

# Criminology & Criminal Justice

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<http://www.ccjs.umd.edu/landing/Undergraduate>

## Key Features of a Criminology & Criminal Justice Major

- Learn to research and understand the incidence and forms of crime as well as the causes and consequences.
- Study in an interdisciplinary field, drawing especially on the research of sociologists and psychologists, as well as on writings in law.
- Study all aspects of society—from past events and achievements to human behavior and relationships among groups. You will learn to interpret the various ways individuals, groups, and institutions make decisions, exercise power, and respond to change.

## Careers Options & Salaries with a Criminology & Criminal Justice Major

Graduates with Criminology and Criminal Justice degrees often work in a variety of fields. Graduates commonly work in social work, law enforcement, corrections, law, probation and parole, program management, non-profit, etc. You might also work as an analyst, study the behavior and methods of criminals or focus upon the causes of criminal activity. All of these careers may take place at the local, state, federal, non-profit, or private level. Many CCJS graduates go on to law school, becoming attorneys specializing in a variety of areas of the legal system. You can also continue your education in graduate school and become a researcher/instructor for universities or government agencies, among other institutions.

Median salaries for CCJS graduates vary widely. A few examples are:

Correctional Officers and Bailiffs	\$40,580
Police Officers and Detectives	\$60,270
Probation Officers	\$49,360
Lawyers	\$115,820 (depending on size, type & location of employer)
Criminologists/Sociologists	\$73,760
Social Worker	\$45,900
Management Analyst	\$81,320
Postsecondary Teacher/Professor	\$72,470 (depending upon size, type, & location of school)

\*Career and salary information taken from *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-2013 ed.*  
(<http://stats.bls.gov/oco/>)

## Advising

If you are considering a major in Criminology & Criminal Justice, you can easily meet with an advisor in the Criminology & Criminal Justice Department to answer any questions you may have.

- Walk-in advising is available, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.: 2201 LeFrak Hall; (301) 405-4729; [ccjsadvising@umd.edu](mailto:ccjsadvising@umd.edu)
- Change of major is done by appointment only. To schedule a change of major session with CCJS Advising, please contact the CCJS Advising office.

### Declaring a Criminology & Criminal Justice Major

Criminology & Criminal Justice is designated as a Limited Enrollment Program (LEP), which means that students must apply for enrollment in the major after completing certain prerequisites, or “Gateway,” courses. However, if you are in your first semester at the University of Maryland and this is your first semester of college coursework, you can apply to transfer into CCJS without completion of the gateway requirements. First semester freshmen have until the last day of classes in their first semester to change and/or add the CCJS major through the major change process, which begins by meeting with the CCJS departmental advisors.

All students beyond their first semester at the University of Maryland must complete the following requirements before applying:

- Completion of CCJS100 with a grade of C- or higher
- Completion of CCJS105 with a grade of C- or higher
- Completion of MATH111 or STAT100 with a grade of C- or higher. A calculus class (MATH220, 130, 140) with a grade of C- or higher may be substituted.
- A minimum grade point average of 2.5 in all college level coursework is required
- Only one gateway or performance review course may be repeated to earn the required grade and that course may only be repeated once. When more than one course can satisfy a gateway requirement, taking a second course from the list will count as a repeat. **This policy will be in effect for all students who first matriculated at the University of Maryland in Spring 2015 or later.** A “W” or withdrawal counts as one attempt at a course.

Please Note:

- Students may apply only once to an LEP. Students who are directly admitted and fail to meet the performance review criteria will be dismissed from the major and may not reapply.
- Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the major.
- Any student denied admission or dismissed from the major may appeal directly to the Assistant Dean of the College.

Criminology & Criminal Justice majors are also students in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSOS). The College will advise you regarding your CORE/GEN ED requirements and the Department will advise you regarding your major requirements.

- 1) Review the Criminology & Criminal Justice Department’s website, focusing on the information for undergraduates (<http://www.ccjs.umd.edu/landing/Undergraduate>)

- 2) Register for and attend a CCJS Major Change Information Session. Sessions will be offered 2-3 times/week, and run approximately 30 minutes. To sign up, simply call CCJS Advising at 301-405-4729.
- 3) Register on-line for an academic planning workshop with BSOS Advising at [www.bsosworkshops.umd.edu](http://www.bsosworkshops.umd.edu). Workshops are held several times a semester.
- 4) After the workshop, complete an academic plan and submit it to BSOS Advising for review. Wait to hear from BSOS advising by email. They will contact you if you need to amend your academic plan or to notify you that you have been officially added as a Criminology & Criminal Justice major. This can take as little as a few days or as long as 15 business days.

## Four Year Plan (GEN ED)

<b>Fall</b>		<b>Spring</b>	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
ENGL 101 (AW: Academic Writing)	3	OC (Oral Communications)	3
MA (Math) Based on Math Placement/ Gateway	3	CCJS 200 (AR: Analytic Reason)	3
CCJS 100 (HS: History/Social Sciences)	3	CCJS 105 (HS: History/Social Sciences)	3
HU (Humanities)*	3	Elective	3
UNIV 100	1	Elective	3
Elective	3		
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Fall</b>		<b>Spring</b>	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
NL (Natural Science Lab)*	4	NS (Natural Sciences)*	3
HU (Humanities)*	3	CCJS 300 (SP: Scholarship in Practice)	3
CCJS 230	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	1	Elective	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Fall</b>		<b>Spring</b>	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
PW (Professional Writing)	3	UP/CC (Understanding Plural Societies/Cultural Competency)*	3
UP (Understanding Plural Societies)*	3	SP (Scholarship in Practice – non major)*	3
Criminal Justice Course 1	3	CCJS Course of Choice 2	3
CCJS Course of Choice 1	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Fall</b>		<b>Spring</b>	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
Criminal Justice Course 2	3	CCJS Course of Choice 3 (400 Level)	3
Criminology Course	3	CCJS Course of Choice 4 (400 Level)	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Cumulative Credits + Planned Credits = Total Credits</b>			<b>120</b>

\*Important Planning Notes:

- All students must take two Distributive Studies courses that will also count for the I-Series requirement (I-Series are not listed separately in this plan)
- Understanding Plural Societies courses may also fulfill a Distributive Studies category.

## Four Year Plan (CORE)

<b>Fall</b>		<b>Spring</b>	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
ENGL 101 (AW: Academic Writing)	3	MATH 111 (MS)	3
Math 110 (MA: Fundamental Math)	3	CORE HL	3
CCJS 100 (HS: History/Social Sciences)	3	CCJS 105 (HS: History/Social Sciences)	3
CORE HA	3	Elective	3
UNIV 100	1	Elective	3
Elective	1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Fall</b>		<b>Spring</b>	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
CCJS 200	4	CORE PS, LS, PL, LL	3/4
CORE PL/LL	3	CCJS 300	3
CCJS 230	3	CORE SH	3
CORE HA, HL, HO, IE	3	Elective	3
Elective	1	Elective	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15/16</b>

<b>Fall</b>		<b>Spring</b>	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
PW (Professional Writing)	3	CCJS 45X	3
CCJS 350	3	Supporting Course 2	3
CORE Diversity	3	Supporting Course 3	3
Supporting Course 1	3	CORE Advance Study 1	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Fall</b>		<b>Spring</b>	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
CCJS 340	3	CCJS Elective 2	3
CCJS Elective 1	3	CCJS Elective 3	3
Supporting Course 4 UL	3	Supporting Course 5 UL	3
CORE Advance Study 2	3	Supporting Course 6 UL	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Cumulative Credits + Planned Credits = Total Credits</b>			<b>120</b>

## Q & A

### ***Has Criminology & Criminal Justice (CCJS) always been a Limited Enrollment Program?***

Up until the fall 2009 semester, CCJS was not a LEP. All students are now required to follow the LEP rules stated above.

### ***How long will it take for me to become a Criminology & Criminal Justice Major after I follow the steps above?***

The above process of declaring normally takes several days, depending partly upon how fast a student acts and partly upon the number of plans under review by the College. The weeks prior to registration and during registration for a new semester are all times when an unusually large number of students seek approval of their plans. *During these times, the change of major process may take a longer time—up to 15 business days. You can minimize the time you wait if you "plan ahead" and get these steps done during other time periods.*

### ***Is there a minor in Criminology & Criminal Justice?***

There is currently no minor available in Criminology & Criminal Justice.

### ***How do I get permission to register for Criminology & Criminal Justice classes (beyond CCJS 100, 105 and CCJS 325)?***

All Criminology and Criminal Justice (CCJS) courses, with the exception of CCJS 100, CCJS 105 and CCJS 325, require a student to obtain the permission of the department prior to registration. To receive permission for a CCJS course, students must visit the CCJS stamps website at: [www.ccjsstamps.umd.edu](http://www.ccjsstamps.umd.edu). CCJS Advising processes all permission requests through the website throughout office hours. Students should receive a response to their request no later than one business day after their permission request was submitted. Please note: CCJS 200 is restricted to declared CCJS majors during early registration. On the first day of classes, non-majors can receive permission to register for CCJS 200.

### ***Is there a Criminology & Criminal Justice Program at the Universities at Shady Grove?***

The University of Maryland also offers a Criminology and Criminal Justice Program at the Universities at Shady Grove. This program is not a Limited Enrollment Program. Therefore students with 56-60 earned credits who wish to complete their Bachelor's Degree at the modern campus location in Montgomery County, MD or do not meet the LEP entrance requirements may apply for admission to the CCJS program at the Universities at Shady Grove. For more information go to <http://www.shadygrove.umd.edu/academics/undergraduate/criminology>.