

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Registration:

How do I search for approved criminology courses?

Not all CCJ courses are approved criminology courses. In order to ensure courses you are taking are Criminology courses, students should enter the letters 'CR' in the academic organization box in the course search. Students can also find the list of approved courses on our website.

Can I be placed in a criminology course? Is there a waiting list for courses that are full?

It is your responsibility to add criminology courses, as advisors do not place students in courses. If you are graduating and unable to add a course by the final day of drop/add (Thursday, August 27), please contact an advisor to resolve the issue. Until then, keep searching for open seats each day.

The College of Criminology and Criminal Justice does not have a waiting list for courses and we are not able to add students to courses that are full. Going to class on the first day doesn't guarantee that you will be in the course (even if there appears to be available seats). Please note that faculty and graduate student instructors cannot add students to classes.

Why can't I register for required courses online?

Criminology majors are prohibited from registering for core courses online, which include CCJ 2020, CCJ 3011, and CCJ 4700.

Criminology is my minor, how do I sign up for classes?

Criminology courses are reserved for criminology majors. Major holds are lifted on the first day of classes each semester. Minors can register for available campus criminology classes during the first day of drop/add. Please note that minors can add online criminology courses at any time.

What does TBA mean?

If TBA is listed for course days and times, this means the course is an online course. It could also mean that your course is remote, but does not have an assigned meeting time.

I thought my class was remote. Why does it have days/times listed?

Some courses are asynchronous, while others are synchronous. Asynchronous courses allow students to complete coursework at their own schedule within the parameters of the instructor's syllabus. In most cases, this means that course activities and assignments can be completed at any time during a given week of the course, rather than at a specific class meeting time. Most FSU online courses are asynchronous. Synchronous courses require students to participate in real-time discussions or lectures that may require logging in via Zoom at a certain time and day.

I keep getting a "seats reserved" message. What does that mean?

If you are a campus student attempting to register for an online criminology course and receive a seats reserved message, it is because you are trying to enroll in a course reserved for Distance Learning Criminology students. When registering for courses please note, there are multiple online sections, some for main campus students and some for distance learning students. To determine what online courses are approved for main campus, please click on the class and scroll down to Class Notes. There you should see "This section is approved for MAIN CAMPUS STUDENTS".

Is there a limit on the number of online courses I can take?

Criminology majors are only permitted to register for two (2) online criminology elective courses. Please note that online criminology courses are more expensive than face-to-face courses. The online limit of 2 courses only applies to criminology coursework. There is no online limit regarding the enrollment of courses offered outside of the major.

Is there a limit on CCJ 4938 courses?

Criminology majors are permitted to register for CCJ 4938 courses up to five (5) times. In order to receive credit for CCJ 4938 courses you must register for a different topic area each time. Sometimes, CCJ 4938 courses are approved with their own course number. Make sure you do not register for the same course again (even though it has a different number). You will not get credit for both courses. Ask an advisor if you are unsure.

Why can't I register for a non-criminology course?

If you receive a "seats reserved" message when attempting to register for a non-criminology course, that specific course may be unavailable for non-majors. To determine when, or if the course may become available for non-major students, please contact the department. Most courses are open to non-majors on the third day of drop/add.

Why are there are no criminology courses being offered this semester?

There are several sections of criminology courses being offered on campus. When searching for criminology courses, be sure to use the academic organization code "CR" and uncheck the "show open classes only" box. This will reveal all major courses being offered for the semester regardless of seat availability.

When will I receive my financial aid?

Questions about financial aid should be directed to the Office of Financial Aid (ofacs@fsu.edu; (850) 644-0539).

Important Information for the first week of class:

First Day Attendance Policy: All students are required to attend the first day of class per university policy. Students who do not attend the first class meeting of a course for which they are registered will be dropped from the course by the academic department that offers the course.

Drop/Add: Registration re-opens for currently enrolled and readmitted degree-seeking students on Saturday, August 22 at 12:01 a.m. Drop/Add will officially end on Thursday, August 27 at 11:59 p.m. You are responsible for all courses on your schedule at the end of drop/add. We are not able to swap out courses so please be sure your schedule is what you want before the end of drop/add.

Walk-in Advising: During the first week of classes the criminology advising office will not be accepting appointments. If you need advising, please make arrangements to speak with an advisor via Zoom between the times of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, or Friday. On Wednesday and Thursday, advisors can be reached via Zoom between the times of 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Advisors are also available via phone or email between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. You are encouraged to see an advisor prior to the first week of classes if possible as student services is extremely busy during that time.

Summer Graduation: If you are a senior planning to graduate in the 2020 Fall semester, you will apply for graduation online through Course Quicklinks at <https://my.fsu.edu>. The summer graduation application will officially open on Monday, August 31 and will close on Friday, September 11. You must submit your online graduation application before the deadline. For further information pertaining to graduation, please visit the following link <http://registrar.fsu.edu/graduation/>.