

CRIMINAL JUSTICE - GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MS)

Application Deadlines

Applications for this program are accepted throughout the year in the fall, spring, and summer.

Application Materials Required for the MS in Criminal Justice

Applicants for the MS in Criminal Justice must submit the following documentation to Graduate Admissions to be considered for admission:

Graduate Admissions
Jacksonville State University
700 Pelham Road North
Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (<https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Apply/Account/Login/>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from the baccalaureate degree awarding institution and **all** transcripts from institutions where post-baccalaureate work has been completed. To be considered for admission, applicants must hold a degree from a institutionally accredited institution or its foreign equivalent. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. At least two of these must be academic or professional references. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
5. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/admission/international-student-applicants/>) section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

Admission Requirements for the MS in Criminal Justice

Applicants for the MS in Criminal Justice must meet both the Graduate Schools requirements and Department of Criminal Justice and Forensic Investigation requirements.

Unconditional Admission

- Applicants to the MS in Criminal Justice must have an undergraduate major in Criminal Justice or its equivalent, as determined by the Department of Criminal Justice and Forensic Investigation.
- Applicants with an undergraduate GPA of at least a 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) are eligible for unconditional admission.

Conditional Admission

- Any applicant failing to meet the requirements for unconditional admission may be conditionally admitted with the recommendation of the graduate faculty in the Department of Criminal Justice and Forensic Investigation and approval of the Dean of the Graduate School.

Applicants who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the student being dropped from graduate studies.

Minimum Requirements for the MS in Criminal Justice with a Concentration in Geographic Information Science and Technology

An overall 3.00 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.00.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Criminal Justice courses		
CJ 5700	Seminar in Contemporary Criminal Justice Issues	3
CJ 5501	Applied Data Analysis for Criminal Justice	3
CJ 5702	Research Methods in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 5505	Criminal Justice Administration	3
CJ 5721	Seminar in Criminological Theory	3
Select three semester hours of graduate courses in Criminal Justice		3
Concentration Requirements		
GIS 5510	Introduction to Spatial Analysis	3
GIS 5520	Spatial Data Collection and Management	3
GIS 5530	Spatial Data, Layout, and Design	3
GIS 5570	Advanced Topics in Spatial Analysis	3
Total Hours		30

30 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree

Graduation and Portfolio

A portfolio of selected coursework is required for this degree; please see the graduate advisor for full details. All students must apply for graduation (<http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>) by the given deadline of the semester (<http://www.jsu.edu/registrar/academic-calendar/>) in which they plan to graduate. Please see the Graduation and Comprehensive Exam (<https://catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-comprehensive-exam/>) section of this catalog for more information.