



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

CAMPUS UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

APPLICATION PROCESS:

How do I apply to the undergraduate program?

You can apply through the [FSU Office of Admissions](#).

When I apply to the university, will I automatically be enrolled in the criminology program?

Students begin as a pre-criminology major, and they are accepted into the criminology program once they have completed a majority of their liberal studies, finished the quantitative math and English requirements, maintained at least a 2.0 GPA, and have at least 52 credit hours.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

How many courses do I need to take to complete the criminology major?

You will need to complete 3 core courses (9 credit hours) and 9 elective courses (27 credit hours) to complete the major requirements for a total of 36 criminology credit hours.

Are there any additional requirements from Florida State University needed to complete a criminology degree?

The University requires 120 credit hours for a bachelor's degree. Students are also required to take a speech course, a computer fluency course, and two multi-cultural courses (x and y). Additional [liberal studies](#) may also be required. Information about [undergraduate degree requirements](#) can be found in the University Bulletin.

Are there any additional requirements from the department needed to complete the criminology major?

The department of Criminology and Criminal Justice requires that students pursue one of three options in addition to their major requirements: a) a double major, b) a minor, or c) a full-time 15 credit hour internship.

DOUBLE MAJORS/MINORS/INTERNSHIPS INFORMATION:

Can I take courses online for the criminology major?

Yes, we allow our students to take online courses in our program; however, main campus students are limited to taking only two distance-learning criminology elective courses online.

Can I take courses to fulfill university requirements or for my minor online?

Yes, we allow our students to take courses outside our department online.

How do I know what electives count toward a Criminology degree?

The academic department code "CR" should be used when searching for courses to make sure that the appropriate electives are selected. Public safety courses that have a CCJ prefix from the Panama City campus do not count as criminology electives for the major OR minor. A [list of accepted electives](#) can be found on our website.

Does a full-time internship in criminology count for course credit?

Yes, a full-time internship in criminology counts as one criminology elective (3 credit hours). The remaining 12 hours of the internship count as general study electives at the 3000/4000 level – not as 12 hours toward criminology electives.

Can I do both a minor/double major and internship?

Yes, students can do both a minor or double major and an internship. A part-time (8 credit hour/20 hours a week) internship is made available to these students in addition to the 15 credit hour full-time internship. A student without a double major or a minor cannot enroll in a part-time internship and must complete the full-time internship.

Can I take any minor/double major with my criminology major?

We allow students the freedom to pursue several [minor and double major options](#). However, we do not allow a student to pursue a minor in crime scene investigation, law enforcement intelligence, public safety and security, and underwater crime scene investigation as these are part of the Panama City program.

EXCESS CREDIT HOURS:

What are excess credit hours?

The excess credit threshold is set by the Florida Legislature. It is set at 132 credit hours and includes anything a student has ever taken, failed, withdrawn from, or is enrolled in currently. Exceeding the excess credit threshold results in being charged for excess credit hours. For more information, visit the [registrar's webpage](#).

Will I get assessed excess credit hours as a double major?

Some double majors are impacted by excess credit hours, and they will be charged if they exceed the threshold of 132 credits. But the University will refund the excess credit fee once the student graduates with a double major.

TRANSFERRING COURSE CREDITS:

I took transfer courses in criminology from another university/community college? Do these count toward my criminology degree?

Yes, we do accept transfer courses from accredited Florida universities and community colleges. We accept up to two criminology courses from a community college and up to three criminology courses from a public university.

Can I take courses at another university or community college to apply toward my degree requirements?

Students can take additional courses to count toward their university and other major requirements as long as they have accrued less than 90 credit hours. The last 30 credit hours must be completed at Florida State University as part of the state residency requirement.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS:

What academic standards am I held to within the criminology program?

Our department requires that a minimum 2.0 (both cumulative FSU and within criminology courses) is maintained. Students are allowed to receive up to two D's/F's in criminology courses (including transfer courses) before they are dismissed from the major. Additionally, students must achieve at least a C in the three core courses (CCJ2020, CCJ3011, and CCJ4700).

CONTACT INFORMATION:

How can I learn more about the undergraduate program?

Visit our [website](#).

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