

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
Criminal Justice
FROM VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

A Transfer Guide



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Virginia Commonwealth University prospective students should refer to the VCU Transfer guide for complete transfer requirements. (see website at bottom of page).

I. General Education: Students who have completed the A.A., A.S. or A.A.&S. degree will have junior status granted and their general education requirements fulfilled with the following exceptions. Students must have “C” grades or better in composition courses. Foreign language and statistics, if not completed within the associate degree must be taken prior to graduation. Recommended first- and second-year courses for VCCS students:

VCU COURSES	CREDITS	VCCS COURSES
Written Communication	6	ENG 111-112
Mathematics & Statistical reasoning (Statistics level math required)	3-6	MTH 151-152 or 163 or 166 or 170 and MTH 157 or 240 or 241
Ethical Principles	3	PHI 220, 225, 226 or 227
Visual & Performing Arts	2-4	ART 101 or 102; ART 106; ART 121 or 122; ART 125; ART 131 or 132; MUS 101 or 102; MUS 111 or 112; MUS 121 or 122; MUS 131 or 132; MUS 141 or 142; MUS 221 or 222. Performance or studio-related course preferred.
Literature	3	ENG 241 or 242; ENG 243 or 244; ENG 251 or 252; ENG 253 or 254
Computer literacy	0-3	CSC 110 or 155, IST 100, ITE 115 or 116 or pass the Computer Proficiency Assessment at VCU
Civilization One course from each of three areas:	9	Historical and Cultural Origins: HIS 101 or 102; HIS 135; PHI 211 or 212; HIS 111 or 112; REL 231 or 232 American Studies: HIS 121 or 122; HIS 141 or 142; HIS 276; PLS 135, 211 or 212 Global Studies: HIS 111 or 112; PLS 241 or 242; GEO 210; GEO 220
Natural Science	7-9	Two natural sciences, one from the physical sciences and one from the biological sciences. One of the two must have a laboratory. BIO 101, BIO 106, BIO 107, BIO 146 and 147; CHM 101; CHM 111; GOL 105; PHY 101 or 121; PHY 201-202 Note: Students with the A.A., A.S. or A.A.&S. degree may present two semesters of one laboratory science in fulfillment of this requirement.
Foreign Language	0-8	Through the 102 level
Human Behavior	6	PSY 200 or 201-202; SOC 200 or SOC 201- 202; SOC 211-212
Urban Environment	3	Must be fulfilled at VCU/NCI

II. Required Courses that could be taken at a Community College in the last two years of CRJS. All upper level courses must be taken through the VCU/NCI cohort program.

III. Courses that must be taken through VCU/NCI to complete Baccalaureate Degree in CRJS (60 credits)

VCU/NCI COURSES	CREDITS	
CRJS 181	Justice System Survey	3
CRJS 260	Criminal Law	3
CRJS 300	Forensic Criminology	3
CRJS 320	Principles of Criminal Investigation	3
CRJS 330/HSEP 330	Legal and Constitutional Issues in Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness	3
CRJS 350	Evaluation and Treatment of the Offender	3
CRJS 352	Crime and Delinquency Prevention	3
CRJS 355	Foundations of Criminal Justice	3
CRJS 367/HSEP 301	Terrorism	3
CRJS 368/HSEP 302	Emergency Planning and Incident Management	3
CRJS 370	Criminalistics and Crime Analysis	3
CRJS 373	Crime Scene Evidence: Law and Trial Procedure	3
CRJS 375/HSEP 320	The Intelligence Community and the Intelligence Process	3
CRJS 378	Juvenile Justice Law and Process	3
CRJS 432	Criminal Justice Organizations	3
CRJS 463	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems	3
CRJS 475	Case Studies in Criminal Procedure	3
CRJS 480/HSEP 490	Senior Seminar	3
POLI 310	Public Policy	3
POLI 320	Research Methods	3
Total required credits Upper-Division		60

IV. Special Requirements: The Bachelor of Science curriculum in criminal justice requires a minimum of 120 credits. Credits earned in VCCS occupational or technical programs (Applied Science) will be judged on their own merits to determine their applicability toward VCU degree requirements. Before entering the program, the student must have completed one year of a foreign language. In some cases, these courses can be completed as co-requisites. Students will complete major course requirements at NCI in a cohort format.