

Fayetteville State University's Honors Program in Criminal Justice

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REQUIREMENTS:

- 1.) *Admission.* Students majoring in Criminal Justice (teaching or non-teaching) must complete an *Application for Admission* into the Honors Program (uncfsuhonors.edu), earn a minimum of 12 semester hours at FSU, and have a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.3. Applications are accepted only in the spring semester. In addition, the student must secure two letters of recommendation (one of which must be from a college faculty) and write a 250-500 word essay. Admission is based on the student's demonstrated Honors potential at FSU. Transfer students must not have more than 60 semester hours.
- 2.) *Courses.* A grade of "B" or better is required to earn honors credit for the honors course. (Failure to earn honors credit would not prevent a student from earning course credit with a final grade of "C" or "D"). The department requires that each student sign a contract for each honors course in the major. The contract details and explains the extra assignments and projects for the honors students enrolled in the course. To maintain eligibility to enroll in honors courses (or seek honors credit in regular classes), students must maintain a minimum cumulative 3.3 Grade Point Average with at least 12 earned hours per semester. Students must complete at least four courses designated as Honors in the University College.
- 3.) *Service Learning Experiences, Events, and Other Extracurricular Activities.* Students in Honors Criminal Justice are assigned a departmental Honors Coordinator, who will design appropriate service learning experiences (internships, cooperative education, Study-Aboard, student conferences, etc.) in the program.
- 4.) *Certification Requirements.* To graduate with Honors in Criminal Justice, a student must complete 30 hours of honors credit, 12 of which are at the University College level, and 18 of which are in the major, or upper division. The Criminal Justice honors student must complete the following six honors courses in the major: A choice of CRJC 351 (Special Problems in Criminal Justice) or CRJC 370 (Special Topics in Criminal Justice); CRJC 420 (Criminological Theory); CRJC 411 (Criminal Justice Research); CRJC 450 (Seminar in Criminal Justice); and 6 hours of CRJC 430 (Internship in Criminal Justice). In consultation with the department Honors Coordinator and the Honors Program Director, the student must successfully complete at least three hours of independent research at the Honors level (part of the 18 hours) and/or write an honors thesis that is approved by two Criminal Justice faculty and the Honors Program. This requirement may be fulfilled through the Seminar in Criminal Justice course. The student must successfully defend the Honors thesis in a public forum that will include members of the faculty and fellow students. Students who participate in a Study-Aboard may earn six credit hours toward their degree, thus reducing the 30 Honors credit expectation by six hours.**

- 5.) In addition to satisfying the standard course requirements, the honors student will satisfactorily complete the following work to receive honors credit. The specific assignment(s) and requirements will be determined by the instructor of the course. The following list represents some potential assignments the honors student may be asked to complete. This list is not comprehensive and is subject to change.
- a. Reaction papers
 - b. Article critiques
 - c. Book reviews
 - d. Annotated bibliographies
 - e. Case studies
 - f. Policy Analysis papers

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HONORS CREDIT BY CONTRACT**

An honors contract is for additional and meritorious work completed in conjunction with the regular class. The in-depth honors study project should center on inquiry, discover, and critical thinking. It should be a project above and beyond the normal requirements and expectations of the course.

Student _____ Banner # _____

Course _____ Section # _____

Professor _____ Semester/Year _____

I agree to do the above project in accordance with the Honors and departmental standards.

Student _____	Date _____
Instructor _____	Date _____
Department Chair _____	Date _____
Honors Program Director _____	Date _____

HONORS CERTIFICATION

Honors Project Completed and Accepted: No__ Yes__ Final Course Grade: _____
I certify the above-named student has satisfactorily completed the Honors by Contract in this course, according to the standards of department, the Fayetteville State University, and the Honors Program Guidelines.

Instructor _____	Date _____
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