPLE CAREERS

Associate’s Degree or Less

**Annual Salary Range
\$30,000-\$50,000**

- » Judicial Law Clerk
- » Clerk of Court
- » Legal Secretary
- » Child Support Officer
- » Judicial Assistant

Bachelor’s Degree

**Annual Salary Range
\$50,000-\$100,000**

- » Administrative Law Judge
- » Hearing Officer
- » Arbitrator
- » Family Mediator
- » Claims Adjudicator

Bachelor’s Degree + Graduate Degrees and/or Certifications

**Annual Salary Range
\$100,000-\$150,000+**

- » Professor of Law
- » Assistant Attorney General
- » Circuit Court Judge
- » City Attorney
- » District Court Judge

Career	Entry-Level Education	Annual Median Salary & Hourly Pay (2014)	Job Outlook (2012-22)	Responsibilities	Skills
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	Bachelor's Degree	\$48,350/year \$23.24/hour	15% (Faster than average)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Assist lawyers by investigating facts, preparing legal documents or researching legal precedent » Prepare affidavits or other documents, such as legal correspondence, and organize and maintain documents in paper or electronic filing systems » Prepare legal documents, including briefs, pleadings, appeals, wills, contracts and real estate closing statements » File pleadings with court clerk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Active listening » Critical thinking » Reading comprehension » Speaking » Writing
Court Reporters	Post Secondary Certificate	\$49,860/year \$23.97/hour	8% (Average)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Record verbatim proceedings of courts, legislative assemblies, committee meetings and other proceedings using computerized recording equipment, electronic stenograph machines or stenomasks » Take notes in shorthand or use a stenotype or shorthand machine that prints letters on a paper tape » Record symbols on computer storage media and use computer aided transcription to translate and display them as text » Provide transcripts of proceedings upon request of judges, lawyers or the public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Active listening » Monitoring » Reading comprehension » Time management » Writing
Lawyers	Doctoral Degree	\$114,970/year \$55.27/hour	8% (Average)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Present evidence to defend clients or prosecute defendants in criminal or civil litigation » Select jurors, argue motions, meet with judges and question witnesses during the course of a trial » Study Constitution, statutes, decisions, regulations and ordinances of quasi-judicial bodies to determine ramifications for cases » Interpret laws, rulings and regulations for individuals and businesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Active listening » Complex problem solving » Critical thinking » Reading comprehension » Speaking » Writing
Magistrate Judges	Doctoral Degree	\$115,140/year \$55.36/hour	2% (Little to no change)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Arbitrate, advise, adjudicate or administer justice in a court of law » Rule on admissibility of evidence and methods of conducting testimony » Instruct juries on applicable laws, direct juries to deduce the facts from the evidence presented and hear their verdicts » Award compensation for damages to litigants in civil cases in relation to findings by juries or by the court 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Active listening » Complex problem solving » Critical thinking » Judgment and decision making » Reading comprehension » Speaking



CORRECTION SERVICES: People who work in the Correction Services major are responsible for overseeing individuals who have been arrested and are awaiting trial or who have been convicted of a crime and sentenced to serve time in a jail, reformatory or penitentiary. Some in this field are also involved with the treatment, education and reintegration of offenders.

IF YOU CHOOSE CORRECTION SERVICES AS YOUR CAREER MAJOR, YOU MAY BE A PART OF:

- » Directly supervising and coordinating activities of correctional officers and jailers
- » Discussing with offenders how such issues as drug and alcohol abuse and anger management problems might have played roles in their criminal behavior
- » Teaching courses in criminal justice, corrections and law enforcement administration
- » Searching prisoners and vehicles and conducting shakedowns of cells for valuables and contraband, such as weapons or drugs

SAMPLE CAREERS

Associate's Degree or Less

**Annual Salary Range
\$30,000-\$50,000**

- » Correctional Counselor
- » Deputy Juvenile Officer
- » Probation and Parole Officer
- » Booking Officer
- » Public Safety Officer

Bachelor's Degree

**Annual Salary Range
\$50,000-\$75,000**

- » Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice
- » Jail Administrator
- » Warden
- » Criminal Justice Professor
- » Correctional Officer Captain

Career	Entry-Level Education	Annual Median Salary & Hourly Pay (2014)	Job Outlook (2012-22)	Responsibilities	Skills
Corrections Officers and Jailers	High School Diploma or Equivalent	\$39,780/year \$19.12/hour	3% (Slower than average)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Guard inmates in penal or rehabilitative institutions in accordance with established regulations and procedures and guard prisoners in transit between jail, courtroom, prison or other points » Monitor conduct of prisoners in housing units, or during work or recreational activities, to prevent escape or violence » Inspect conditions of locks, window bars, grills, doors and gates at correctional facilities to ensure security and help prevent escapes » Record information, such as prisoner identification, charges, and incidences of inmate disturbance, and keep daily logs of prisoner activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Active listening » Critical thinking » Monitoring » Social perceptiveness » Speaking
Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialists	Bachelor's Degree	\$49,060/year \$23.59/hour	2% (Little to no change)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Provide social services to assist in rehabilitation of law offenders in custody or on probation or parole » Make recommendations for actions involving the formulation of a rehabilitation plan and the treatment of an offender, including conditional release and education and employment stipulations » Interview probationers and parolees regularly to evaluate their progress in accomplishing goals and maintaining the terms specified in their probation contracts and rehabilitation plans » Administer drug and alcohol tests, including random drug screens of offenders, to verify compliance with substance abuse treatment programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Active listening » Critical thinking » Monitoring » Social perceptiveness » Speaking
Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Teachers, Postsecondary	Doctoral Degree	\$57,200/year \$27.50/hour	8% (Average)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Prepare and deliver lectures to undergraduate or graduate students on topics such as criminal law, defensive policing and investigation techniques » Initiate, facilitate and moderate classroom discussions » Evaluate and grade students' class work, assignments and papers » Prepare course materials such as syllabi, homework assignments and handouts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Active learning » Active listening » Critical thinking » Instructing » Reading comprehension » Speaking
First-Line Supervisors of Correctional Officers	High School Diploma or Equivalent	\$57,970/year \$27.87/hour	3% (Slower than average)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Supervise and direct the work of correctional officers to ensure the safe custody, discipline and welfare of inmates » Maintain order, discipline and security within assigned areas in accordance with relevant rules, regulations, policies and laws » Take, receive or check periodic inmate counts » Respond to emergencies, such as escapes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Active listening » Coordination » Critical thinking » Monitoring » Social perceptiveness

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COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Allen University
allenuniversity.edu

Benedict College
benedict.edu

Clemson University
clemson.edu

Columbia College
columbiasc.edu

Columbia International University
ciu.edu

Limestone College-Extended Campus
limestone.edu/extended-campus

Midlands Technical College
midlandstech.edu

SC State University
scsu.edu

South University
southuniversity.edu/columbia

Southern Wesleyan University
swu.edu

University of South Carolina
sc.edu

Webster University
webster.edu

EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS, ALLIANCES AND RESOURCES

CTE: Career Technical Education
careertech.org

Mapping Your Future
mappingyourfuture.org

Midlands Education and Business Alliance
(MEBA)
mebasc.com

Regional Workforce Advisors
sccommerce.com

Peace Corps
peacecorps.gov

SC State Department of Education
ed.sc.gov

SC Independent Colleges & Universities
scicu.org

SC Career Information System
scois.net

SC Technical College System
sctechsystem.com

LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY, CORRECTIONS & SECURITY RESOURCES

American Correctional Association
aca.org

American Driver and Traffic Safety
Education Association
adtsea.org

American Red Cross
redcross.org

National Bar Association
nationalbar.org

South Carolina Bar
sccbar.org

South Carolina Correctional Association
myscca.org

South Carolina Department of Corrections
doc.sc.gov

South Carolina Department of Natural
Resources (SCDNR)
dnr.sc.gov

South Carolina Department
of Public Safety
scdps.gov

South Carolina Department of Public
Safety-Highway Patrol
scdps.gov/sctrooper

South Carolina Fire Marshals Association
scfma.org

South Carolina State Firefighters'
Association
scfirefighters.org

MILITARY

Army Ed Space
[armyed.space.com](http://armyed.space)

South Carolina National Guard
scguard.com

Today's Military
todaysmilitary.com

US Air Force
airforce.com

US Air Force Reserve
afreserve.com

US Army
goarmy.com

US Army Reserve
goarmy.com/reserve

US Coast Guard
uscg.mil

US Coast Guard Reserve
uscg.mil/reserve

US Marines Corps
marines.com

US Marines Corps Reserve
marines.com/eligibility/service-options/reserve

US Navy
navy.com

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navyreserve.com

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