

Master of Science with a Major in Criminal Justice Administration

Selected Educational Outcomes

Students completing requirements for the Master of Science degree with a major in criminal justice administration will master the following:

1. Organizational Culture: Demonstrate and understand the principles of occupational socialization and culture.
2. Leadership: Recognize and apply the strategies that gain compliance of subordinates and evidence of the application of transformational and transactional approaches.
3. Management: Develop and apply strategies for personnel evaluation and supervision and develop fiduciary competencies.
4. Ethics: Enhance the appreciation for the importance of ethical decision making and fidelity to office and professional responsibility in accordance with professional standards.
5. Communication: Review and describe current technological innovations, barriers to communication, and both formal and informal communication networks.
6. Liability: Recognize the scope of the legal and liability issues associated with criminal justice administration and apply legal standards to mitigate liability exposure.
7. Research: Demonstrate competency in applying research methods and strategies to the diverse issues and challenges facing contemporary criminal justice administrators.

Outcome Assessments

Educational outcomes for the Master of Science degree with a major in criminal justice administration will be assessed in the following ways:

1. systematic analysis of student examinations and research papers from courses;
2. surveys of students or alumni from the program;
3. baseline data from other comparable programs in the university will be compared to data based on students in the program;
4. regular meetings among program faculty to assess courses and student performance;
5. periodic review of all theses and area papers written in a given assessment period and evaluation of related student performance.

Prior to admission to any graduate program at Valdosta State University, applicants must first submit a completed application to the Graduate School. A completed application packet includes official transcripts from all institutions previously attended, official test scores (GRE), completed application packet, fee, and any additional program requirements submitted by the admission deadline. To be considered for your preferred term, all required materials must be received by the Graduate School no later than the close of business on the deadline. It is the responsibility of the applicant to allow adequate time for document submission and to ensure receipt of documents.

Admission Deadlines

Fall Deadline: July 15

Spring Deadline: November 15

Summer Deadline: April 15

Go to the Graduate School website (<http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/graduate-school/welcome.php>) and click on Our Programs, then click on Criminal Justice Program for information on:

- Specific Criminal Justice Program Admission Requirements
- Criminal Justice Program Retention, Dismissal, and Readmission Policies
- Criminal Justice Program Graduation Requirements

To Apply Online, click here (<https://www.applyweb.com/apply/vsug/menu.html>).

Requirements for the M. S. with a Major in Criminal Justice Administration

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Required Core | | 24 |
| CRJU 7000 | Organizational Culture and Criminal Justice Administration | 3 |
| CRJU 7020 | Leadership and Ethics for the Criminal Justice Executive | 3 |
| CRJU 7370 | Liability Issues in Criminal Justice | 3 |
| CRJU 7412 | Research Strategies for Criminal Justice Administrators | 3 |

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| CRJU 7413 | Criminal Justice Program and Policy Analysis | 3 |
| CRJU 7660 | Personnel Management in Criminal Justice Organizations | 3 |
| PADM 7140 | Governmental Budgeting and Finance | 3 |
| CRJU 7920 | Criminal Justice Policy Research | 3 |
| Criminal Justice Electives | | 12 |
| Any combination of the following courses: | | |
| CRJU 7010 | Advanced Comparative Criminal Justice Systems | 3 |
| CRJU 7100 | Seminar in Law Enforcement | 3 |
| CRJU 7300 | Seminar in Criminal Law and Procedure | 3 |
| CRJU 7350 | Seminar in Forensic Investigation | 3 |
| CRJU 7500 | Seminar in Criminal Behavior and Personality | 3 |
| CRJU 7510 | Advanced Correctional Therapies | 3 |
| CRJU 7600 | Advanced Criminological Theory | 3 |
| CRJU 7610 | Seminar in Gang, Group, and Multiple Offender Criminality | 3 |
| CRJU 7620 | Seminar in Criminal Victimization | 3 |
| CRJU 7630 | Advanced Crime Prevention | 3 |
| CRJU 7640 | Conflict Management in Criminal Justice | 3 |
| CRJU 7650 | Risk Assessment and Risk Management in Criminal Justice Organizations | 3 |
| CRJU 7670 | Domestic and International Terrorism | 3 |
| CRJU 7700 | Special Topics in Criminal Justice | 3-6 |
| CRJU 7710 | Seminar in Juvenile Justice | 3 |
| CRJU 7900 | Directed Study in Criminal Justice | 1-6 |
| CRJU 7910 | Criminal Justice Internship | 3-6 |
| Electives | | 12 |
| Total Required for the Degree | | 36 |

Requirements for the M. S. with a Major in Criminal Justice Administration for students who have completed the B.S. in Criminal Justice Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Students in the Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track may take 12 graduate credit hours as undergraduates (CRJU 7020, CRJU 7412, and 6 hours of graduate-level electives) | | |
| Required Core | | 18 |
| CRJU 7000 | Organizational Culture and Criminal Justice Administration | 3 |
| CRJU 7370 | Liability Issues in Criminal Justice | 3 |
| CRJU 7413 | Criminal Justice Program and Policy Analysis | 3 |
| CRJU 7660 | Personnel Management in Criminal Justice Organizations | 3 |
| CRJU 7920 | Criminal Justice Policy Research | 3 |
| PADM 7140 | Governmental Budgeting and Finance | 3 |
| Criminal Justice Electives | | 6 |
| Take any two graduate CRJU electives | | |
| Total Hours Required for the Degree | | 24 |