

Criminal Justice

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Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Degree Program Hours: 120

Lower Division Preparation

Students are admitted directly to their chosen major at the University. Students are expected to make good progress based on critical indicators that include course completion and GPA requirements. In cases where students are not making successful progress, a change of major may be required. Academic advisors work with students to identify an appropriate major where a student will be successful in completing an undergraduate degree.

Common Prerequisite Courses and Equivalencies

| <u>FIU Course(s)</u> | <u>Equivalent Course(s)</u> |
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| None | None |

Courses which form part of the statewide articulation between the State University System and the Florida College System will fulfill the Lower Division Common Prerequisites.

For generic course substitutions/equivalencies for Common Program Prerequisites offered at community colleges, state colleges, or state universities, visit: <https://www.flvc.org>. See Common Prerequisite Manual.

Upper Division Program

Criminal Justice majors must complete 24 semester hours of core courses and 12 semester hours of criminal justice electives with a grade of 'C' or higher in all core and criminal justice elective classes ('C-' is not acceptable). Students must satisfy the Green School and College of Arts and Sciences Foreign Language Requirement.

Core Courses: (24)

Eight courses are required for all criminal justice majors:

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| CCJ 2020 | Introduction to Criminal Justice | 3 |
| CCJ 4014 | Criminological Theory | 3 |
| CCJ 4700 | Research Methods in Criminal Justice | 3 |
| CCJ 4701 | Measurement and Analysis in Criminal Justice | 3 |
| CJL 4064 | Criminal Justice and the Constitution | 3 |
| DSC 4012 | Terrorism and Homeland Security – GL | 3 |

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| CJE 4174 | Comparative Criminal Justice Systems – GL | 3 |
| CCJ 4497 | Criminal Justice and Public Policy | 3 |

Criminal Justice Electives: (12)

Any four 3000 or 4000 level courses within criminal justice (with the prefixes CCJ, CJC, CJE, CJJ, CJL, DSC). Only six semester hours of CCJ 4940 (Internship in Criminal Justice) will count in this area.

General Electives

A minimum of 15 semester hours must be 3000 or 4000 level courses. Nine semester hours of electives must be taken outside of criminal justice. One- and two-credit physical activity courses (with the prefixes PEL, PEM, PEN) cannot be included as part of the hours needed for graduation. Independent study courses may not be taken outside of criminal justice.

Students are encouraged to double major or pursue a minor in related fields. Students may also consider appropriate academic certificates such as National Security Certificate, Professional Leadership Studies and Law, Ethics and Society, Public Policy Studies and Pre-Law Certificate.

Internships

Although it is not required, it is highly recommended that students without relevant work experience apply for an internship in a criminal justice agency. Student must be a criminal justice major, with an overall minimum GPA of 2.0, and junior or senior standing. For information on the application process and course requirements, see <http://cj.fiu.edu>.

Combined BS/MS in Criminal Justice

The combined BS/MS degree program allows qualified students to earn both degrees in a shorter amount of time than typically required for earning degrees sequentially. To be considered for admission to the combined bachelor's/master's degree program, students must have completed at least 75-90 credits in the bachelor's degree program and meet the admissions criteria for the graduate degree program. Students need only apply once to the combined degree program, but the application must be submitted to Graduate Admissions before the student starts the last 30 credits of the bachelor's degree program. A student admitted to the combined degree program will be considered to have undergraduate status until the student applies for graduation from their bachelor's degree program. Upon conferral of the bachelor's degree, the student will be granted graduate status and be eligible for graduate assistantships. Only 5000-level or higher courses, and no more than 12 credits may be applied toward both degrees.

Admission Requirements

1. Current enrollment in the Bachelor of Science program in criminal justice at FIU.
2. Current GPA of 3.2 or higher.
3. Grade of "B" or better in both an undergraduate research methods and a statistics course.
4. Letter of application describing your reasons for pursuing an advanced degree and career plans.

5. Example of your written work.
6. Current resume.

Completion Requirements

Completed Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice at FIU including up to 12 credits (4 courses) of graduate criminal justice courses completed with a "B" or higher grade.

Minor in Criminal Justice (15)

Students may select any five criminal justice classes (with the prefixes CCJ, CJC, CJE, CJJ, CJL, DSC). At least half of the credits to be counted towards the minor must be taken at FIU.

Course Descriptions

Definition of Prefixes

CCJ-Criminology and Criminal Justice; CJC-Corrections; CJE-Law Enforcement; CJJ-Juvenile Justice; CJL-Law and Process; DSC-Domestic Security

Courses that meet the University's Global Learning requirement are identified as GL.

CCJ 2020 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3). An examination of the history, organization, and function of the criminal justice system, including police, courts, and corrections.

CCJ 3011 The Nature and Causes of Crime (3). Focuses on the collection and dissemination of crime statistics, major theoretical approaches to the understanding of crime, and different types of crime and criminal behavior.

CCJ 3450 Criminal Justice Administration (3). Application of organization and administration theories to the criminal justice system.

CCJ 3628 Homicide (3). A comprehensive study of homicide in the United States through the examination of individual cases, typology construction, and models.

CCJ 3651 Drugs and Crime (3). Examines the history and consequences of mind-altering drugs, and criminal behavior as it is affected by drugs, the legal response to substance abuse, treatment and prevention of substance abuse.

CCJ 3666 Victimology (3). A comprehensive study of victimization, including the relationship between the victims and offenders, and their interaction with the criminal justice system.

CCJ 3934 Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice (3). An intensive examination of a contemporary topic in criminal justice. May be repeated for different topics.

CCJ 4007 Development of the Criminal Justice System (3). A survey of the history and development of the criminal justice system from ancient to modern times, with a focus on understanding current criminal justice issues through a historical perspective.

CCJ 4014 Criminological Theory (3). Advanced study and critical appraisal of various theories of crime causation, including an examination of biological

psychological, economic, and sociological perspective on the etiology of crime.

CCJ 4032 Crime and the Media (3). An examination of the role of the media in reporting crime and the extent to which media coverage of crime and the criminal justice system impacts the commission of crimes and the operation of the system.

CCJ 4034 Crime Documentaries (3). A study of selected criminology and criminal justice topics through the medium of documentary films and academic research publications (articles, book chapters, research reports, etc.).

CCJ 4054 Ethics in Criminal Justice (3). An introduction to ethical decision making in the criminal justice system.

CCJ 4225 The Courts and Forensic Science (3). Examines the criminal justice system and its reliance on forensic evidence in the court room.

CCJ 4361 Death Penalty (3). An examination of the problems and issues related to the death penalty in the United States.

CCJ 4497 Criminal Justice and Public Policy (3). Integrates material learned in the Criminal Justice curriculum and explores criminal justice policy issues. Assesses the consequences of criminal justice policies on the system and society. Prerequisites: CCJ 2020, CCJ 4700. Corequisites: CCJ 4014, CCJ 4701.

CCJ 4634 Biosocial Criminology (3). This course provides students with an overview of current thinking, research, and debate centered on the overlapping role that genes, the brain, and social environments play in the commission of violent and antisocial behavior. Prerequisites: CCJ 4014, CCJ 4700.

CCJ 4641 Organized Crime (3). Historical development of organized crime in the U.S.; defining "organized crime" from U.S. and international perspective; patterns of criminal activity; critique of police and prosecutorial efforts to curb organized crime.

CCJ 4644 White Collar Crime (3). The nature of white-collar crime and its social control is examined including the definition, typologies, theories, law, policing, regulating, prosecuting, defending, and its adjudication.

CCJ 4662 Minorities, Crime, and Justice (3). Examination of the role of minorities in crime and the criminal justice system.

CCJ 4663 Women, Crime and the Criminal Justice System (3). Women as deviants, criminals, victims, and professionals in the criminal justice system.

CCJ 4694 Human Trafficking – GL (3). Examines issues related to human trafficking and immigration from an international and global perspective.

CCJ 4700 Research Methods in Criminal Justice (3). A study of basic methods used in criminal justice research. Emphasis on research designs, including experimental, quasi-experimental, and evaluation research. Measurement, sampling, questionnaire construction, and survey research are also covered.

CCJ 4701 Measurement and Analysis in Criminal Justice (3). This course explores the current knowledge,

trends, and future directions in the measurement and analysis of crime and the criminal justice system. Prerequisite or corequisite: CCJ 4700.

CCJ 4910 Supervised Research (3). Undergraduate students engage in research in criminal justice under the direction of a faculty member. Prerequisites: CCJ 4700, CCJ 4701.

CCJ 4940 Internship in Criminal Justice (3-12). To provide an opportunity for the student to observe the criminal justice system in operation (Pass/Fail grading). Corequisites: Criminal Justice major, with an overall minimum GPA of 2.0, and junior or senior standing.

CCJ 5479 Seminar in Administration of Justice (3). This course provides students with a critical understanding of the responses to crime. Emphasis is placed on theory and research relating to the effectiveness of the criminal justice system.

CCJ 5525 Seminar in Juvenile Delinquency (3). This course focuses on the nature, scope, and causes of delinquency and considers problems of assessment and measurement of delinquency.

CCJ 5669 Minorities in Justice Administration (3). This course focuses on current research and theories of racial, ethnic, and gender discrimination within America's criminal justice system.

CCJ 5946 Internship in Criminal Justice (3-6). This course will provide the opportunity for the graduate student to observe the criminal justice system in operation. Corequisite: Student must be a criminal justice graduate student with an overall minimum GPA of 3.0.

CJC 3010 Corrections (3). An overview of correctional philosophies, practices and procedures.

CJC 4166 Community Corrections (3). Surveys history, and current status of community correctional programs, including diversion, probation, parole, and other community programs for adult offenders.

CJC 4310 Institutional Corrections (3). Surveys history and current status of jails and adult prisons with emphasis on punishment rationales, institutional programs and procedures, inmates' social structures, correctional officers, and contemporary issues.

CJC 4510 Punishment and Society (3). Explores the phenomenon of mass incarceration and its consequences.

CJE 3001 Professional Development in Criminal Justice (3). An overview and exploration of development of the criminal justice profession.

CJE 3110 Law Enforcement (3). Examines the origins, functions and operations of policing in urban America.

CJE 3444 Crime Prevention (3). Examines situational, social, and legislative approaches to the prevention of crime and delinquency. Emphasis on theories, implementation, and consequences of these approaches.

CJE 3610 Criminal Investigation (3). This course provides students with a basic understanding of the investigatory process. Analysis of problems encountered in interviewing, interrogating, evidence collection, and admissibility will be examined.

CJE 4144 Private Security (3). This course examines the role of private security in the prevention of crime against the assets of formal organizations and their employees.

CJE 4174 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems – GL (3). A comparative study of the major legal traditions (e.g., common law, civil law, socialist law) and analysis of the criminal justice system across the world, including police, courts, and corrections.

CJE 4410 Community Policing (3). Examines the historical, philosophical, and practical dimensions of the police and community collaboration to solve and prevent crime.

CJE 4694 Cyber Crime (3). Examines the types, extent and response to cyber crime, including the constitutional protections and procedural law that governs its detection and prosecution.

CJE 5024 Violent Crime & Criminal Behavior (3). This course deals with violent criminal behavior and the criminal justice system's reaction to violence.

CJJ 3010 Juvenile Justice (3). Examines the nature and extent of delinquency in the United States and the system response to juvenile crime.

CJL 3410 Criminal Procedure (3). An in-depth study of the 4th through 8th Amendments of the Constitution, and their impact on the criminal justice process.

CJL 3512 The Courts (3). An overview of jurisdiction, policies, and procedures of courts in the administration of criminal justice.

CJL 4064 Criminal Justice and the Constitution (3). A case law study of constitutional issues related to the administration of criminal justice.

CJL 4074 Correctional Law (3). Legal problems from conviction to release: pre-sentence investigations, sentencing, probation and parole, incarceration, loss and restoration of civil rights.

CJL 4133 Criminal Evidence (3). A study of evidentiary principles and rules of evidence, and their application in a courtroom setting.

CJL 4412 Criminal Law (3). Examines the structure, function, and principles of criminal law, including the acts, mental state, and attendant circumstances that are necessary elements of crime.

DSC 4012 Terrorism and Homeland Security – GL (3). This course examines issues of terrorism and homeland security.