

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN Criminal Justice Leadership

ONLINE | ON CAMPUS | BLENDED

Leaders in criminal justice must think critically, behave ethically, and make crucial decisions as they protect and serve their communities, sometimes in crisis situations. This requires a deep knowledge and understanding of the philosophical, theoretical, and structural aspects of the criminal justice system as well as effective interpersonal communication and leadership skills. Mercer University's **Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Leadership** prepares individuals for management roles in criminal justice and social service professions, and focuses on ethical decision-making, civic representation, and exploration of the criminal justice system.

Students have the opportunity to take advantage of service-based learning as they earn their degree. The program incorporates opportunities for field experiences through which students can connect theory with practice to gain a greater understanding of the various aspects of the criminal justice system at work. Classes are taught by faculty members who specialize in public safety, law, and corrections, providing an enriching and interdisciplinary experience. Students may choose to complete a minor in **Digital Forensics** to accompany their degree.



ONLINE AND ON-CAMPUS OPTIONS

The B.S. in Criminal Justice Leadership is offered fully online and at Mercer's Atlanta, Douglas County, Henry County, and Macon locations. Students have the flexibility to enroll in a blended combination of online and in-person evening classes. Courses are structured in eight-week terms. On-campus classes meet one night per week, and students can comfortably take two classes per week while maintaining a work-life balance.

Career Opportunities

Mercer University's B.S. in Criminal Justice Leadership equips graduates with the knowledge and skills to succeed as professionals in a wide variety of positions, including roles such as:

- Correctional Treatment Specialist
- Criminal Investigator
- Criminal Profiler
- FBI Agent
- Forensic Examiner
- Fraud Investigator
- Information Security Analyst
- Intelligence Analyst
- Law Enforcement Officer
- Paralegal
- Private Investigator
- Probation/Parole Officer
- Specialty Court Case Manager
- Victim Advocate
- Youth Correctional Counselor

BECOME A DOUBLE BEAR Special Consideration Program

Students in Mercer's B.S. in Criminal Justice Leadership program may be eligible to continue their education through the **Special Consideration Program** and gain special consideration, an application fee waiver, and a 30% tuition benefit for the M.S. in Criminal Justice and Public Safety Leadership program.

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PROGRAM OF STUDY

B.S. in Criminal Justice Leadership

Foundations in Major (36 hours)

ORGL 210	Foundations of Leadership
CRJS 260	Introduction to Criminal Justice
CRJS 305	Contemporary Policing
COMM 350	Organizational Communication
CRJS 350	Theoretical Forensic Criminalistics
CRJS 359	The Judicial Process
CRJS 368	Victimology
CRJS 380	Forensic Behavior
ORGL 380	Applied Research Methods
PSFT 435	Ethics and Public Safety
CRJS 470	Field Experience
CRJS 498	Senior Seminar

Electives in Major (6 hours)

Students will choose two electives.

CRJS 315	Supervision in Criminal Justice
CRJS 361	Criminal Offender
CRJS 370	Current Trends in Criminal Law and Procedure
CRJS 390	Special Topics in Criminal Justice
CRJS 393	Cybercrime
CRJS 401	Issues in Interpersonal Violence

Total major requirements: 42 hours

General education: 39 hours

Electives: 39 hours

Total degree requirements: 120 hours

Students with two or more years of professional experience in their field of study may have the opportunity to apply to complete competency tests. Upon completion of the tests, students may be eligible to earn up to one semester of credits.

Admission to Program

Candidates must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.25 (on a 4.0 scale). The program admits students five times per year in January, March, May, August, and October. Applicants may be eligible to transfer credits toward the degree. Learn more and apply at workingadults.mercer.edu.

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS INCLUDE:

- High school or GED transcript (if applicable)
- Completed application for admission
- \$25 non-refundable application fee (\$50 for international students)
- Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions

International applicants should consult the University catalog for additional requirements.

A Top-Ranked Leader in Education

Founded in 1833, Mercer University is one of America's most distinctive universities. *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked Mercer among the leading universities in the nation—including a “Best Value”—and The Princeton Review consistently ranks Mercer in the **Top 15%** of colleges and universities nationwide.

Students are taught by expert professors who combine class instruction with relevant work experience. Through personal attention and support, students are empowered to achieve their educational and career goals.

Mercer University's College of Professional Advancement continues the University's long-standing commitment to serving professional students seeking advancement into leadership roles in their careers. Distinctive interdisciplinary undergraduate, graduate, and workforce development programs merge theory and practice to help students solve problems and add value in the workplace.



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