

The Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track

The Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track degree program. Students in this track will complete up to 12 hours of graduate course work at the 7000 level in Criminal Justice that will count toward the completion of the undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice. These 12 hours may then be applied toward the completion of the degree requirements for the Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration degree upon admission to the graduate program at Valdosta State University.

To be admitted to the Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate degree program, students must:

1. have completed 75 credit hours;
2. have completed CRJU 3401 with a minimum grade of B (or course equivalent);
3. Have acquired a cumulative VSU GPA of 3.0 or higher; and
4. submit a personal statement not to exceed 5 pages describing their education and career goals and how the program will assist the students to achieve their goals.

Once admitted to the program, a specific course of study will be developed with the student's undergraduate advisor, as the student can take one or more graduate courses in the terms remaining to complete the undergraduate degree (summer, fall, and/or spring terms once the student is admitted to the Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate track.)

Graduate courses taken as an undergraduate will count toward the student's undergraduate degree requirements but will not count toward the student's undergraduate GPA or the calculation of academic honors.

Upon admission to the Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track, students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 to remain in good standing. Students who do not remain in good standing or who do not wish to continue with the track may complete the remaining requirements for the B.S. in Criminal Justice.

Successful completion of the Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track requires that the student earn a grade of B or better in all graduate-level course work. A grade of C earned in a graduate course can still be used for credit toward the undergraduate degree, but such a grade will affect the student's graduate GPA as a grade of C creates one deficiency point at the graduate level.

Once a student graduates with the B.S. in Criminal Justice, she/he/they must submit the VSU graduate application form to continue in the M.S.C.J.A. degree.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Accelerated Undergraduate-to-Graduate Track

Code	Title
Core Curriculum	
Core Curriculum Areas A-E (See VSU Core Curriculum)	
Core Curriculum Area F	
CRJU 1100	Introduction to Criminal Justice
ENGL 2020	Writing for Criminal Justice Professionals
SOCI 1101 or SOCI 1160	Introduction to Sociology Introduction to Social Problems

Electives

ANTH 1102	Introduction to Anthropology
COMM 1100	Human Communication
COMM 1110	Public Speaking
PHIL 2020	Principles of Logic and Argumentation
PSYC 1101	Introduction to General Psychology
REL 2020	World Religions
Foreign Language 1101	
Foreign Language 1002	
Foreign Language 2001	
Foreign Language 2002	

If SOCI 1101, SOCI 1160, or any of the above electives are taken in Areas C or E, the student will select another course from the electives listed above.

Senior College Curriculum

Upper Level Courses in Criminal Justice

Code	Title
CRJU 3300	Criminal Law
CRJU 3310	Criminal Procedure
CRJU 3401	Criminal Justice Data Analysis
CRJU 3402	Criminal Justice Research Methods
CRJU 7412	Research Strategies for Criminal Justice Administration
CRJU 3600	Criminology
CRJU 3700	Ethics in Criminal Justice
CRJU 7020	Leadership and Ethics for the Criminal Justice Executive
CRJU 4100	Seminar in Law Enforcement
CRJU 4200	Seminar in Corrections
CRJU 4400	Seminar in Juvenile Justice
CRJU 4800	Seminar in Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice Electives

Any CRJU course numbered 4000 or above (except 4100, 4200, 4400, and 4800) may be used as an elective. CRJU 4700, CRJU 4900 and CRJU 4910 may each be taken for a maximum of 6 hours of credit. Students may take any two graduate CRJU elective courses for 6 hours of credit.

Open Electives

CRJU 4910 Criminal Justice Internship may be taken as an open elective for 3 to 6 hours of credit. At least 6 hours of coursework numbered 3000 or above must be taken in a single discipline outside the major.

Total hours required for the degree**Additional Departmental Requirement**

The grade earned in all Area F courses and each CRJU course taken for the major must be a "C" or better.