BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN

Criminal Justice Leadership



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, civil responsibility, 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 have the option to customize their degree through a minor in Digital Forensics or by earning the Public Safety Response to Mental Illness certificate in tandem with the B.S. in Criminal Justice Leadership.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Format: Online, on-campus, or blended combination of online and on-campus courses

Locations: Online, Atlanta, Douglas County, Henry County, and Macon

Start Terms: January, March, May, August, and October

Course Length: 8 weeks

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Program of Study

Foundations in Major: 36 hours

CRJS 160	Introduction to Criminal Justice
CRJS 205	Contemporary Policing
ORGL 210	Foundations of Leadership
CRJS 250	Theoretical Forensic Criminalistics
COMM 270	Communication for Business and the Professions
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 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
CRJS 415	Supervision in Criminal Justice

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 Requirements

Candidates must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.25 (on a 4.0 scale). Applicants may be eligible to transfer credits toward the degree.

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.

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 priority admission consideration and a Double Bear Scholarship for eligible graduate programs.

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