• CRIMINOLOGY (CCJ)

The major in Criminology provides students with an in-depth exposure to the total criminal justice system including law enforcement, detention, the judiciary, corrections, juvenile justice and probation and parole. The program concentrates on achieving balance in the above aspects of the system from the perspective of the criminal justice professional, the offender, and society. The program provides a solid background in the theory, issues and methodology comprising Criminology.

The objective of the undergraduate program in Criminology is to develop a sound educational basis either for graduate work or for professional training in one or more of the specialized areas comprising the modern urban criminal justice system.

Recommended Prerequisites (State Mandated Common Prerequisites)

Students wishing to transfer to USF should complete the A.A. degree at the community college. Some courses required for the major may also meet General Education Requirements thereby transferring maximum hours to the university. If students transfer with fewer than 60 semester hours of acceptable credit, the students must meet the university’s entering freshman requirements including ACT or SAT test scores, GPA, and course requirements.

There are no State Mandated Common Prerequisites for this degree program.

Transfer students should be aware that by university regulation they are obligated to establish academic residency by completing the equivalent of one academic year (30 semester hours) in “on-campus” courses. All undergraduate transfer students electing Criminology as their major will be required, moreover, to take a minimum of 30 credit hours in major coursework at the University of South Florida. The transfer student should also be aware of the immunization, foreign language, and continuous enrollment policies of the university.

Requirements for the Major in Criminology

A minimum of 36 semester hours is required of all undergraduate majors in Criminology including:

1. Each of the following core courses:
   - CCJ 3024 (3)*
   - CCJ 3701 (3)**
   - CCJ 3610 (3)*
   - CCJ 4934 (3)
2. 24 semester hours of electives within the major.

* These are gateway courses and are required for all other coursework in the major or minor; therefore, they need to be taken first.

**Students who plan to continue on to graduate school must also take CCJ 4700 as one of their electives within the major.

NOTE: No more than six (6) hours of CCJ 4900, CCJ 4910 or any combination of the two will be accepted toward the minimum number of hours in the major. A student may take an unlimited amount of CCJ 4933 or 4934 as long as they vary in topics.

These residence requirements are designed to ensure that transfer students who subsequently receive their baccalaureate degree from the University of South Florida with a major in Criminology will have been exposed to the same body of knowledge in their major as those students who complete all or a major portion of their coursework at the University of South Florida.

Any student who receives a grade of “D” or lower in more than one USF CCJ course will be automatically barred from continuing as a Criminology major.

Requirements for the Minor in Criminology

The Department of Criminology offers a minor in Criminology. The minor consists of:

1. Two required courses:
   - CCJ 3024 (3)
   - CCJ 3610 (3)
2. The selection of four of the following 3 hour courses for a total of 18 semester hours:
   - CJL 3110
   - CCJ 3621
   - CJE 4114
   - CJL 4410
   - CJC 4010
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Students must receive approval from the Department prior to starting their minor work. A minimum of 9 semester hours must be completed at USF. Students minoring in Criminology are subject to the Department’s “2 D” Rule.