

Criminal Justice

Degree Type

Bachelor of Science (BS)

Admission Requirements

General Undergraduate Admission Requirements

Note: Not all Online Program offerings are available to residents of all U.S. states. Please contact an admissions representative for further information.

To be admitted to any of the undergraduate programs at South University, the prospective student must provide proof of high school graduation as recognized by the state of residence on the date the degree was earned, or the equivalent (e.g. GED with no single test score below 145 or numeric score equivalent to 2.0 on old version or state-issued certificate designated as the equivalent of a High School Diploma) with a minimum CGPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale within 5 weeks of the start date (refer to Conditional Acceptance). The prospective student must also complete the university administered placement tests prior to the start of the first quarter for campus students and during the first session of attendance for online students. South University accepts the International Baccalaureate Program diploma as meeting the requirement for high school graduation. Credentials earned outside the United States must be evaluated by a NACES or AICE-member credential evaluation service. Please speak with an admissions representative for more information.

Students with less than the minimum CGPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale may meet admissions requirements by submitting a minimum combined SAT (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, and Math) score of 700 or 900 on the old SAT, a combined ACT score of 18, or meet the criteria established for acceptance as a transfer student.

Students with less than the minimum CGPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale may be admitted provisionally for two quarters. Failure to achieve a 1.5 CGPA in the first two quarters of attendance will result in dismissal. Students may appeal the dismissal by following the Procedures for Appealing Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal Policy.

Acceptable verification of high school graduation or the equivalent would include a copy of the high school diploma, high school transcript (official or unofficial), GED certificate, or GED scores and state-authorized examination scores (ex. HiSET, TASC) or a state-issued certificate designated as the equivalent of a high school diploma. In states that maintain a database that serves as an official registry of high school and GED graduates, an excerpt from the official database documenting the student's graduation or GED completion may be used.

Campuses in South Carolina must be provided with official high school transcripts or GED scores or state-issued certificates designated as the equivalent of a high school diploma.

Please see the policy on GPA Calculation for Admission for additional information

Conditional Acceptance

Students may be conditionally accepted by submitting unofficial copies of documentation required for the admission requirements. Conditional acceptance is allowed for 5 weeks beyond the start of the student's first session. Failure to provide acceptable, official documentation, as stated in the admissions requirements, within 5 weeks from the start date will result in the following:

- Removal from class

- Cancellation of enrollment
- No final course grades
- No transcript

Students who do not provide acceptable documents for full, unconditional acceptance within the 5 week period will not be responsible for tuition and related fees. South University may grant exceptions to the 5 week period for unusual situations or circumstances. All exceptions must be submitted to the Office of the University Registrar for approval.

Admission of Transfer Students

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To be eligible for admission, transfer students must complete the application procedures and satisfy the following criteria:

1. Submit a completed application for admission.
2. Have earned 24 or more credit hours, or the equivalent (e.g. 16 semester hours), with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 from an acceptable accredited collegiate institution.
3. Submit official transcripts (including verifiable faxed transcripts) from all colleges and universities attended.
4. Submit self-certification of high school graduation or GED completion.

For transfer of credit practices refer to the applicable section under the [Academic Affairs](#) section of this catalog.

To be admitted as a Transfer student into South University the prospective student must have earned 24 or more quarter credit hours or the equivalent (e.g. 16 semester hours), with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 from an acceptable accredited collegiate institution. Official transcripts from the collegiate institution(s) must be received within 5 weeks of the start date (refer to Conditional Acceptance), and who are not required to take ENG0099 and/or MAT0099, will be exempt from taking the UVC1000 Strategies for Success. Students will select another 4 credit course in consultation with their Academic Advisor or Academic Counselor to fulfill the degree requirements.

Students with 24 or more quarter credits with less than a 2.0 GPA may be admitted provisionally for two quarters. Failure to achieve a 1.5 GPA in the first two quarters of attendance will result in dismissal. Students may appeal the dismissal by following the Procedures for Appealing Academic/Financial Aid Dismissal Policy.

Students who are citizens of countries other than the United States should refer to the section entitled International Student Admissions Policy.

Students who are transferring from or to a school within the University of North Carolina or the North Carolina Community College System should be aware of the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement approved by both governing Boards on March 1, 1996 and revised in September of 2008. This agreement may be found in its entirety at the following [website](#).

For additional admissions information please see the admissions section [here](#).

Program Overview and Outcomes

Offered at Austin, Columbia, Montgomery, Online Programs, Richmond, Savannah, Tampa, Virginia Beach, and West Palm Beach

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Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice degree program is designed to give students broad perspectives on the causes of crime and critical insights to the functions of the components of the criminal justice system.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:

1. Demonstrate mastery of skills in the areas of theoretical and applied criminal justice as well as in principles and practices to effectively solve a variety of field-based problems.
2. Understand the causes of crime and delinquency, the process of adjudicating criminal cases, and the major components of the criminal justice system.
3. Demonstrate effective communication and ethical skills as applied to the discipline.
4. Develop the techniques to effectively interpret and make use of research methodology and to apply scientific reasoning to the study of crime and justice.

Courses in the program deal with crime, violence, and other forms of deviance and the responses to these problems by police, courts, and corrections; contemporary criminal justice issues; and ethical concerns and research. Students in the criminal justice program have the opportunity to receive preparation for further study in graduate or professional schools as well as to seek entry-level positions in the criminal justice system upon graduation.

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice: 180 Credits

Area I General Education Requirements: 64 Credits

Professional Development

Course Code	Title	Credits
ITS1000	Computer and Internet Literacy	4.0
UVC1000	Strategies for Success	4.0

Basic Communications

Course Code	Title	Credits
ENG1100	Composition I	4.0
ENG1200	Composition II	4.0

Choose one additional course from the list below:

Course Code	Title	Credits
COM2006	Interpersonal Communication	4.0
SPC1026	Public Speaking	4.0

Mathematics and Statistics

Course Code	Title	Credits
MAT1001	College Algebra I	4.0
MAT2058	Statistics	4.0

Choose one additional courses from the list below:

Course Code	Title	Credits
MAT1005	College Algebra II	4.0
MAT1500	College Mathematics	4.0

Natural Sciences (choose two)

Course Code	Title	Credits
BIO1020	Biology I	4.0
BIO1021	Biology II	4.0
CHM1010	General Chemistry	4.0

Arts and Humanities

Course Code	Title	Credits
HUM1200	Introduction to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion	4.0

Choose two additional courses from the list below:

Course Code	Title	Credits
ENG2002	World Literature I: From the Ancient World to the Middle Ages	4.0
ENG2003	World Literature II: From Enlightenment to Modernity	4.0
ENG2011	Introduction to American Literature: 1865 to present	4.0
ENG2020	Introduction to Film Studies	4.0
HIS1101	U.S. History I: Colonial to 1865	4.0
HIS1102	U.S. History II: 1865 to Present	4.0
HUM1001	History of Art through the Middle Ages	4.0
HUM1002	History of Art from the Middle Ages to Modern Times	4.0
HUM2101	World Civilization I: Prehistory to 1500 C.E.	4.0
HUM2102	World Civilization II: 1500 to Present	4.0
PHI2301	Introduction to Philosophy	4.0
REL1001	World Religions	4.0

Social and Behavioral Sciences

Course Code	Title	Credits
PSY1001	General Psychology	4.0
SOC1001	Introduction to Sociology	4.0

Choose one additional course from the list below:

Course Code	Title	Credits
ECO2071	Principles of Microeconomics	4.0
ECO2072	Principles of Macroeconomics	4.0
POL2076	American Government	4.0
SOC2010	Social Problems	4.0

Area II Foundation Requirements: 44 Credits

Course Code	Title	Credits
BUS1038	Business Law I	4.0
BUS2023	Business Communications	4.0
MGT2037	Principles of Management	4.0

Elective Pool (eight courses or 32 credits)

Transfer students may transfer any course to help fulfill the elective pool requirements, provided the course meets the standards of the Credit for Transcribed and Non-Transcribed Work policy found in the Academic Affairs section of this catalog.

Non-transfer students, with their advisor's consultation and approval may choose courses from any department recommended and listed course or more broadly from any course offered by South University. Work from other fields must include any required prerequisite courses in the elective field.

A course can be used to meet only one requirement in Area I, Area II, or Area III, but not simultaneously in two areas. Students should work with their academic advisor or counselor to be sure they are making appropriate course choices.

Area III Major Requirements: 72 Credits

Core: 44 Credits

Course Code	Title	Credits
CRJ1001	Introduction to Criminal Justice System	4.0
CRJ2100	Introduction to Law Enforcement	4.0
CRJ2200	Introduction to Criminal Courts	4.0
CRJ2300	Introduction to Corrections	4.0
CRJ2800	Criminal Law and Procedures	4.0
CRJ3003	Juvenile Delinquency	4.0
CRJ3004	Race, Class, and Gender in Criminal Justice	4.0
CRJ3005	Criminal Justice Management and Administration	4.0
CRJ3011	Criminology	4.0
CRJ3025	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems	4.0
CRJ3500	Ethics in Criminal Justice	4.0

Program Electives (choose six): 24 Credits

Courses may be selected from this list to apply to Area II Foundation Requirements.

Course Code	Title	Credits
CRJ3014	Criminal Justice and the Media	4.0
CRJ3015	White Collar Crime	4.0
CRJ3023	Organized Crime	4.0
CRJ3024	Serial Killers and Mass Murderers	4.0
CRJ3026	Concepts in Crime Mapping and Prevention	4.0
CRJ3300	Community Based Corrections	4.0
CRJ3600	Introduction to Forensics	4.0
CRJ4001	Victimology	4.0
CRJ4002	Restorative Justice	4.0
CRJ4003	Critical Issues in Criminal Justice	4.0
CRJ4009	Illegal Immigration and the Criminal Justice System	4.0
CRJ4011	Terrorism and Homeland Security	4.0
CRJ4015	Bloodstain Pattern Analysis	4.0
CRJ4021	Cyber Crime	4.0
CRJ4500	Violence in Society	4.0
CRJ4600	Crime Scene Investigation and Case Management	4.0
CRJ4650	Forensic Issues	4.0
CRJ4995	Criminal Justice Internship I	4.0
CRJ4996	Criminal Justice Internship II	4.0
CRJ4997	Criminal Justice Internship III	4.0

Capstone: 4 Credits

Course Code	Title	Credits
CRJ4999	Senior Seminar (Capstone)	4.0

Note(s):

Acceptance into a South University Criminal Justice program or its completion does not imply or guarantee that a student will be able to obtain employment in law enforcement, corrections, probation/parole or related fields. The student should contact the national, state or local agency/institution in which the student intends to gain employment for specific requirements and the application process.

Total Credits	180
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