

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (D.C.J.) - GENERAL

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
CJUS 700	Theories of Crime	3
CJUS 701	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems	3
CJUS 702	Advanced Juvenile Justice Policy	3
CJUS 703	Advanced Corrections Policy	3
Total Hours		12

Code	Title	Hours
Research & Evaluation Core Courses		
CJUS 740	Advanced Research Design	3
CJUS 745	Quantitative Methods of Research	3
CJUS 750	Qualitative Methods of Research	3
CJUS 801	Criminal Justice Program Evaluation	3
Total Hours		12

Code	Title	Hours
Advanced Focus Courses		
CJUS 810	Transnational Organized Crime	3
CJUS 820	Advanced Topics in Terrorism and Intelligence	3
CJUS 830	Criminal Justice Organizational Conflict	3
or CJUS 840	Stress Management in Criminal Justice	
Total Hours		9

Code	Title	Hours
General Cognate		
Government Elective ¹		3
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Total Hours		9

¹ Choose any 700-900 level course offered in the Helms School of Government, with the exception of Dissertation and Capstone courses. Other 700-900 level courses will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Code	Title	Hours
Capstone Courses ¹		
CJUS 885	Research Concept	3
CJUS 887	Capstone I	5
CJUS 888	Capstone II	5
CJUS 889	Capstone III ²	5
CJUS 890	Capstone IV ²	0
Total Hours		18

- ¹ Once the student enters the Capstone phase, they must maintain continuous enrollment (Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters) until all degree requirements are completed.
- ² Any student who is not ready for enrollment in CJUS 890 Capstone IV (0 c.h.) after completing CJUS 889 Capstone III (5 c.h.) may be required, as determined by the student's dissertation chair, to repeat CJUS 889 Capstone III (5 c.h.) until deemed ready for enrollment in CJUS 890 Capstone IV (0 c.h.).

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 60 hours
- A maximum of 50% of a post-graduate and doctoral degree may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 3.0 GPA
- No grades lower than a B- may be applied to the degree
- Successful completion of Capstone Project
- Degree must be completed within 7 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program Offered in Online Format

Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
First Semester		
CJUS 700	Theories of Crime	3
CJUS 701	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems	3
CJUS 702	Advanced Juvenile Justice Policy	3
Hours		9
Second Semester		
CJUS 703	Advanced Corrections Policy	3
CJUS 740	Advanced Research Design	3
CJUS 745	Quantitative Methods of Research	3
Hours		9
Third Semester		
CJUS 750	Qualitative Methods of Research	3
CJUS 801	Criminal Justice Program Evaluation	3
Elective ¹		3
Hours		9
Fourth Semester		
CJUS 810	Transnational Organized Crime	3
Elective ¹		3
Elective ¹		3
Hours		9
Fifth Semester		
CJUS 820	Advanced Topics in Terrorism and Intelligence	3
CJUS 830	Criminal Justice Organizational Conflict	3
or CJUS 840	or Stress Management in Criminal Justice	

Course	Title	Hours
CJUS 885	Research Concept	3
Hours		9
Sixth Semester		
CJUS 887	Capstone I	5
Hours		5
Seventh Semester		
CJUS 888	Capstone II	5
Hours		5
Eighth Semester		
CJUS 889	Capstone III ²	5
Hours		5
Ninth Semester		
CJUS 890	Capstone IV ²	0
Hours		0
Total Hours		60

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² Any student who is not ready for enrollment in CJUS 890 after completing CJUS 889 may be required, as determined by the student's dissertation chair, to repeat CJUS 889 until deemed ready for enrollment in CJUS 890.