



Accelerated BA in Criminal Justice (250) and a MS in Homeland Security (579)

Application

Applicants to the accelerated BA/MS program in Criminal Justice (BA) and Homeland Security (MS) will meet the following criteria, in addition to the admission criteria established by the Graduate School:

- Must be a student in the School of Social Sciences and Applied Programs majoring in CJ.
- Junior Standing
- Apply and be accepted to Graduate School
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.2 or higher
- Three letters of recommendation
- Statement of Purpose – Serves as a writing sample and includes the applicant's reason for applying and preparation for the program; strengths and experiences that are relevant; and how the program can help the applicant realize expectations and goals.
- Resume or CV

Requirements:

Students must complete all Northwestern State University common core curriculum requirements as well as the degree requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice per the 121 credit hours reflected below and on the attached.

Students in the accelerated degree program must complete the requirements on the M.S. in Homeland Security. They must complete a thesis or paper-in-lieu by completing HS 5900.

Students in the accelerated program awarded both the B.A. and M.S. degrees upon completion of all the program's requirements.