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यह एक स्वतंत्र परियोजना है, जो सरकार की आधिकारिक करियर-मार्गदर्शन सामग्री पर आधारित है। • An independent project based on the Government's official career-guidance content.

1 About this career

Criminologists scientifically study the causes of crime, offender behaviour and its impact on society. They provide research-based solutions in policing, prison reform, policy and victim support.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Class 12 (any stream) + bachelor's/master's in criminology
Work mode	Office plus field; visits to prisons, police stations and courts
Demand	Growing - in cybercrime, forensics and prison reform projects
Top earning	₹1.8 lakh+/month at senior expert/professor level

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Interest in society, law and human behaviour
- Curiosity to get to the root of problems
- Desire to work for justice and reform

ABILITIES

- Analytical and logical thinking
- Skilled communication and interviewing
- Patience and neutrality on sensitive issues

KEY SKILLS

- Knowledge of crime theories and the criminal justice system
- Statistical analysis of crime data
- Research methods and case studies
- Basics of forensics and cybercrime
- Report writing and policy recommendations
- Victim-sensitive professional conduct

4 How to get there

- 1 Complete Class 12 in any stream.
- 2 Do a bachelor's in criminology/sociology/psychology.
- 3 Pursue an MA/MSc in criminology - at institutes like SPUP Jodhpur.
- 4 Intern with police, prison or NGO projects.
- 5 For research/teaching, clear UGC NET and do a PhD.

MAIN EXAMS

- CUET UG/PG for university admission
- Entrance tests of SPUP Jodhpur/NFSU
- UGC NET in criminology

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- Sardar Patel University of Police, Security & Criminal Justice — Jodhpur, Rajasthan (<https://www.policeuniversity.ac.in>)
- National Forensic Sciences University — Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- University of Madras (Dept of Criminology) — Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- University of Lucknow — Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- Rashtriya Raksha University — Gandhinagar, Gujarat

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences — Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- Tata Institute of Social Sciences (criminology & justice) — Mumbai, Maharashtra

ONLINE

- IGNOU (criminal justice programmes, distance) — Distance education

FEES

Course fees roughly ₹2,000 to ₹2,00,000 per year; low at government universities, higher at private ones.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- National Scholarship Portal (<https://scholarships.gov.in>)

- Vidya Lakshmi Education Loan Portal (<https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Police research bodies, prison and correctional departments, forensic labs, NGOs, universities and international projects.

WORK CULTURE

Office-based research with field visits to prisons, police stations and courts; sensitive but impactful work. Opportunities exist for persons with disabilities.

WHO HIRES

- Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D)
- National Crime Records Bureau and forensic labs
- Universities and research centres
- State prison and correctional services
- Justice projects of UNDP and UNICEF
- NGOs and victim support organisations

DEMAND (2026)

Demand for criminologists is growing in 2026 with the rising focus on cybercrime, prison reform and evidence-based policing.

7 Career growth

- 1 Research intern/Field investigator
- 2 Criminologist/Research officer
- 3 Senior criminologist/Assistant professor
- 4 Director/Professor/Policy adviser

EARNINGS

Starting	₹22,000-35,000
Mid level	₹45,000-80,000
Senior level	₹90,000-1,80,000

Regular pay scales in government research and teaching; higher income in international projects and consultancy.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- Meaningful work improving the justice system
- New opportunities in cyber and forensic fields
- Multiple paths - research, teaching and policy

The challenges

- Crime-related subject matter can be emotionally heavy
- Dedicated government posts are still limited in India
- Early jobs are often project-based

9 Real-life journeys

R. Rochin Chandra

Director, Centre for Criminology and Public Policy, Udaipur

Udaipur-based criminologist Rochin Chandra worked with the Rajasthan prisons department on jail reform and has given Indian criminology a new direction for young researchers.

The Week · <https://www.theweek.in/theweek/current/2023/12/23/criminologist-rochin-ramesh-chandra.html>

Anuja Trehan Kapur

Criminal psychologist and criminology expert, Delhi

Anuja Trehan Kapur studied criminal psychology and provides expert opinion in high-profile cases; she is a well-known voice in TV debates and victim support work.

Wikipedia · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anuja_Trehan_Kapur

10 If this route does not work out

One exam or one attempt does not close the door. The same subjects also open these routes — entry is usually easier, and you can return to this field later.

- Political Scientist
- Anthropologist
- Museologist

11 Sources & further reading

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5. Sardar Patel University of Police, Jodhpur — <https://www.policeuniversity.ac.in>



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