

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURE GRADUATE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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Program Code	CJAP_GCT
Campus(es)	World Campus

The Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice Administration and Procedure aims to provide students with a broad understanding of the social science study of criminal justice institutions, their decision-making processes, and criminal procedure. The program analyzes key sentencing concepts and criminal justice theoretical perspectives on court organization and criminal procedure. The program also presents a comprehensive overview of ethical systems, theories of justice, moral development, police ethics and discretion, legal behavior, and misconduct in the criminal justice system, with a focus on ethics in law enforcement, the courts, and corrections. This 9-credit graduate certificate consists of three required courses from the Master of Professional Studies in Criminal Justice Policy and Administration (MPS CJPA) program.

Courses taken in the certificate program may be applied toward the M.P.S. in Criminal Justice Policy and Administration, subject to restrictions outlined in GCAC-309 Transfer Credit (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-309-transfer-credit/>). Certificate students who wish to have certificate courses applied towards a graduate degree must apply and be admitted to that degree program. Admission to the graduate degree program is a separate step and is not guaranteed.

Effective Semester: Fall 2025

Ending Semester: Spring 2030