Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

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Admissions Requirements:
- High school diploma or GED
- A minimum of 24 credit hours completed with a grade of C or better at a technical college or another accredited college or university
- Online application form
- Official transcript for all college work previously completed sent directly from each accredited college or university

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The Criminal Justice degree completion program will:
- Serve the distinctive needs of adult and non-traditional students or active duty military members who plan to complete a four-year degree and advance their professional development.
- Create and support innovative academic opportunities for adult learners who must pursue a four-year degree in a non-traditional manner.
- Allow students to complete their degree uninterrupted—no matter where their military service or professional careers may take them.
- Collaborate with local communities, agencies, and organizations that facilitate effective workplace preparation for students in a demanding, technologically advanced global marketplace.

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The degree completion program in criminal justice consists of 65 hours of prerequisite and general education courses transferred to The Citadel, and 61 hours of criminal justice and upper level courses taken at The Citadel. Transfer credits will be evaluated according to The Citadel's transfer policy. All courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher for consideration.

A minimum of 24 credit hours must be completed prior to acceptance at The Citadel. Some general education credit hours may be taken online through The Citadel, while other courses may be completed through another institution while simultaneously taking upper division criminal justice coursework at The Citadel.

Online students who graduate from the degree completion program are invited to The Citadel campus in Charleston, SC to participate in the May commencement ceremonies.

Prerequisite & General Education Requirements

Writing/English Composition (6 hours)
Humanities/Foreign Language (6 hours)
History (6 hours)
Mathematics (6 hours)
Science (8 hours with lab)
Social Science (6 hours)
Criminal Justice Major Requirements (6 hours)
Lower Division Electives (21 hours)

Note: SOCI 201 is a required lower division elective

Total Credit Hours: 65

The following courses will be taken at The Citadel. Admitted students will work with their advisor to develop an academic plan.

Criminal Justice Degree Completion Curriculum

Orientation Course: 1 hour
Must be taken in the first semester enrolled at The Citadel.

Required Courses: 12 Credit Hours
CRMJ 201 Intro to Criminal Justice – 3
CRMJ 202 Criminology – 3
CRMJ 370 Police Systems – 3
CRMJ 380 Corrections – 3

Upper Level Elective Courses in the Major: 33 Credit Hours

CRMJ 201 is a prerequisite for all criminal justice courses except CRMJ 202. Students may choose from the following list of upper level elective courses in criminal justice. Up to 9 PSCI credit hours can be selected from the list below.

- CRMJ 371 Critical Issues in Law Enforcement – 3
- CRMJ 373 Criminal Evidence – 3
- CRMJ 375 Criminal Justice Administration – 3
- CRMJ 381 Organized Crime – 3
- CRMJ 382 Drugs and Crime – 3
- CRMJ 383 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems – 3
- CRMJ 384 International Crime – 3
- CRMJ 385 Juvenile Delinquency – 3
- CRMJ 386 Research Methods in Criminal Justice – 3
- CRMJ 387 Criminal Investigation – 3
- CRMJ 388 White Collar Crime – 3
- CRMJ 390 Victimology – 3
- CRMJ 391 Criminalistics – 3
- CRMJ 392 Computer Crime – 3
- CRMJ 465 Special Topics in Criminal Justice – 3
- PSCI 302 Urban Politics – 3
- PSCI 310 Domestic Terrorism – 3
- PSCI 342 International Terrorism – 3
- PSCI 361 Law and Legal Process – 3
- PSCI 392 Political Theory – 3
- PSCI 401 Public Policy Process – 3
- PSCI 461 Issues in Contemp. Constitutional Law – 3
- Any 300-400 level course in Sociology – 3

Credit for CRMJ 498 (Independent Study): Approval is required from the department head, the sponsoring faculty member, and the Dean of the Graduate College.

Credit for CRMJ 499 (Internships): Approval is required from the department head.

Any Upper Level Elective Courses: 15 Credit Hours

Total Credit Hours at The Citadel: 61 hours

“Studying at The Citadel is one of the best decisions I could have made in pursuit of my career in the field of criminal justice. The academics offered in this program are of the highest quality and the educators are some of the finest in their respective fields. I wanted a degree program that would push me beyond my preconceived limits and prepare me for the exciting challenges that lay ahead in the field of criminal justice. I am both honored and grateful for the opportunity to study at such a prestigious school and am confident my Bachelor’s degree will open many doors in the future. I would encourage anyone who values their education and reputation to choose the criminal justice degree completion program at The Citadel; personally and professionally it will be the best decision you ever make.”

Cynthia Kennedy
Degree Completion Student
(pictured below)