

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

Integrated Undergrad-Grad Programs

Integrated B.A./ B.S. in Criminology and M.P.S. in Criminal Justice Policy and Administration

This Integrated Undergraduate/Graduate (IUG) degree program combines the B.A./B.S. in Criminology with the M.P.S. in Criminal Justice and Policy Administration offered at the following campuses:

Undergraduate Degree

- University Park

Graduate Degree

- World Campus

Requirements listed here are in addition to requirements listed in GCAC-210 Integrated Undergraduate-Graduate (IUG) Degree Programs (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-200/gcac-210-integrated-undergraduate-graduate-degree-programs/>).

This Integrated Undergraduate/Graduate program (IUG) provides an opportunity for academically strong students to complete a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Criminology and a Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.) degree in Criminal Justice Policy and Administration (CJPA) in approximately five years of study.

Admission Requirements

Applicants apply for admission to the program via the J. Jeffrey and Ann Marie Fox Graduate School application for admission (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/admissions/how-to-apply>). Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council policies listed under GCAC-300 Admissions Policies (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/>).

Before applying to the Graduate School, students must have completed entrance to their undergraduate major and have completed no less than 60 credits. Students must be admitted no later than the end of the second week of the semester preceding the semester of expected conferral of the undergraduate degree. Transfer students must have completed at least 15 credits at Penn State to enroll in an IUG.

Admission is selective based on criteria established by the leadership of the CJPA MPS program and Criminology major. Though exceptions are possible, student applicants will generally have a minimum overall GPA of 3.2 (on a 4.0 scale). Students are admitted to the IUG based on good progress in their major, success in statistics, data analysis, and research methods courses (evidenced by letter grades of B+ or greater in the required Criminology courses of CRIM 249 and CRIM 250W), faculty recommendations (two letters), GPA and a 2-page statement of purpose explaining why they want to participate in this program and why they are qualified to do so. Concurrent with application to the IUG program, students must apply to the program via the Graduate School application for admission and must meet all the admission requirements of the Graduate School and the CJPA graduate program for the M.P.S. degree.

Advising

Students admitted to the program are advised by co-advisers, one from each participating unit. Each student will have an adviser in CJPA who will work with the student and an adviser in Criminology to ensure successful completion of the degree. The co-advisers will help the student prepare the initial plan of study, and assist in making changes and approving the student's plan of study each semester during the advising period.

Sequence of Courses

During the first three years of study students will follow the basic course sequence provided for by the existing B.A. or B.S. plan in Criminology. In the fourth year of study they will take three courses that will count both toward the B.A. or B.S. in Criminology and count for the CJPA M.P.S. three elective courses. These courses will be chosen from among the list of CJPA electives.

Plan of Study

Prior to being admitted to the program, and in consultation with their Criminology and CJPA advisers, students must prepare a detailed plan of study for years 4 and 5 of the program. The plan is periodically reviewed by the student and advisers, and revised as necessary. Students must sequence their courses so all undergraduate degree requirements are fulfilled before taking courses to count solely towards the graduate degree.

Degree Requirements

Students must fulfill all degree requirements for each degree in order to be awarded that degree, subject to the double-counting of credits as outlined below. Degree requirements for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Criminology are listed in the Undergraduate Bulletin (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/>). Degree requirements for the Master of Professional Studies in Criminal Justice Policy and Administration degree are listed on the Degree Requirements tab. If students accepted into the IUG program are unable to complete the M.S. degree, they are still eligible to receive their undergraduate degree if all the undergraduate degree requirements have been satisfied.

Students are expected to complete the undergraduate degree requirements within the typical time to degree for the undergraduate major. In the semester in which the undergraduate degree requirements will be completed, IUG students must apply to graduate, and the undergraduate degree should be conferred at the next appropriate Commencement.

Up to 12 credits may be double-counted towards the degree requirements for both the graduate and undergraduate degrees; a minimum of 50% of the double-counted courses must be at the 500 or 800 level. Independent study courses and credits associated with the culminating experience for the graduate degree cannot be double-counted.

Code	Title	Credits
Courses Eligible to Double Count for Both Degrees		
CRIM 430	American Correctional System	3
CRIM 432	Crime and the American Court System	3
CRIM 433	Sentencing	3
CRIM 467	Law and Society	3
CJPA 501	Criminal Justice Institutions	3
CJPA 502	Theories of Crime	3
CJPA 803	Applied Research Methods	3

CJPA 820	Criminal Procedure	3
CJPA 865	Criminal Justice Ethics in a Diverse Society	3
CRIMJ 503	Advanced Statistics in Criminal Justice	3