University of Maryland
Criminology and Criminology Justice

At The Universities at Shady Grove
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What is CCJS at USG?

The Universities at Shady Grove (USG) is located in Rockville, MD and is a full-service campus that offers select undergraduate and graduate degree programs from nine Maryland universities. The Criminology and Criminal Justice (CCJS) program is an undergraduate degree offered by the University of Maryland on the Shady Grove Campus. Programs at the Universities at Shady Grove cater to transfer students--meaning we only offer 300 and 400 level classes on our campus. Students that attend the CCJS at USG program have the same curriculum and receive the same degree as students on the main campus; however, CCJS at USG students receive the following benefits:

**Personalized Advising**
Our academic advising is streamlined to give you an individualized experience. You will be assigned a personal advisor to assist you with academic planning. Prospective students are also able to meet with advisors for pre-transfer planning.

**Increased Scholarship Opportunities**
In addition to applying for federal aid, students are eligible to apply for UMD and Shady Grove scholarships. That’s TWO pools for scholarships! Each year, USG awards approximately one million dollars to transfer students just like you.

**Small Class Sizes**
Our program has an average of 30-35 students per classroom. This gives you the opportunity to make connections with faculty and peers and to engage in class discussion.

**Professional Faculty**
Our faculty are primarily working professionals who capitalize on their educational & professional expertise to provide you a well-rounded experience in the classroom.

**Active Student Life**
USG has 80+ student clubs and organizations to choose from. Our student organization, CRIMSA, is always busy with career, volunteer, and social activities and provides you with leadership opportunities on campus.
What Would I Study in CCJS at USG?

The CCJS at USG major allows students to study disciplines such as policing, courts, corrections, juvenile delinquency, and research methods. In addition to studying the major tenants of criminology & criminal justice, students will get to pick from a wide array of elective courses such as digital forensics, human trafficking, homeland security, domestic violence, addictive behaviors, homicide investigation, and legal advocacy, to name a few.

How Do We Prepare You For Success?

Professional Mentorship
Semesterly Advising
Free Career Counseling
Networking Opportunities
Career-focused Coursework
Internship Credit
What Can I Do After Graduation?

The CCJS at USG program prepares students for a variety of career or higher education pathways! Some students choose to pursue law enforcement or a position with a federal agency, while others intend to use this degree to continue on towards a masters degree or law school. Students with a passion for advocacy, investigation, cyber forensics, or research will also find this major to be excellent preparation!

Career Paths

- Law
- Corrections
- Social Services
- Private Sector
- Victim/Youth Advocacy
- Law Enforcement/Investigation

Graduate School

Some careers may require graduate-level education. Take some time to explore the variety of criminal justice-related graduate programs at both USG and UMD.
How Can I Be a Competitive Applicant?

Prerequisites:
The following courses should be completed with a C- or higher.

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* Other high level math/statistic courses may be applicable. Please speak to CCJS at USG advisor for more information.

Complete your A.A. Degree (approximately 60 credits)
Completion of an A.A. degree from Montgomery College will show completion of the UMD General Education Requirements (except for Professional Writing). Since USG is a campus specifically for transfer students, we only offer upper-level coursework. It is important to have all (or most) of your lower-level courses done before you transfer.

Maintain a GPA of 2.5 or above
Competitive applicants typically have a minimum transfer GPA of 2.5 when applying to the CCJS at USG program. The minimum admissible GPA to the University of Maryland is a 2.0.

Schedule a Pre-Transfer Advising Appointment
It's never too early to meet with a pre-transfer advisor. Email ccjsusg@umd.edu to schedule an appointment.
How Do I Apply?

Go to [www.admissions.umd.edu/apply](http://www.admissions.umd.edu/apply)

Click “Start Your Application” and create a Coalition profile

Follow prompts to complete your profile & UMD application

Application Requirements:

- Transfer essay
- A $75 application fee
- Resumes & recommendation letters are OPTIONAL for transfer students

Once your application is submitted, students must send transcripts from ALL previously attended universities. Most colleges will allow you to send your transcripts electronically to the University of Maryland, College Park. Students that need to send a physical transcript can mail them to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

UMD at USG Deadlines

Fall Priority Deadline: **June 1**
Spring Priority Deadline: **November 15**

Applications submitted after the priority deadline will be considered on a rolling basis.
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Additional Resources

Learn more about:

- CCJS Virtual Information Sessions
- The Universities at Shady Grove
- Transfer Access Programs

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