

CRIMINAL JUSTICE and COLLEGE STUDENTS



YOUR FUTURE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

You chose this criminal justice course for a reason. Reflect for a moment on that reason. For those of you who are not criminal justice majors, you may have selected the course because it seemed interesting. For others of you who are criminal justice majors, you may aspire to work in criminal justice at some point in the future. A few of you may have chosen the class for practical reasons: It may have been the only class open when you registered for classes.

Regardless of why you chose this class, look to your future and consider how criminal justice will affect your life. Take out a note card, draw a line down the middle of the card, and in the right-hand column, write the

following words (as a list): *victims, offenders, current or future practitioners, research subjects, future policy makers, and future researchers.*

Next, beside each word or phrase, indicate whether you anticipate playing that role in criminal justice in the future. For the roles in criminal justice that you expect to play, briefly explain how (for example, for “current or future practitioner,” write down the career you might be interested in).

Finally, use the notecard as a bookmark as you read the rest of the text. This will help you to remember the important roles you might play in criminal justice in the future.