

On-campus program: Choice of completing a specialization (forensic investigation or victims and offenders) is only available to on-campus students. Students are not required to complete a specialization. Online program: Online students complete the required courses and elective courses made available in our part-time [online program](#).

**Required or Core Courses** (18 credit hours): Must complete all **6** courses.

CRJU 6010	Criminal Justice Processes and Institutions
CRJU 6020	Research Methods in Criminal Justice
CRJU 6030	Data Analysis and Interpretation in Criminal Justice
CRJU 6050	Nature of Crime
CRJU 6400	Criminal Justice Policy Analysis
CRJU 6510	Seminar in Criminal Justice Ethics

**Specialization Courses** (12 credit hours): Choose **4** courses from **one** of the following specializations.

Note: Listed below are courses that have been offered as approved specialization courses in recent years. Online students and on-campus students not completing a specialization may choose from these courses to satisfy their elective hours.

### **Forensic Investigation**

CRJU 6100	Seminar in Contemporary Policing
FORI 5400	Law, Evidence, and Procedure in Forensic Science
FORI 6250	Exploitation Crime
FORI 6300	Cold Case Investigation

**OR**

### **Victims and Offenders**

CRJU 6150	Seminar in Contemporary Juvenile Justice
CRJU 6200	Seminar in Contemporary Corrections
CRJU 6220	Treatment and Assessment
CRJU 6500	Race, Gender, and Diversity Issues in Criminal Justice
CRJU 6820	Topics: Victimology
FORI 6250	Exploitation Crime

### **Capstone or Culminating Experience**

- Plan I** – Requires the writing and defense of a thesis.  
CRJU 6990: Thesis research (3 credit hours required)
- Plan II** – Requires completing a portfolio that is formally submitted in your final semester of study.

Students can satisfy the capstone or culminating experience requirement by completing a thesis (Plan I) or portfolio (Plan II). The default assumption is that a student will complete a portfolio (Plan II) to satisfy this degree requirement. Please let the graduate coordinator (Adam Watkins, [adammw@bgsu.edu](mailto:adammw@bgsu.edu)) know if you have interest in completing a thesis.