Eight courses are required for all criminal justice majors:

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
CJJL 4064 Criminal Justice and the Constitution 3
DSC 4012 Terrorism and Homeland Security – GL 3
CJE 4174 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems – GL 3

Criminal Justice Electives: (12)

Any four 3000 or 4000 level courses within criminal justice (with the prefixes CCJ, CJC, CJJE, CCJL, 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

It is highly recommended that students apply for an internship in a criminal justice agency. Student must be a criminal justice major, with an overall minimum GPA of 2.0. For information on the application process and course requirements, see http://cj.fiu.edu.

Criminal Justice 4+1 Program

With their advisor’s approval, students from undergraduate majors other than Criminal Justice may apply to the Criminal Justice 4+1 program. If accepted, students will be allowed to take up to 12 credits of graduate Criminal Justice courses which will apply towards both their undergraduate degree requirements and the master’s degree program in Criminal Justice.

The admission requirements are:

1. Current enrollment in an approved bachelor’s degree program at FIU.
2. Completed between a minimum of 75 and maximum of 90 credits.
3. Current GPA must be 3.2 or higher.
4. Grade of "B" or better in both an undergraduate research methods and a statistics course.
5. Letter of application describing your reasons for pursuing an advanced degree and career plans.
6. Example of your written work.
7. Current resume.
8. Complete the separate 4+1 application, including signed approval by the director or designee from the graduate program.

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...
CCJ 3450 Criminal Justice Administration (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 3660 School Based Policing (3). Provides an in-depth understanding of school based policing as it relates to prevention, intervention, and response to violence in K-12 schools.

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 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 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 4634 Biosocial Criminology (3). This course provides students with an overview of current thinking, research, and debate centered on the overlapping role in the system and society. Prerequisites: CCJ 2020, CCJ 4700. Corequisites: CCJ 4014, CCJ 4701.

CCJ 5470 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 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 4633 Guns and Violence (3). The course explores research on the relationship between guns, violence, and gun control.

CCJ 4634 Biosocial Criminology (3). This course provides students with an overview of current thinking, research, and debate centered on the overlapping role in the system and society. Prerequisites: CCJ 2020, CCJ 4700. Corequisites: CCJ 4014, CCJ 4701.
that genes, the brain, and social environments play in the commission of violent and antisocial behavior. Prerequisites: CCJ 4014.

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 4765 Marijuana (3). This course is designed to provide students with an in-depth examination of marijuana use in American society.

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). Provides an opportunity for the student to observe the criminal justice system in operation. May be repeated. Prerequisite: Permission of the department required. 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 (0-6). This course will provide the opportunity for the graduate student to observe the criminal justice system in operation. May be repeated. Prerequisite: Permission of the department required. 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.