**Criminology**

**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree**

**DEGREE INFORMATION**

**Priority Admission Application Deadlines:**

**Fall:**  January 15

International applicant deadlines:

<http://www.grad.usf.edu/majors>

**Minimum Total Hours:** 55 Post-Master’s

**Level:** Doctoral

**CIP Code:** 45.0401

**Dept Code:** CJP

**Major/College Codes:** CCJ BC

**Approved** 1998

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**College:** Behavioral & Community

Sciences

**Department:** Criminology (CJP)

**Contact Information:** [www.grad.usf.edu](http://www.grad.usf.edu)

**MAJOR INFORMATION**

The Ph.D. is a research degree granted in recognition of high achievement in criminology. This achievement requires accomplishments beyond the completion of coursework that demonstrate the ability to work independently and contribute to criminological knowledge.

**ADMISSION INFORMATION**

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions) as well as requirements for admission to the major, listed below.

* A master’s degree from a regionally accredited institution and a GPA of at least 3.40 or better (on a 4.00 scale) during graduate study.
* A preferred minimum score of 153 Verbal (61st percentile), 144 Quantitative (18th percentile) or higher on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). All applicants must submit GRE scores taken within five (5) years of the desired term of entry.
* Three 3 letters of recommendation speaking to the applicants academic capabilities
* A statement of purpose detailing reasons for seeking a Ph.D. degree in Criminology, future career plans and research interests.
* A sample of written work providing evidence of the candidate’s academic capabilities. If an applicant has completed a master's thesis, it should be submitted.

**CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS**

Total minimum hours: 55 hours post-master’s

*Core requirements – 22 hours*

*Electives – 9 hours*

*Advanced Research – 6 hours*

*Dissertation – 18 hours*

In addition to the general requirements of the University, the 55 credit hour post-M.A./M.S. degree is as follows

**Core Requirements -22 Hours**

CCJ 6937 1 Pro Seminar in Criminology\*

CCJ 6485 3 Criminal Justice and Public Policy\*

CCJ 6707 3 Quantitative Analysis in Criminology II\* *†*

CCJ 6708 3 Quantitative Analysis in Criminology III

CCJ 7726 3 Research Methods in Criminology II\*\*

CCJ 7605 3 Theories of Criminal Behavior I

CCJ 7606 3 Theories of Criminal Behavior II

CCJ 7065 2 Professional Development in Criminology

CCJ 7940 1 Teaching Practicum in Criminology

**Electives – 9 hours**

Options include:

CCJ6638 3 Seminar in Nature and Causes of Crime

CCJ 6624 3 Seminar in Violence

CCJ 6669 3 Seminar in Social Inequality and Crime

CCJ 6654 3 Seminar in Drugs and Crime

Six graduate credit hours may be taken outside the Department with approval from the Graduate Director. All courses must be USF courses.

*\*For students who have taken CCJ 6937, CCJ 6485 and/or CCJ 6707 or the equivalent as M.A. students, those credit hours will be substituted with additional departmental electives.*

*\*\*An introductory research methods course at the graduate level prior is a pre-requisite to taking this course.*

*†An introductory quantitative analysis at the graduate level prior is a pre-requisite to taking this course.*

**Advanced Research – 6 hours\***

CCJ 7910 6 Advanced Research

*\*Variable credit hours from 1-6 credit hours can be taken in a given semester*

**Dissertation - 18 hours**

CCJ 7980 18 Doctoral Dissertation

In addition to successfully completing these requirements, students will qualify for candidacy as described below and write and defend a dissertation prospectus and dissertation.

**Qualifying Examination**

Students must pass two exams and produce an approved publishable manuscript as determined by a graduate faculty member. The comprehensive exams assess the student’s comprehensive knowledge of (a) theores of criminology, and (b) research methods and data analysis and the student’s (a) innovative, critical and analytical thinking and (b) writing skills.

**COURSES**

See <http://www.ugs.usf.edu/course-inventory/>