Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

The mission of the 2 + 2 program in Criminal Justice is to foster an intellectually stimulating experience that prepares students to work within the criminal justice system and its related fields as well as laying the academic foundation for graduate study.

Students who major in Criminal Justice use a variety of analytical and research skills to study the complex nature of the U.S. criminal justice system as well as international systems of justice. Through a variety of courses in political science, psychology, sociology, and philosophy, students learn about the causes and consequences of crime and the philosophy and practices used to prevent it. Students apply data analysis and problem-solving strategies to gain insight into political, social, cultural, philosophical, and psychological forces that shape today’s criminal justice policies, programs and practices. They also gain in-depth knowledge of the structure and functions of law enforcement agencies, the courts, and corrections systems.

A Partnership in Education...

The cooperative 2 + 2 program formed by Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC) and The Citadel permits students to complete their associate’s degree at HGTC and then take courses in the major at The Citadel, culminating in a bachelor’s degree from The Citadel.

Getting Started

The following steps will get you on your way to earning your associate’s degree from HGTC and bachelor’s degree from The Citadel:

- Submit HGTC’s online application along with the nonrefundable application fee.
- Send a copy of your high school transcript, diploma or GED to HGTC. If you want to transfer credits from other colleges, submit official transcripts.
- Provide qualifying scores on the SAT, ACT or HGTC’s free placement test.
- Visit HGTC’s Orientation Center for assignment to a 2+2 academic advisor.
- Complete specified courses at HGTC with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- Complete and return an undergraduate application to The Citadel Graduate College (CGC) located in Bond Hall, Room 101.
- Submit an official transcript of all work completed directly from each accredited college or university.
- Students may begin taking courses at The Citadel at any time as long as prerequisites have been met and an official HGTC transcript has been provided.

A 2+2 program brought to you by:
The Citadel &
Horry-Georgetown Technical College

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I know what to sign up for while I’m at HGTC?

You will work closely with your 2+2 advisor during your time at HGTC to plan your schedule so that it fits your needs and meets the requirements at The Citadel.

Which college is on my diploma, HGTC or The Citadel?

After completing the entire 2+2 curriculum, you will receive two diplomas: one from HGTC showing your Applied Sciences degree and one from The Citadel showing your Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice.

When and where are classes at HGTC held?

HGTC courses are offered in traditional classrooms on campus, as well as online during the fall, spring and summer semesters. Please call for more information.

When and where are classes at The Citadel held?

Most of the classes at The Citadel are held one night per week in a civilian environment. Some classes will be offered online or on the weekend. Visit www.citadel.edu for directions.
The 2 + 2 program in Criminal Justice consists of 65 hours of general education and criminal justice credit hours at HGTC plus 55 hours of upper division credit hours at The Citadel comprising 40 credit hours in the major and 15 credit hours in elective courses.

If you have credits from another institution, they will be evaluated according to The Citadel policy.

Courses Taken at Horry-Georgetown Technical College

General Education 38 Hours
Writing/English Composition (6 hours)
ENG 101 English Composition I – 3
ENG 102 English Composition II – 3

Humanities/Foreign Language (6 hours)
MUS 105 Music Appreciation – 3
ART 101 Art History and Appreciation – 3
ART 108 History of Western Art – 3
PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy – 3
PHI 111 Ethics – 3
PHI 201 History of Philosophy – 3
REL 103 Comparative Religions – 3
THE 101 Introduction to Theater – 3
SPE 205 Speech Communications – 3
FRE/SPA/GER 101 and 102 – 6

History (6 hours)
HIS 201 American History to 1877 – 3 (Required)
HIS 101 Western Civ. to 1689 – 3

Total Credit Hours at HGTC: 65

Courses Taken at The Citadel

Orientation Course: 1 hour
Must be taken in the first semester enrolled at The Citadel.

Required Courses: 6-12 Credit Hours
CRMJ 201 Intro to Criminal Justice (Required If Not Taken at HGTC) – 3
CRMJ 202 Criminology (Required If Not Taken at HGTC) – 3
CRMJ 370 Police Systems – 3
CRMJ 380 Corrections – 3

Upper Level Elective Courses in the Major (Must be at 300 level or higher): 33 Credit Hours

Note: CRMJ 201 is a prerequisite for all criminal justice courses except CRMJ 202. Students may choose from the following list of upper level elective courses in criminal justice:

CRMJ 371 Critical Issues in Law Enforcement – 3
CRMJ 373 Criminal Evidence – 3
CRMJ 375 Criminal Justice Administration – 3
CRMJ 381 Organized Crime – 3
CRMJ 382 Drugs and Crime – 3
CRMJ 383 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems – 3
CRMJ 384 International Crime – 3
CRMJ 385 Juvenile Delinquency – 3
CRMJ 386 Research Methods in Criminal Justice – 3
CRMJ 387 Criminal Investigation – 3
CRMJ 388 White Collar Crime – 3
CRMJ 390 Victimology – 3
CRMJ 391 Criminalistics – 3
CRMJ 392 Computer Crime – 3
CRMJ 465 Special Topics in Criminal Justice – 3

Three of the following courses can count as an upper level elective in the major:

PSCI 392 Political Theory – 3
PSCI 401 Public Policy Process – 3
PSCI 461 Issues in Contemp. Constitutional Law – 3
SOCI 201, 202 and any 300-400 level course in sociology – 3

Credit for CRMJ 498 (Independent Study) and CRMJ 499 (Internships): Approval is required from the participating faculty member, the 2 + 2 program director, and the Associate Dean of Evening Undergraduate Studies.

Any Upper Level Elective Courses: 15 Credit Hours

Recommended: Minor in Leadership Studies

The minor in Leadership Studies consists of courses from a number of academic departments. The minor is intended to highlight and reinforce the centrality of leadership in The Citadel experience. The minor focuses more on an understanding of the nature of leadership than on the development of leadership skills. This minor is intended for students who wish to supplement their study in those content areas with a scholarly consideration of the subject of leadership. The minor consists of five courses or 15 credit hours (at least three courses or 9 credit hours must be completed at The Citadel).

Total Credit Hours at The Citadel: 55 hours