



Criminology and Criminal Justice
Internship FAQs

Why complete an internship?

Internships provide students with the opportunity to gain work experience in a criminal justice organization and explore different careers within an agency.

Who is eligible to complete an internship for academic credit?

Undergraduates with a minimum FIU GPA of 2.0 and graduate students with a minimum FIU GPA of 3.0 may earn academic credit for an internship.

How many internship credits can I earn?

Undergraduate students may earn a maximum of 12 credits for an internship. Graduate students may earn a maximum of 6 credits for an internship.

Can I complete more than one internship?

Students may complete more than one internship for credit as long as they do not exceed the total possible number of academic credits permitted for internships.

How long is an internship?

As internships for credit should be a minimum of 12 weeks, internships may only be completed during regular (Fall, Spring and Summer C) academic terms.

Where can I intern?

Students may intern for any agency that is directly related to criminal justice or criminology. Internships may be completed anywhere in the world as long as your work can be verified. Many students choose to intern with local, state, or federal law enforcement agencies, the State Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, the Department of Corrections, and for judges and criminal defense firms. A list of possible agencies is available on the department's website.

How do I apply for an internship?

Students must apply directly to the desired agency. Keep in mind that agencies may have their own separate applications and deadlines.

Students interested in graduate education should consider interning for a faculty member and working on faculty research.



Do I have to take a course?

Undergraduate students must enroll in CCJ 4940 and graduate students must enroll in CCJ 6946 to earn academic credit for internships.

How do I earn a grade?

The internship courses, CCJ 4940 for undergraduates and CCJ 6946 for graduate students, are tuition-generating courses for which letter grades are earned. The final grade is based upon successful completion of the hours required, a reflection paper, and the supervisor evaluation. All course assignments may be submitted electronically via Canvas.

Can I be paid for interning?

Internships with law enforcement or other state agencies are normally unpaid. There are opportunities within the private sector that may result in payment.

How do I register?

To participate in an internship, you must: 1) meet the minimum requirements; 2) secure an internship; 3) submit the FIU CJ Internship Application available on the department website (cj.fiu.edu/internship); 4) wait for the internship to be approved by the Field Experience Director; 5) register for CCJ 4940 or CCJ 6946.

Need more information?

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