

# CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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The Criminology and Criminal Justice Department prepares students to address the challenges of crime and justice in society as criminal justice professionals, researchers and educators. Students examine different aspects of crime and criminal justice — law enforcement, the courts, juvenile justice and corrections — with the goal of understanding human behavior in a broader social context. Our interdisciplinary undergraduate degree equips students with the problem-solving and critical-thinking skills necessary to succeed in the workforce or graduate studies, including law school.

Our department offers a number of degree options, including an Accelerated Bachelor's and Master's Degree program ([https://sc.edu/study/colleges\\_schools/artsandsciences/criminology\\_and\\_criminal\\_justice/study/undergraduate/](https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/artsandsciences/criminology_and_criminal_justice/study/undergraduate/)). The Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice gives students the option to continue on to earn a graduate degree, such as a master's, Ph.D., or a dual master's and Juris Doctor. The criminology minor is a particularly beneficial addition for students studying psychology, sociology, or political science.

## Degree Offered

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice offers a four-year program of study leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in criminology and criminal justice. The degree requirements are based upon a strong foundation in the liberal arts and the social sciences. An array of professional criminal justice courses is offered to support the particular interests of various students. Students also are encouraged to participate in community service activities. Pursuant to this, the department provides information on opportunities for volunteer work and involvement in the criminal justice field through internships.

## Entrance Requirements

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice follows the general admission policies of the University. Should there be more applicants for the degree program than the number of spaces available, admission decisions will be competitive and may take into account the applicant's grade point average as well as other factors deemed indicative of the student's potential for success in the program.

## Transfer Students

Transfer students from other institutions, other USC campuses, or other degree programs must have a cumulative GPA of 2.25 and a semester GPA of 2.00 in the last semester enrolled. Official transcripts of all academic work must be sent to the admissions office. These transcripts will be evaluated by the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice for possible transfer credits. Only collegiate courses completed at accredited institutions will be considered, and transfer credit will be approved only where an analysis of the course level and content indicates that the work is appropriate for inclusion in a program of study offered by the department.

## Progression Requirements

Admission to the upper division is based upon a minimum 2.00 cumulative UofSC GPA.

## Programs

- Criminal Justice Minor (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/criminology-criminal-justice/criminal-justice-minor/>)
- Criminology and Criminal Justice, B.A. (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/criminology-criminal-justice/criminology-criminal-justice-ba/>)

## Courses

### CRJU 101 - The American Criminal Justice System (3 Credits)

Survey of crime and societal responses to crime, including law enforcement, courts, corrections, and the juvenile justice system.  
**Carolina Core:** GSS

### CRJU 202 - Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice (3 Credits)

Introduction to the practice of social research in criminology and criminal justice settings.

**Graduation with Leadership Distinction:** GLD: Research

### CRJU 210 - Ethics in Criminal Justice (3 Credits)

Examination of ethical issues in the criminal justice system.  
**Prerequisites:** C or better in CRJU 101.

### CRJU 216 - History of Crime and Punishment (3 Credits)

An exploration of the evolution of global practices related to enforcing conformity with societal norms. Examines legal codes, philosophies, and technological devices associated with crime and punishment throughout history.

**Cross-listed course:** HIST 216

### CRJU 303 - Criminal Procedure (3 Credits)

Overview of the constitutional restraints on the investigation, detention, prosecution and adjudication of criminal defendants. Coverage of Supreme Court decisions involving the 4th, 5th, and 6th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

### CRJU 311 - Policing (3 Credits)

Current and historical perspectives on American policing.

### CRJU 312 - Corrections (3 Credits)

Current and historical perspectives on incarceration and its alternatives.

### CRJU 313 - Criminal Courts (3 Credits)

Structure and organization of the federal and state criminal court systems and personnel.

### CRJU 314 - Criminal Law (3 Credits)

Origin and development of criminal law in America. Basic elements of crimes and defenses.

### CRJU 322 - Drugs and Crime (3 Credits)

Overview of criminal justice system responses to illegal substances. Relationship between substance abuse and crime.

### CRJU 323 - Violence in America (3 Credits)

Historical overview of violence in American society, including theoretical perspectives on the causes and prevention of violence.

**CRJU 341 - Sociology of Crime (3 Credits)**

Social factors in the development, identification, and treatment of criminals.

**Cross-listed course:** SOCY 353

**Graduation with Leadership Distinction:** GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy

**CRJU 351 - Juvenile Delinquency (3 Credits)**

Social factors in the development, identification, and treatment of delinquents.

**Prerequisites:** CRJU 101 OR SOCY 101.

**Cross-listed course:** SOCY 350

**Graduation with Leadership Distinction:** GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy

**CRJU 399 - Independent Study (1-6 Credits)**

Contract approved by instructor, advisor, and Office of Academic Programs is required for undergraduate students.

**Graduation with Leadership Distinction:** GLD: Research

**CRJU 420 - Analyzing Homicide (3 Credits)**

Relationships between patterns and trends in homicide, and theoretical explanations for why offenders engage in homicide.

**CRJU 421 - Victimization (3 Credits)**

Causes and consequences of criminal victimization and public policy responses to victimization issues.

**CRJU 422 - Alternatives to Incarceration (3 Credits)**

Correctional alternatives to imprisonment including probation, parole, and various community correctional programs.

**CRJU 423 - Street Gangs: Structure, Activity, and Response (3 Credits)**

Course covers the theoretical and empirical work on gangs, gang members, and gang activity along with insight on these issues from a practitioner perspective. It then examines the variety of policy responses from government and community organizations.

**CRJU 424 - Criminal Justice Intelligence (3 Credits)**

An investigation of the motivations to commit crime. The course presents profiles of the targets of crimes and provides strategic and tactical assessments of police investigations and intelligence.

**CRJU 425 - Hate Crimes (3 Credits)**

An examination of the causes and responses to hate crimes. The course also provides a foundation for understanding crimes motivated by racial, gender, religious, disability, and sexual orientation biases.

**Graduation with Leadership Distinction:** GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy

**CRJU 426 - Criminal Justice and Mental Health (3 Credits)**

Interface between the mental health sciences and the criminal justice system.

**CRJU 430 - Communities and Crime (3 Credits)**

Relationship between criminality and community characteristics, with particular attention to how variation in community structure, organization, and culture impacts crime.

**Graduation with Leadership Distinction:** GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy

**CRJU 440 - Homeland Security and Terrorism (3 Credits)**

The nature of terrorism; its history; its methodology; and its application to criminological theory.

**CRJU 485 - Selected Topics in Criminal Justice Policy (3 Credits)**

Public policy responses to crime, its formation, and its impact on society. Individual topics to be announced by title. May be repeated with consent of advisor.

**CRJU 491 - Special Topics (3 Credits)**

Topics in criminology and criminal justice. Individual topics to be announced by title. May be repeated once with consent of advisor.

**CRJU 494 - Internship (3 Credits)**

A supervised experiential course in a criminal justice agency. Contract approved by instructor, advisor, and Office of Academic Programs is required for undergraduate students.

**Graduation with Leadership Distinction:** GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Internships

**Experiential Learning:** Experiential Learning Opportunity

**CRJU 510 - Critical Incident Management for Criminal Justice (3 Credits)**

Leadership and management strategies for criminal justice agencies during critical incidents and disasters including multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional response.

**CRJU 512 - Information-Based Management in Criminal Justice (3 Credits)**

The collection and use of information and data-driven analysis in criminal justice organizations.

**CRJU 535 - Inmates and Prisons (3 Credits)**

Examination of issues affecting prisons and the inmates confined within them. Specific topics of study will include the philosophy and goals of imprisonment, institutional crowding, inmate rights, inmate adaptation, and individual and collective misconduct.

**CRJU 540 - Criminal Justice and Public Health (3 Credits)**

Exploration of the intersection of criminal justice and public health, including an examination of how policies, practices, and systemic issues within criminal justice impact community health outcomes and the application of public health perspectives to crime prevention.

**CRJU 551 - Adolescent Mentoring (3 Credits)**

Application of skills and theories of adolescent mentoring taught in the classroom to a supervised, structured mentoring field experience.

**Cross-listed course:** WGST 551

**Experiential Learning:** Experiential Learning Opportunity

**CRJU 554 - Women, Gender, and Crime (3 Credits)**

Impact of gender-based relations on crime and the criminal justice system.

**Cross-listed course:** WGST 554

**Graduation with Leadership Distinction:** GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy, GLD: Global Learning, GLD: Professional and Civic Engagement Leadership Experiences

**CRJU 558 - Crime Over the Life Course (3 Credits)**

Development of criminal and delinquent behavior over time.

**CRJU 563 - Race, Crime, and Criminal Justice (3 Credits)**

An historical overview of the intersection between issues of race, crime, and justice. The impact of the criminal justice system on minority groups.

**Graduation with Leadership Distinction:** GLD: Diversity and Social Advocacy

**CRJU 565 - Organized Crime (3 Credits)**

Origins and modern day activity of organized crime in the United States and internationally will be investigated. Attention is given to problems of criminal activity and the present day transnational character of criminal organizations.

**CRJU 575 - The Death Penalty (3 Credits)**

Overview of the history and evolution of the death penalty. Identification of key legal developments in death penalty jurisprudence.

**CRJU 577 - Law and Criminal Justice Policy (3 Credits)**

Legal and policy responses to crime and criminal justice issues.

**Prerequisites:** CRJU 313 or CRJU 314.

**CRJU 582 - Computer Applications in Criminal Justice (3 Credits)**

Computing, database systems, and software applications in research and professional practice.

**CRJU 591 - Selected Topics in Criminal Justice (3 Credits)**

A seminar for advanced students. Individual topics to be announced by title. May be repeated once with the consent of the advisor.