

 FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY	NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST Undergraduate Programs	UUPC Approval <u>2-1-21</u> UFS Approval _____ Banner Posted _____ Catalog _____
	Department School of Criminology and Criminal Justice College College of Social Work and Criminal Justice	
Program Name Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice	<input type="checkbox"/> New Program <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change Program	Effective Date (TERM & YEAR) ASAP
Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment See attached.		
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The requirements for a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice degree include the following passages:

The program for Criminal Justice consists of 30 credits of 3000/4000-level coursework. Students who begin FAU as freshmen are required to take CCJ 2002 as a prerequisite to 3000/4000-level criminal justice courses. In this case, CCJ 2002 will apply toward the 30-credit requirement. The remaining 30 credits may be taken from electives throughout the various colleges in the University.

Juniors and seniors can take CCJ 2002; however, it will not be applied to the 30-credit degree requirement (i.e., it will be applied toward the 30 credits to be taken from electives throughout the various colleges in the University). No more than 42 credits in the major may be counted toward the degree. To be certified as completing the requirements for the Criminal Justice major, students must successfully complete the statistics prerequisite (STA 2023). A "C" or higher must be earned in all Criminal Justice coursework. Additionally, the last 30 upper-division credits (3000/4000-level courses) must be earned in residence at FAU.

This proposal seeks to amend this content to:

The program for Criminal Justice consists of 27-30 credits of 3000/4000-level coursework. Students may apply CCJ 2002 (Law, Crime, and the Criminal Justice System) toward their 30-degree credits. Furthermore, students must successfully complete the statistics prerequisite (STA 2023) to be certified as completing the requirements for the Criminal Justice major.

Additionally, major core courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. A grade of "C-" or lower in major core courses does not satisfy any major requirement and does not count toward the 120 credits required for the degree. Elective courses in the major must be completed with a grade of "C-" or better. A grade of D+ or lower in general elective courses does not satisfy any graduation requirement and will not count toward the 120 credits required for a degree. Finally, students must maintain a "C" average in all courses applied to the major.

Rationale: The language amendments proposed here account for three policy changes.

First, freshman starting at FAU must currently take CCJ 2002 (Law, Crime, and the Criminal Justice System) as part of the 30 credits need for a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice degree. Juniors and seniors may take CCJ 2002, however, it does not currently count toward the 30 credits they need for a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice degree. This program change allows juniors and seniors to count CCJ 2002 toward the 30 credits needed for a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice degree and eliminated it as the prerequisite requirement for freshman starting at FAU (which cannot be specified in the system).

Second, Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice degree students cannot currently take more than 42 credits in the major and count these excess credits toward the degree. Students of the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice degree want to take more than 42 criminal justice credits and we should allow them this opportunity by eliminating this requirement.

Third, Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice degree students must currently earn a "C" or higher in all major core and elective classes. This program change allows students to earn a "C-" in major elective courses, so long as they maintain a "C" average in all school major courses. This policy change is

consistent with other programs in the 1. University (e.g., English, Biological Sciences, General Studies), SUS (e.g., UCF and FSU), and 3. Regional/National Peers (e.g., UNCC, Georgia State).

Collectively, the amendments proposed seek to streamline the curriculum, eliminate confusion, and address unnecessary graduation delays, while providing students with greater flexibility and maintaining academic rigor. Moreover, these amendments are consistent with efforts to eliminate excess student credits and 4-year/6-year graduation rates. Accordingly, each of the amendments has received the support of faculty in the School of Criminology and Justice (SCCJ), Director of SCCJ, College of Social Work and Criminal Justice (CSWCJ) Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, and Dean of CSWCJ.