Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Program Overview

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The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice program (BSCJ) is a degree-completion program designed for experienced law enforcement and criminal justice professionals who seek to complete their bachelor's degree thus enhancing opportunities for advancement within their careers or opportunities within the intelligence and security community. This program is an excellent and logical fit for the military population and specifically, soldiers within Army Special Operations (USASOC) and the Marine Corps who have specialized training in the areas of law enforcement, security, and intelligence. The 63-credit program (of the 123 credits needed for the degree) offers a solid foundation of criminal justice courses as well as a minor in Intelligence and Security.

In addition, the program offers an option in which students complete foundation courses and then draw from a wide range of courses to self-design their program. Additional requirements include general education courses and electives. Students will complete a field study course and a capstone as part of the degree requirement.

Students entering the Criminal Justice degree program may receive the equivalent of up to 60 semester credits for military training and/ or law enforcement training courses as reviewed for credit by the American Council on Education or a similarly recognized organization. Students may also transfer up to an additional 24 semester-credit hour equivalents from other accredited institutions of higher education for courses that meet specific course requirements in the BSCJ program. Students complete the remaining credits through Norwich University in a structured program that will typically require two to four years to complete, depending upon a student's full-time or part-time enrollment status and military deployment schedule.

Curriculum Requirements Pre-Program Education and Training

Students accepted into the Criminal Justice degree program must have earned a minimum of 60 semester credits from college courses, military training, or other educational experiences such as CLEP tests. A maximum of 84 semester credits may be transferred into the program. General education courses listed below are required unless applicants transfer in approved coursework or training from other institutions.

Number of Semester Credits

General Education Courses

Students comple	ete all of the following:		
ENGL 250	Crime in Literature	3	
HIST 310	Historical Studies	3	
RELG 300	Comparative Religion	3	
SCIE 202	Science, Technology and Procedures in Forensic Investigations	3	
SCIE 301	Environmental Science	3	
MATH 232	Elementary Statistics	3	
Core Courses			
Students complete all of the following:			

CRMJ 201	Foundations Criminal Justice	3
SOCI 209	Methods of Social Science Research	
SOCI 220	Cultural Issues & CJ System	
COMM 302	Data Analysis and Writing	
PHLS 324	Criminal Justice Ethics	3
Degree Elective	es	
Students comple	ete 18 credits from the following:	18
COMM 205	Tech-Mediated Communication	3
COMM 312	Intercultural Communication	3
CRMJ 303	The Study of Crime	3
CRMJ 305	Law Enforcement Administration	3
CRMJ 306	Procedural Due Process	3
HIST 210	History of US Constitution	3
INOP 302	Cyber Crime and Security	3
INOP 310	Emergency & Disaster Relief	6
INSC 311	Intro Homeland Security Intell	3
INSC 313	Global Security & Intelligence	3
INSC 315	Security Coordin&Collaboration	3
INSC 320	Intelligence Management	3
PHLS 205	Critical Thinking	3
POLS 302	National Security Policy	3
POLS 316	Domestic Terrorism	3
POLS 318	International Terrorism	3
POLS 325	Immigration Law and Policy	3
SOCI 322	Drugs and Gangs	3
SOCI 325	Public Safety Diverse Society	3
SSDA 310	Emergency and Disaster Relief Operations	6
SSDA 315	Insurgency and Conflict	6
SSDA 320	Information Operations	6
Field Study and	d Capstone Courses	
Students select	one of the following field study courses:	6
SOCI 401	Culture and Anthropology	6
SOCI 406	Area Studies	6
ECON 401	Economic Studies	6
INDE 490	Selected Topics	6
Required Caps	tone Course	
CRMJ 400	Capstone	6
Total Credits		63

Minor in Intelligence and Security

Students seeking to earn the minor in Intelligence and Security must complete 24 semester credits in the minor.

Minor Courses

COMM 312	Intercultural Communication	3
INOP 316	Info Ops & Infrastructure	3
INSC 311	Intro Homeland Security Intell	3
INSC 313	Global Security & Intelligence	3
INSC 315	Security Coordin&Collaboration	3
INSC 320	Intelligence Management	3
POLS 302	National Security Policy	3

Total Credits		24
POLS 325	Immigration Law and Policy	3

Faculty Member	Institution at which highest degree was earned
Art Amann, MSCJ	Nova Southeastern University
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