



## ONLINE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE Criminal Justice

### Justice, Service, and Advocacy

The Online Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice at USC Upstate prepares you to make a difference in your community and ensure a safer future. The program focuses on the theory and practice of criminal justice, including crime, policing, corrections, courts, victim advocacy, and justice. Get hands-on experience through career-building internships and class projects with partner agencies, such as the Department of Juvenile Justice, Project R.E.S.T., and local police departments.

Advanced students in the criminal justice program may apply to the Accelerated Bachelor's/Master's Study Plan to earn up to 9 credit hours of graduate-level coursework in Criminal Justice while completing the undergraduate degree.

### Curriculum

The curriculum includes coursework in the following topics:

- **Criminal Justice Foundations** - 15 credit hours
- **Research Methods and Statistics** - 6 credit hours
- **Ethics** - 3 credit hours
- **Criminal Justice Topics: law, policing, corrections, juvenile justice, victimization and globalization** - 15 credit hours
- **Senior Seminar** - 3 credit hours

### Prerequisites and Requirements

To apply for this online degree program, students must have earned 30 credit hours from a regionally accredited institution with a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in all previous college-level coursework. Students transferring to the program are encouraged to review the list of recommended courses on the program's webpage.



### IN-DEMAND CAREERS

- Correctional Officer
- Intelligence Officer
- Investigator
- Legal Assistant
- Probation Officer
- Public Service Administrator
- Special Agent
- Victim Advocate



### AVERAGE STARTING SALARY

**\$38,000-\$43,000**



### PROJECTED JOB GROWTH

The United States Department of Labor predicts above average job growth for investigators and detectives. Demand is expected to increase 6% by 2031.



### EMPLOYERS HIRING CRJU GRADUATES

- County Advocacy Center
- County Sheriff's Offices
- Department of Juvenile Justice
- Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services
- Department of Social Services
- U.S. Military Services



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