

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMBINED PATHWAY (B.S. AND M.S.)

Bachelor of Science Program

Program Code: BS-SP
Major Code: CRJ

Master of Science Program

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Criminal Justice Department

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Enrollment in a combined pathway allows highly qualified, current SUNY Buffalo State students to work on the Master of Science in Criminal Justice while completing the bachelor's degree. Up to 12 credits of designated master's courses are incorporated into the bachelor's degree program and will count toward both the bachelor's degree and the master's degree.

Program Requirements

The combined pathway requires 144 credits total, of which 36 are master's credits leading to the MS in Criminal Justice. Students must meet all university, department and relevant concentration guidelines.

The program requires careful planning that should begin by the second year of the student's undergraduate career at SUNY Buffalo State. The student and the primary advisor (or department chair) should consult in planning the undergraduate degree program so that these requirements are met during undergraduate study and that the 12 credits of master's courses from the MS Program in Criminal Justice are included in the degree plan. Students must meet graduate expectations for academic progress and grade point average in their master's level courses to remain in the combined pathway.

Admission into the combined pathway is highly selective. Matriculated undergraduate students may apply to the BS/MS pathway in their third year (junior year) and will complete all of the application requirements for the program. The admission application process includes a minimum GPA of 3.2, completion of 89 credit hours, of which 30 credits must include criminal justice core and prerequisite requirements (see below), and a letter of recommendation.

B.S. in Criminal Justice

Code	Title	Credit Hours
General Education 23 Requirements (http://ecatalog.buffalostate.edu/undergraduate/collegewide-degree-requirements-baccalaureate-degrees/#IF_Courses)		
33 credit hours		
Criminal Justice Major Requirements (42 credit hours)		
Core Courses (18 credit hours)		
CRJ 101	INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
CRJ 201	CRIMINAL LAW	3
CRJ 202	THE POLICE PROCESS	3
CRJ 204	THE CORRECTIONAL PROCESS	3
CRJ 303	CRIMINAL JUSTICE THEORY AND IDEOLOGY	3
CRJ 315	RESEARCH METHODS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
Statistics Core Requirements (3 credit hours)		3
Select one from the following:		
CRJ 310	STATISTICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	
ECO 305	STATISTICS FOR ECONOMICS	
MAT 311	INTRODUCTORY PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS	
PSY 350	STATISTICS IN PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH	
SOC 299	SOCIAL STATISTICS	
Senior Seminar and Diversity Requirement (3 credit hours)		3
Select one from the following:		
CRJ 425	RACE, ETHNICITY, AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE	
CRJ 430	GENDER AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE	
Undergraduate Major Electives		
Supporting Courses (6 credit hours)		6
Select two courses from the following:		
CRJ 250	INTRODUCTION TO INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS	
CRJ 301	POLICE ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT	
CRJ 302	CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND THE COMMUNITY	

CRJ 305	THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM
CRJ 306	PROBATION, PAROLE, AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
CRJ 307	COMPARATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
CRJ 308	CRIME PREVENTION
CRJ 317	CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
CRJ 320	CRIMINAL COURTS
CRJ 355	CRIME ANALYSIS

Advanced Electives (6 credit hours for Intelligence Analysis, Policing, Corrections) 6

Select two from the following:

CRJ 406	CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND PROGRAMS
CRJ 409	ADVANCED ISSUES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT
CRJ 420	ADVANCED ISSUES IN PUNISHMENT AND CORRECTIONS
CRJ 440	DRUGS, CRIME, AND DRUG POLICY
CRJ 450	TERRORISM AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
CRJ 455	ADVANCED INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS

Required Graduate Major Courses (12 credit hours)

CRJ 501	THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES ON CRIME AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE *	3
CRJ 504	RESEARCH METHODS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE *	3
CRJ 601	CORRECTIONAL STRATEGIES *	3
CRJ 606	LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES *	3

*courses used in B.S. and M.S. simultaneously

Total Credit Hours: 120

M.S. in Criminal Justice

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Required Graduate Major Courses

Core Courses (18 credit hours)

All six required

CRJ 501	THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES ON CRIME AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE *	3
CRJ 504	RESEARCH METHODS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE *	3
CRJ 601	CORRECTIONAL STRATEGIES *	3
CRJ 604	CRIMINAL COURTS	3
CRJ 606	LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES *	3
CRJ 609	STATISTICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3

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Graduate Major Electives (15-18 credit hours) 15-18

CRJ 508	HISTORY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
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CRJ 511	ADVANCED CRIME ANALYSIS
CRJ 590	INDEPENDENT STUDY
CRJ 602	ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOR AND THE MANAGEMENT PROCESS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
CRJ 603	ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE
CRJ 608	SPECIAL TOPICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
CRJ 611	DATA-DRIVEN POLICING
CRJ 620	WHITE-COLLAR CRIME
CRJ 622	JUVENILE JUSTICE
CRJ 624	COMPUTER APPLICATION
CRJ 625	RACE AND ETHNICITY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
CRJ 626	GENDER ISSUES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
CRJ 630	CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
CRJ 635	CRIMINAL JUSTICE ETHICS
CRJ 710	RESEARCH PROJECT

Mandatory Exit Requirement (0-3 credit hours) 0-3

Select one from the following:

Comprehensive Exam	0
CRJ 690 MASTER'S PROJECT	3

Total Credit Hours: 36