

FAU FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST Graduate Programs		UGPC Approval _____ UFS Approval _____ Banner Posted _____ Catalog _____
	Department School of Criminology and Criminal Justice College College of Social Work and Criminal Justice		
Program Name Master of Science School of Criminology and Criminal Justice		<input type="checkbox"/> New Program <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change Program	Effective Date (TERM & YEAR) Fall 2022
<p>Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment</p> <p>Remove "areas of concentration" option from degree program. Courses required for the separate concentrations are not offered consistently, and students are unable to fulfill requirements necessary for this degree designation.</p> <p>Please refer to the attached catalog language for the MSCCJ program. The language regarding concentrations has been red-lined, to be removed from the FAU catalog if approved.</p>			
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Approved by Department Chair <u>Wendy [Signature]</u> College Curriculum Chair <u>[Signature]</u> College Dean _____ UGPC Chair _____ UGC Chair _____ Graduate College Dean _____ UFS President _____ Provost _____		Date <u>2/11/2022</u> 3/4/22 03-07-2022 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	

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At our core, we are change-makers driven to transform and empower individuals, families and communities by advocating for justice, mobilizing resiliency and promoting equality across our one human race. This is the mission that propels us forward as we inspire and prepare tomorrow's social work and criminal justice leaders, scholars, practitioners and policymakers to effect positive change in the world.

The immense faculty expertise and strong community partnerships within our two schools – the Phyllis and Harvey Sandler School of Social Work and the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice – produce graduates who are prepared to make a difference. Our alumni enter the fields of social work and criminal justice fully trained to analyze, implement and evaluate criminal justice and social welfare policies and practices; address discriminatory systems and processes; provide direct services to vulnerable populations; restore justice and promote equal access to care.

Degree Programs

- Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice (B.A.)
- Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.)
- Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.)
- Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice (M.S.)
- Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)
- Doctor of Social Work (D.S.W.)

General Studies Degree Program

The Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) degree program enables students to design a plan of study tailored to their personal interests and specific career goals. The 120-credit program includes 15 credits of upper-division coursework in one discipline, which students select in consultation with an advisor. For more B.G.S. details and degree requirements, refer to the [Degree Programs section](#) of this catalog.

Details for all other degree programs are included beneath their respective school headings below.

Specialization Certificates

- Graduate and Undergraduate Child Welfare Certificate
- Graduate Certificate in Addictions
- Graduate and Undergraduate Healthy Aging Certificate

Details for all certificate programs are included beneath their respective school headings below.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAM INFORMATION**Admission Requirements and Recommendations**

Applicants for admission to the College of Social Work and Criminal Justice must meet the general freshman or transfer admission requirements of the University. Consult the [Admissions section](#) of this catalog for specific requirements.

Students applying to the College of Social Work and Criminal Justice must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and have completed the necessary prerequisite coursework associated with the particular

international symposium, consortium or conference; or

3. Publishable manuscript (coauthored or solo) in peer-review outlet.

For more information, contact [Sigal Rubin](#), Instructor and Associate Undergraduate Program Coordinator.

Criminal Justice Minor

A minor in Criminal Justice consists of a minimum of 15 credits in criminal justice courses. Of the 15 credits, at least 12 must be earned from FAU. A grade of "C" or higher is required for all courses being used toward the minor.

For the minor in Criminal Justice, students must take five criminal justice courses in the following manner.

Required Core Course - 3 credits		
Ethics and the Justice System	CCJ 4054^	3

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Combined B.A. with Major in Criminal Justice/M.S. with Major in Criminology and Criminal Justice

The B.A./M.S. combined degree program enables outstanding students to graduate with both a Bachelor of Arts with Major in Criminal Justice and a Master of Science with Major in Criminology and Criminal Justice in as little as five years. The program is 153 credits (B.A./M.S. with thesis or non-thesis options). Students complete 120 credits for the undergraduate degree and 33 credits for the graduate degree. Students complete the undergraduate degree first, taking no more than 12 credits of graduate coursework in their senior year, which may be used to satisfy requirements for both degrees. Prospective students must formally apply to this program and meet all admission requirements.

Admission Requirements and Academic Standing

1. Applications to the combined degree program may be submitted by students at the end of their junior year of study and no later than July 1. Applicants must have no academic deficiencies at the time of application.

2. Applicants must have a minimum undergraduate FAU GPA of 3.5 in the most recent 60 credits of undergraduate coursework, as well as a grade of "B" or better in both undergraduate research methods and the statistics course, STA 2023, in order to be admitted to the program.

3. Students must provide a letter of intent, a letter of recommendation from a professor and a strong academic writing sample.

4. It is strongly recommended that Criminology (CCJ 3014) and Methods of Research (CCJ 4700) be completed **prior** to beginning the B.A./M.S. combined degree program. At a minimum, Methods of Research should be **in progress** by the time the student applies to the program. Criminology and Ethics and the Justice System (CCJ 4054) must be completed **before** spring of a student's senior year.

5 Continued involvement in the B.A./M.S. combined degree program is contingent upon good academic standing in both programs. This includes maintenance of an overall 3.0 cumulative GPA in the master's program. Student progress is evaluated every semester. Students who do not maintain good academic standing in both programs and/or who drop below the required 3.0 overall GPA in the master's program may be placed on academic probation during the semester immediately following the one in which their cumulative GPA dropped below 3.0. Failure to regain a 3.0 cumulative GPA within two successive semesters thereafter, results in dismissal from the program. Students may also be dismissed at any time they are not making satisfactory progress toward completion of the combined degrees or for serious violations of academic integrity.

Degree Requirements

The following course schedule gives an example of how B.A. students who enroll in the combined degree program could complete the requirements for both degrees.

Required graduate courses		
B.A. Senior Year - Fall - 3 credits		
Criminal Justice Research and Policy Foundations	CCJ 6902*	3
B.A. Senior Year - Spring - 6 credits		

Understanding Criminal Behavior	CCJ 6056*	3
Graduate Elective		3
Receive B.A. Degree		
M.S. Year - First Summer - 6 credits		
Graduate Electives		6
M.S. Year - Fall - 9 credits		
Research Methods	CCJ 6704*	3
Graduate Electives		6
M.S. Year - Spring - 9 credits		
Applying Criminal Justice Theory, Research and Policy	CCJ 6485**	3
Graduate Electives		6
Receive M.S. Degree		

* Indicates required graduate courses.

**Indicates required graduate course for non-thesis option.

Note. With permission from the graduate coordinator, a student may start in the summer prior to their senior year by taking a graduate course.

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MASTER'S PROGRAM

Master of Science with Major in Criminology and Criminal Justice (Requires 33 credits)

This graduate master's degree program is designed for students who are:

1. Seeking intermediate-level administrative or research positions;
2. Employed in the criminal justice system and wish to broaden their perspectives and advance within the system;
3. Pursuing a teaching career at a community or state college;
4. Planning to continue in a doctoral program;
5. Preparing to enter law school.

The purpose of the program is to provide graduate-level learning opportunities to students interested in advancing their knowledge in the areas of criminological theory and administrative theory as applied to the criminal justice system. Students may advance their skills and knowledge in research in applied aspects of criminology and criminal justice. This program allows students to develop a personal curriculum consistent with their academic and career goals. Students focus on the theoretical or administrative aspects of the criminal justice system or create a more research-oriented program geared toward future doctoral study. Students also have the opportunity to concentrate in three areas of study: Policing, Crime and Criminal Behavior, or Corrections.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the Master of Science (M.S.) with major in Criminology and Criminal Justice program requires:

1. A baccalaureate degree from an regionally accredited institution;
2. A GPA of 3.0 or higher in the last 60 credits of undergraduate coursework;
3. A grade of "B" or better in both an undergraduate research methods and a statistics course;
4. A letter of application explaining the student's interest in the program and reasons for applying;
5. An example of the student's written work (e.g., a literature review or research paper with at least five references);
6. A letter of recommendation from a professor. Alternatives to this requirement may be granted by the graduate coordinator. Application materials 4, 5, and 6 above must be uploaded together with the online application. Meeting minimal standards does not guarantee admission as all requirements will be considered cumulatively by the School's admission committee.

Transfer Credit

Acceptance of transfer credits from regionally accredited institutions is dependent upon relevance of the coursework to the Master of Science with a major in Criminology and Criminal Justice Program. Transfer of credits should occur at the time of admission and is limited to 9 credits with a minimum grade of "B" in each course (3.0 in a 4.0 grading system). A review of the course syllabi must be done for approval of transfer. Credits applied toward other degrees and/or those older than seven years may not be transferred to the graduate program. No graduate credit is granted for correspondence, life experience or

extension work.

Admission Requirements for International Students

Graduates of colleges or universities outside of the United States who have completed an academic program equivalent to an American regionally accredited bachelor's degree may apply for admission. International applicants for whom English is a second language are required to submit a score of 550 or higher (IBT of 61 or higher) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or a score of 6.0 or higher on the International English Testing System (IELTS) as part of the application process.

All international applicants whose transcripts are from non-U.S. institutions must have their credentials evaluated course by course, including the GPA, by a professional foreign credentials evaluation service. A service may be found at www.NACES.org. Additionally, applicants have the option to have their transcripts evaluated by FAU.

Time Limitations

Candidates for the Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice must complete all degree requirements within a seven-consecutive-year period after initial enrollment in the program.

Academic Standing

Continuation in the program requires satisfactory progress toward degree completion. Evidence of such progress includes maintenance of an overall 3.0 program GPA. For each course, no grade lower than "C" is acceptable to fulfill program requirements. That is, a "C-" would not be acceptable.

Students who do not maintain the required 3.0 program GPA are placed on academic probation during the semester immediately following the one in which their program GPA dropped below 3.0. Failure to regain a 3.0 cumulative GPA within two consecutive semesters thereafter can result in dismissal from the program. Students may also be dismissed at any time that they are not making satisfactory progress toward completion of the degree or for serious violations of academic integrity.

Prerequisites

Students lacking any upper-division undergraduate criminal justice courses are strongly advised to take CCJ 3014, Criminology, or a substitute approved by a faculty advisor. Students are required to take an undergraduate statistics course, such as STA 2023, and an undergraduate research methods course, such as CCJ 4700, for admission. Prerequisite coursework is not applied toward degree requirements.

Degree Requirements

The program consists of a total of 33 credits: 9 required course credits, 18 elective credits, and 6 exit requirement credits (thesis or non-thesis options). Some courses are delivered onsite, others are completely online and still others are a hybrid combination.

Core Requirements - 9 credits		
Understanding Criminal Behavior	CCJ 6056	3
Research Methods	CCJ 6704	3
Criminal Justice Research and Policy Foundations	CCJ 6902	3
Electives - 18 credits (Choose six of the following electives.)		
Corrections Research, Policy and Practice	CJC 6021	3
Juvenile Justice Research, Policy and Practice	CJJ 6046	3
Social Disorganization and Crime Prevention	CCJ 6063	3
Crime Analysis in Policing	CCJ 6079	3
Restorative Justice Research, Policy and Practice	CCJ 6142	3
Courts, Sentencing and the Judicial Process	CCJ 6295	3
Prisoner Re-entry Policy and Practice	CCJ 6335	3
Police Research, Policy and Practice	CJE 6426	3
Applying Criminal Justice Theory, Research and Policy	CCJ 6485	3
Crime in Everyday Life	CCJ 6619	3
Violence Research and Policy	CCJ 6624	3
Class, Race and Gender in Criminal Justice	CCJ 6669	3
Victims and the Justice Process	CCJ 6675	3
Computer Crime Research and Policy	CJE 6688	3
Sex Offender Research and Policy	CCJ 6699	3
Advanced Research and Evaluation for Criminal Justice	CCJ 6712	3
Directed Independent Study	CCJ 6905	3

Special Topics	CCJ 6934	3
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With approval of the program coordinator, students may take one to three graduate courses (3-9 credits) from outside the MSCCJ program that are relevant to their path of study and/or career plans. To apply toward graduation, any outside courses must be approved by the program coordinator *before registering for these courses*.

Exit Requirements

(6 credits required; two options are available)

Non-Thesis Option

This option is for students who do not wish to continue with their graduate education or research-related employment. In addition to fulfilling core and elective requirements (27 credits), students in the non-thesis option are required to take CCJ 6485 (3 credits) and one additional elective (3 credits). CCJ 6485 guides students through a project that comprehensively applies the theoretical concepts learned throughout the program. This course will be taken in either the last or next-to-last semester before graduation, provided that all required core courses have been completed.

Thesis Option

This option is for students who anticipate continuing on to doctoral-level studies and/or who seek research positions within the criminal justice system. Thesis students will take the three core courses (9 credits), six electives of their choice (18 credits), and CCJ 6971, Master's Thesis, (6 credits) to complete a thesis according to policies of the University's Graduate College and School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Thesis credits will be taken in either the last or next-to-last semester before graduation, provided that all required core courses have been completed. **Note:** Students opting to complete a thesis may take CCJ 6485, Applying Criminal Justice Theory, Research and Policy, as one of their electives.

Students considering the thesis option should recruit a faculty member early in the program to be their advisor and chair of their thesis committee. The program coordinator can advise on specific Departmental policies and procedures regarding thesis requirements.

Areas of Concentration

~~To obtain a concentration, CCJ students will take at least three courses related to the concentration area, and then select a topic related to that concentration for their exit option. The following are the three concentrations available and the courses that satisfy each.~~

Concentration in Policing (Choose at least three of the following courses.)		
Police Research, Policy and Practice	CJE 6426	3
Crime Analysis in Policing	CCJ 6079	3
Crime in Everyday Life	CCJ 6619	3
Social Disorganization and Crime Prevention	CCJ 6063	3
Any police-related Special Topics course offered by the School, approved by the graduate coordinator.	CCJ 6934	3
One Directed Independent Study course, approved by the graduate coordinator.	CCJ 6905	3

Concentration in Crime and Criminal Behavior (Choose at least three of the following courses.)		
Understanding Criminal Behavior	CCJ 6056	3
Sex Offender Research and Policy	CCJ 6699	3
Computer Crime Research and Policy	CJE 6688	3
Crime in Everyday Life	CCJ 6619	3
Violence Research and Policy	CCJ 6624	3
Social Disorganization and Crime Prevention	CCJ 6063	3
Any crime and criminal behavior-related Special Topics course offered by the School, approved by the graduate coordinator.	CCJ 6934	3
One Directed Independent Study course, approved by the graduate coordinator.	CCJ 6905	3

Concentration in Corrections (Choose at least three of the following courses.)		
Corrections Research, Policy and Practice	CJC 6021	3
Restorative Justice Research, Policy and Practice	CCJ 6142	3
Prisoner Re-entry Policy and Practice	CCJ 6335	3

Any corrections-related Special Topics course offered by the School, approved by the graduate coordinator.	CCJ-6934	3
One Directed Independent Study course, approved by the graduate coordinator.	CCJ-6905	3

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Phyllis and Harvey Sandler School of Social Work

Faculty:

Thompson, H., Interim Director; Alperin, D., Emeritus; Ambris, E.; Barsky, A.; Brown, G.; Cooley, M.; DeRigne, L.; Dochterman, S.; Drucker, D.; Gonzalez, M.; Greenfield, W., Emeritus; Groton, D.; Gustafsson, P.; Hamlin, E., Emeritus; Hawkins, M.; Hawkins, W.; Horton, G.; Howard, H.; Kane, M.; Kaplan, A.; Landsman-Wohlsifer, D.; Luna, N.; Martinez, P.; McClellan, J.; McCormic, K.; Park, J.; Platt, K.; Rubin, R.; Ryan, E.; Sherman, D.; Skinner-Osei, P.; Spadola, C.; Suttnerberg, L.

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Bachelor of Social Work

(Minimum of 120 credits required)

Mission

The mission for the Sandler School of Social Work's B.S.W. program is to provide an undergraduate education that contributes to the well-being of the communities of Florida.

The B.S.W. program's mission:

To educate competent and compassionate social workers for entry-level practice and as a foundation for further professional development and growth. Graduates will possess critical thinking skills and engage in evidence-based practice, with a deep respect for human diversity and strengths, and with a desire to continue lifelong learning and professional development.

The B.S.W. program's four primary goals are as follows:

Goal 1 (evidence-based, generalist social work practice):

To prepare competent and compassionate B.S.W. graduates for evidence-based generalist social work practice, based on the integration of self-awareness, knowledge, professional values and ethics, critical thinking and interpersonal skills.

Goal 2 (community-engaged/located):

To prepare B.S.W. graduates to become community-engaged practitioners who understand and can work effectively with diverse populations and contemporary societal issues in South Florida.

Goal 3 (ongoing learning):

To provide B.S.W. graduates with an appreciation for how knowledge is discovered, challenged and transformed, including a desire to pursue continued professional development through lifelong learning.

Goal 4 (preparation for graduate education):

To prepare B.S.W. graduates who wish to pursue an M.S.W. with the foundational knowledge, skills and experiences that they will need to pursue graduate education.

Admission Requirements

Admission requirements for the Social Work program include completion of the general education requirements and fulfillment of the following prerequisites (required by all social work programs statewide):

Human Biology	(BSC 1005, BSC 1010, BSC 1085, BSC 2010, BSC 2085, BSC 2086 or PCB 2099)	3
General Psychology	(PSY 1012, PSY 2012 or PSY 2020)	3
Introductory Sociology	(SYG 1000, SYG 2000 or SYG 2010)	3
United States Government	(POS 1041 or POS 2041)	3
Introduction to Micro or Macroeconomics	(ECO 1000, ECO 2000, ECO 2013, ECO 2023 or ECO 3040)	3

If students are admitted without these courses, they must be completed by the end of their junior year or two semesters before entering SOW 4510.