

# Graduate Certificate Criminal Justice

## Description

The field of criminology and criminal justice draws on diverse perspectives to explore the nature, extent, management, control, consequences, and prevention of crime and violence. This graduate certificate in Criminal Justice offers current and aspiring professionals the opportunity to develop and enhance research and critical thinking skills, problem solving, and managerial leadership skills to pursue positions in a variety of criminal justice settings, as well as government, research, and private nonprofit agencies. This certificate program meets Department of Education regulations for gainful employment programs; students are eligible to apply for financial aid.

## Courses

### Required courses:

- CJ 5001 Criminal Justice Systems, Policy and Practice
- CJ 5002 Criminological Theory

### Plus TWO of the following courses:

- CJ 5007 Violence
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- CJ 5010 Mapping and Analysis for Public Safety
- CJ 5100 Administration of Criminal Justice
- CJ 5220 American Jury System
- CJ 5410 Victim Studies
- CJ 5430 Drugs, Alcohol, and Crime
- CJ 5510 Contemporary Issues in Policing
- CJ 5520 Corrections
- CJ 5552 Criminal Justice Ethics
- CJ 5553 Women and Crime
- CJ 6200 Wrongful Convictions

## Eligibility

- Bachelor's degree in any field from accredited university
- 2.75 or better cumulative undergraduate GPA
- GRE/GMAT not required

## Additional Information

Certificate coursework is fully transferable into the Master of Public Administration (MPA) or Master of Criminal Justice (MCJ) degree programs.

Current Master of Criminal Justice students may not pursue this certificate.

Courses are offered online and on campus alternately.

Expected time to completion is one to two years, depending on course offerings and preferred modality.

## Admissions

- Apply as graduate student online at [www.uccs.edu/spa](http://www.uccs.edu/spa).
- Pay applicable fee
- Mail official transcripts to:  
UCCS Admissions Office  
1420 Austin Bluffs Pkwy  
Colorado Springs, CO 80918

**For more information, contact:  
[spa@uccs.edu](mailto:spa@uccs.edu) or 719.255.4993**



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