



Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Professional Organizations

Membership in organizations linked to your areas of interest and your career plans is an excellent way to gain more information and become well prepared to enter your profession. Listed below are organizations relevant to the various areas of criminology and criminal justice. Many of these have reduced rates for student members and a few (*e.g.*, the American Correctional Association) provide opportunities to earn certificates, which may be beneficial in building your resumé.

[Colorado Criminal Justice Association](#)

State chapter of a national organization that provides training, supports awareness, and strives to increase inter-agency cooperation.

[Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences \(ACJS\)](#)

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences is a professional organization dedicated to criminal justice research, education and policy analysis. ACJS promotes scholarly research and professional activities within the discipline of criminal justice for educators and practitioners. During the past decade, the Academy has matured into one of the major scholarly associations in the field. The Academy provides a forum for disseminating ideas related to issues in research, policy, teaching, and education within the field. Additionally, the Academy encourages diversity through sections that address individual specialties and interests.

[American Society of Criminology \(ASC\)](#)

The American Society of Criminology is an international organization concerned with criminology, embracing scholarly, scientific, and professional knowledge concerning the etiology, prevention, control, and treatment of crime and delinquency. This includes the measurement and detection of crime, a review of legislation and the practice of law, as well as an examination of the law enforcement, judicial, and correctional systems.

[American Correctional Association \(ACA\)](#)

Do you want to work, learn and grow in your profession? If so, then the American Correctional Association has a place for you. Whether you are a criminal justice, political science, business, journalism, marketing, finance, public relations, or information technology major, the Association wants you to have an opportunity to experience your profession!

International Association of Women Police (IAWP)

The International Association of Women Police strives to ensure equity for women in the criminal justice field. We will strive to achieve this mission by utilizing, investing, and celebrating the individual strengths, talents, and skills of our members.

International Community Corrections Association (ICCA)

The International Community Corrections Association is a membership organization dedicated to promoting and enhancing community-based criminal justice and alternative services.

Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA)

JRSA conducts and publishes policy-relevant research on justice issues, provides training and technical assistance and maintains a clearing house of state criminal justice activities.

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