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, 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 without an A.A. degree and have 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 3610 (3)*
   - CCJ 3701 (3)**
   - CCJ 4934 (3)
2. At least two of the following substantive courses:
   - CCJ 3204 (3)
   - CCJ 4110 (3)
   - CCJ 4273 (3)
   - CCJ 4306 (3)
   - CCJ 4501 (3)
3. 18 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.

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:
   - CCJ 3204
   - CCJ 3621
   - CCJ 4110
   - CCJ 4273
   - CCJ 4306
   - CCJ 4501

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.