

# Criminology

## Master of Science

### Description

The Master of Science (MS) in Criminology program provides advanced knowledge in crime, criminal behavior, and the criminal justice system. Students study criminological theory, research methods, policy analysis, and specialized topics like forensic criminology and terrorism. Practical experiences include research projects and internships to develop skills in data analysis and policy evaluation. Graduates are prepared for careers in criminal justice administration, research, policy analysis, and leadership roles in law enforcement and nonprofit organizations.

### Admissions Requirements

- A bachelor's degree or equivalent from a recognized institution
- Credentials earned outside of the US must be evaluated by an approved agency
- GPA of 2.7 or higher
- Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions
- Completed application with Carolina University

### Graduation Requirements

- Shall have maintained a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0;
- Shall have passed all courses in the curriculum and made a C or better professional core courses;
- Shall have completed at least six of the final nine hours with Carolina University.

### Courses

#### Professional Core Compulsory Courses (12 Credit Hours)

[CJU 604 - Sentencing](#)

3 Credit Hours

[CJU 607 - Cybercrime](#)

3 Credit Hours

[CJU 611 - Advanced Criminological Theories](#)

3 Credit Hours

[JUS 705 - Criminal Justice Administration](#)

3 Credit Hours

#### Professional Core (Choose 6 Credit Hours)

[CJU 602 - Criminal Law and Policy](#)

3 Credit Hours

[CJU 610 - Immigration and Criminal Justice](#)

3 Credit Hours

[JUS 700 - International Human Rights](#)

3 Credit Hours

[JUS 701 - The American Legal System](#)

3 Credit Hours

[JUS 710 - Evidence-based Practices in Law & Justice](#)

3 Credit Hours

[JUS 725 - Legal Theory](#)

3 Credit Hours

[POL 710 - The American Constitution](#)

3 Credit Hours

**Master's Internship or Thesis Project (6 Credit Hours)**

CJU 680 Internship I and CJU 685 Internship II

6 Credit Hours

Or

CJU 690 Thesis I and CJU 695 Thesis II

6 Credit Hours

**Electives (Choose 12 Credit Hours)**

Any 500 or 600 level course excluding the Piedmont Divinity School courses.