



## DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT & SOCIOLOGY

GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY

### Program of Study for Master of Science in Criminal Justice (MSCJ)

The 3 curriculum tracks include required courses, optional, and elective courses. They share some courses, yet have options from which you can choose to align education and career goals. Try to take CRJU 6100 in the 1st or 2nd term—it serves as an overview and introduction. By the culmination of the curriculum, you must have completed Internship (CRJU 6960), Capstone (CRJU 6970), or Independent Study (CRJU 6940).

#### Public Service Track

The Public Service track is intended for the working practitioner or public service-bound student in any sector of the criminal justice system. Students complete their program with an internship (for traditional students) or work-based learning (for employed practitioners). The latter is a practical application of knowledge to the student's existing position in a public service agency, such as policy analysis, program implementation, or similar topics. Students enrolled in this track could also self-direct an independent study in place of an internship.

#### Required Courses:

Satisfactorily complete **each** of the following courses:

CRJU 6100	The Criminal Justice System	3 hours
CRJU 6400	Criminological Theory	3 hours
CRJU 6515	Criminal Justice Ethics	3 hours
Total Credit Hours		9 hours

#### Course Option 1

Satisfactorily complete **two (2)** of the following courses:

CRJU 6200	Police in Society	3 hours
CRJU 6300	Seminar in Corrections	3 hours
CRJU 6500	Legal Issues in Criminal Justice	3 hours
Total Credit Hours		6 hours

#### Course Option 2

Satisfactorily complete **one (1)** of the following courses:

CRJU 6605	Criminal Justice Research Design	3 hours
CRJU 6610	Criminal Justice Statistics	3 hours
Total Credit Hours		3 hours

#### Elective Courses

Satisfactorily complete **nine (9) hours** of CRJU 5000-6999 elective courses or non-CRJU 5000-6999 elective courses with coordinator approval.

#### Capstone

Satisfactorily complete **one (1)** of the following courses:

CRJU 6940	Independent Study	3 hours
CRJU 6960	Internship and/ or Cooperative	3 hours
Total Credit Hours		3 hours

= TOTAL OF 30 SEMESTER HOURS

### Justice Scholar Track

The Justice Scholar Track is intended for students wishing to prioritize Ph.D. preparedness and/or careers in research or analytics. Students complete their experience with a research practicum (CRJU 6970 Capstone) in which they demonstrate the methodological and statistical skills gained through coursework. Students will need to have demonstrable evidence of research skills to be competitive in the Ph.D. or research realm, whether they are analytically or theoretically focused.

*Required Courses*

Satisfactorily complete **each** of the following courses:

CRJU 6100	The Criminal Justice System	3 hours
CRJU 6200	Police in Society	3 hours
CRJU 6300	Seminar in Corrections	3 hours
CRJU 6400	Criminological Theory	3 hours
CRJU 6500	Legal Issues in Criminal Justice	3 hours
CRJU 6515	Criminal Justice Ethics	3 hours
CRJU 6605	Criminal Justice Research Design	3 hours
CRJU 6610	Criminal Justice Statistics	3 hours
Total Credit Hours		24 hours

*Elective Course*

Satisfactorily complete **three (3) hours** of CRJU 5000-6999 elective courses or non-CRJU 5000-6999 elective courses with coordinator approval.

Total Credit Hours	3 hours
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*Capstone*

Satisfactorily complete the following course:

CRJU 6970	Capstone Research Project	
Total Credit Hours		

= *TOTAL OF 30 SEMESTER HOURS*

## Law and Public Policy Track

The Law and Public Policy track is intended for pre-law students, criminal justice system and government agency administrators, or students bound for (or currently in) careers in advocacy. Students complete their program with an independent study (CRJU 6940) or internship (CRJU 6960) to prepare for post-graduate goals. Pre-law students are recommended to utilize the independent study course to refine their legal research, analysis, and writing skills. In-service administration students are recommended to utilize the independent study course to explore a topic related to their career ambitions. Advocacy or pre-service administration students are encouraged to utilize the internship option to gain critical career experience and networks.

### *Required Courses:*

Satisfactorily complete **each** of the following courses:

CRJU 6100	The Criminal Justice System	3 hours
CRJU 6500	Legal Issues in Criminal Justice	3 hours
CRJU 6515	Criminal Justice Ethics	3 hours
Total Credit Hours		

### *Course Option 1*

Satisfactorily complete **two (2)** of the following courses:

CRJU 6200	Police in Society	3 hours
CRJU 6300	Seminar in Corrections	3 hours
CRJU 6400	Criminological Theory	3 hours
Total Credit Hours		

### *Course Option 2*

Satisfactorily complete **one (1)** of the following courses:

CRJU 6605	Criminal Justice Research Design	3 hours
CRJU 6610	Criminal Justice Statistics	3 hours
Total Credit Hours		

### *Elective Courses*

Satisfactorily complete **nine (9) hours** of CRJU 5000-6999 elective courses or non-CRJU 5000-6999 elective courses with coordinator approval.

### *Capstone*

Satisfactorily complete **one (1)** of the following courses:

CRJU 6940	Independent Study	
CRJU 6960	Internship and/ or Cooperative	
Total Credit Hours		

= TOTAL OF 30 SEMESTER HOURS