

BA/MS Combined Program Change Requests
Effective Fall 2019

Current BA/MS Combined Program Description: ~~This program offers FAU Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice students the opportunity to complete the M.S. degree program in less time than would be required normally after graduating with the B.A. degree. B.A. students can complete up to 12 credits (with approval of the graduate coordinator) of M.S. courses during their senior year. These courses count as electives toward the B.A. The remaining 21-24 credits required for the M.S. can be completed in as few as 15 months following graduation with the B.A.~~

Updated BA/MS Combined Program Description: The B.A./M.S. in Criminal Justice combined degree program will enable outstanding students to graduate with both a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and a Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice, in as little as 5 years. The program is 153 credit hours (B.A./M.S. with thesis or non-thesis tracks). Students complete 120 hours for the undergraduate degree and 33 hours for the graduate degree. Students complete the undergraduate degree first, taking no more than 12 credit hours of graduate coursework in their senior year, which can be used to satisfy requirements for both degrees. Prospective students must formally apply to this program and meet all admission requirements.

Current BA/MS Combined Program Admission Requirements and Academic Standing:

1. Applications to the advanced standing program may be submitted by students by the end of their junior year of study and no later than July 1. Applicants must have no academic deficiencies at the time of application.
2. Applicants must have a minimum undergraduate FAU GPA of 3.5 in order to be admitted to the program.
3. Students must provide a letter of intent, a letter of recommendation from a professor, as well as a strong academic writing sample.
4. It is strongly recommended that Criminology and Methods of Research be completed prior to starting the B.A./M.S. advanced degree program. At a minimum, Methods of Research (CCJ 4700) should be IN PROGRESS by the time the student applies for the program. Criminology (CCJ 3014) and Ethics and the Justice System (CCJ 4054) must be completed BEFORE the spring of a student's senior year.
5. Continued involvement in the B.A./M.S. program is contingent upon good academic standing in both programs. This includes maintenance of an overall 3.0 cumulative GPA in the Master's program. Student progress will be evaluated every semester. Students who do not maintain good academic standing in both programs and/or who drop below the required 3.0 overall GPA in the Master's program may be placed on academic probation during the semester immediately

following the one in which their cumulative GPA dropped below 3.0. Failure to regain a 3.0 cumulative GPA within two successive semesters thereafter results in dismissal from the program. Students may also be dismissed at any time that they are not making satisfactory progress toward completion of the degree, or for serious violations of academic integrity.

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2. Applicants must have a minimum undergraduate FAU GPA of 3.5 or higher **in the most recent 60 credits of undergraduate coursework, as well as a grade of “B” or better in both undergraduate research methods and the statistics course, STA 2023**, in order to be admitted to the program.
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