The Graduate School policy on Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) allows for the award of credit under a number of circumstances. For the Department of Criminal Justice, graduate credit may be awarded and applied to substitute for the 6-credit hour capstone experience in two ways:

1. The candidate will petition for the credit by way of a portfolio containing appropriate documentation, e.g., certificates of training, which demonstrates the level and applicability of the prior learning experience. The Graduate Coordinator will make recommendations as to the number of credits to be awarded, if any.

2. Candidates who have completed any of the following courses will be approved for the 6-credit hours of PLA credit without further review:

   A. The FBI Academy (Special Agent or Analyst)
   B. The FBI National Academy
   C. The Academy Group Violent Crime Behavior I or II
   D. International Criminal Investigative Analysis Fellowship
   E. Twelve (12) one-day professional development courses through the PA Center for Criminological and Forensic Sciences
   F. IACP Criminal Investigations Management Program
   G. Board Certified Behavior Analyst Credential
   H. FLETC Criminal Investigations Program
   I. DEA Basic Agent Training
   J. CIA Career Analyst Program
   K. CIA Clandestine Service Training (CST) Program
   L. Full Member or Fellow of any section in AAFS
   M. Full Member of the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals
   N. International Law Enforcement Academy
   O. RCMP Training Academy (Police Officer, Analyst, or Crime Scene Training))
   P. Canadian Police College: Intelligence, Explosives, Forensic Identification, Investigative, and Technological Crime Training.
   Q. London Metropolitan Police Academy
   R. British College of Policing: Forensic Science, Intelligence, Terrorism, and the International Academy
   S. DoD Intelligence or Counterintelligence programs that meet training requirements for analyst or special agent positions.
   T. Board Certification with the International Association for Identification
   U. IICI International Investigator Course
   V. IACA Certified Law Enforcement Analyst (CLEA)
   W. U.S. Army Military Police Commander’s Course or similar program of any DoD component