

# Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Crime Analysis

## Frequently Asked Questions

Prospective students often ask how long the **Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Crime Analysis** takes to complete, what the program costs and if financial aid is available, and if the degree is awarded through USC Upstate.

You can find answers to these questions below.

- Completion time varies based on accumulated credits in general education and other courses required for the major. The degree requires 120 credit hours. It is up to the student and advisor to decide the appropriate number of hours to take each semester.
- Students are eligible to receive applicable federal and state financial aid assistance. Current fees and tuition rates can be viewed at [www.palmettocollege.sc.edu](http://www.palmettocollege.sc.edu).
- The degree is awarded by the University of South Carolina Upstate and meets the same rigorous standards and accreditation as any traditional degree from UofSC.

## Prepare for Your Future

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Crime Analysis is designed to provide students with a powerful set of tools and strategies for collecting and using data to identify crime patterns and inform policing decisions. Graduates go on to become crime analysts who support public safety and help to enhance the effectiveness of their agencies.

As a student in the Criminal Justice program, you'll enjoy a well-rounded experience that will empower you with critical thinking, communication, writing, and analytical skills along with comprehensive knowledge and hands-on training in the core principles related to crime and criminal justice, including the study of crime, courts, policing, corrections, offenders and victims. You'll also specialize your studies with coursework in crime analysis, which combines data science with policing knowledge to solve problems in communities.

## Why should I complete a bachelor's degree in criminal justice?

This degree program provides students with the basic skills required for an entry-level position as a Crime Analyst in a local, state, or federal law enforcement agency.

## Why should I complete a degree online from USC Upstate through Palmetto College?

USC Upstate is the #1 ranked public baccalaureate university in South Carolina and the South's best college for veterans. As a Palmetto College student, you'll have access to USC Upstate's academic resources and enjoy a flexible schedule without having to relocate. And best of all, when you're finished with the program, you'll graduate with a degree from a top-notch, nationally recognized university.

## For More Information

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A vital tool for helping law enforcement respond to, solve, and even prevent crime, a career as a crime analyst is an excellent opportunity to help communities and support policing function.



Crime analysts offer critical support for any agency employing evidence-based policing strategies.

## Prerequisites and Requirements

**To apply for this online degree program, students must have:**

- Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in all previous college-level course work
- Students transferring credits into the program are encouraged to have completed the following courses:
  - Two courses in Composition
  - College Math (or higher) and Statistics
  - Public Speaking or Interpersonal Communication
  - Natural Science with a Lab
  - Humanities
  - History
  - Two courses in world language, or placement in the intermediate level in world language

## Curriculum

Students in our Criminal Justice, Crime Analysis degree program will learn how to use statistics, mapping, and data science to figure out which factors are coming together to create crime problems.

**The curriculum includes coursework in the following disciplines:**

- Law and Judicial Systems - **6 credit hours**
- Policing and Corrections - **6 credit hours**
- Advanced Issues related to Crime - **3 credit hours**
- Criminological Theory and Research - **6 credit hours**
- Crime Analysis (including courses on tactical, strategic, and practical crime analysis) - **15 credit hours**