

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, M.S.

Master of Science in Criminal Justice

The Master of Science program in criminal justice is a practitioner-oriented and theoretically grounded course of advanced study that prepares students for professional advancement and/or advanced graduate work. It is intended for personnel working in the criminal justice system and related fields, as well as for students preparing for such careers.

The Department of Criminal Justice is a diverse learning community of educators and students in an urban setting, dedicated to a multi-disciplinary education, merging theory and practice in service to society and the dynamic nature of criminal justice.

Admission

It is the policy of the Graduate Program in Criminal Justice to admit those students who, in the opinion of the Admissions Committee, demonstrate promise of succeeding in our curriculum. Primary consideration is given to the applicant's academic record. Additional evidence of potential for graduate study is shown by scores on appropriate entrance examinations, letters of recommendation, and applicable professional experience. The Admissions Committee seeks to make its decisions based upon a holistic view of the individual applicant. Candidates are advised that admission is competitive, and that it may not be possible to admit all qualified applicants. Candidates who fail to meet the published minimum standards of the University will be granted the opportunity to meet with the Admissions Committee to support their applications.

NOTE: Those students admitted to the master's program that have had neither undergraduate course work in criminal justice, nor relevant work experience in criminal justice, may be required to take preparatory academic work. This may include a sequence of readings or the undergraduate course, Introduction to Criminal Justice.

Program Requirements

The program requires 33 graduate credits distributed among a core of criminal justice courses, elective work and the completion of a Master's Project.

Master's Project Requirement

Upon completion of 24 credits (including CJ 605), all students are required to enroll in CJ 671. Students will choose an area of specialized study for their project with the approval of the Graduate Advisor. When the project is approved, and all requirements met, the student may qualify for graduation.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Core Courses		15
CJ 605	Criminal Justice Research I	
CJ 615	Theory and Practice Police Administration	
CJ 625	Contemporary Corrections	
CJ 630	The Judicial System	
CJ 645	The Nature of Crime	
Elective Courses: Select 5 courses		15
CJ 600	The Criminal Justice System and Urban Communities	
CJ 601	Grant Proposal Writing	

CJ 602	Crime in the Global Context	
CJ 610	The Criminal Justice Profess.	
CJ 611	Graduate Seminar in Criminal Justice	
CJ 616	Elite Deviance	
CJ 620	Operational Strategy in Police Administration	
CJ 635	Seminar on Community Corrections	
CJ 640	The Juvenile Justice System	
CJ 650	Legal Issues in Criminal Justice	
CJ 655	Community Crime Prevention	
CJ 657	Qualitative Research Methods for Program and Policy Analysis	
CJ 660	Critical Issues in Policing	
CJ 670	Supervised Professional Placement	
CJ 680	Criminal Justice Management	
CJ 685	Planning in the Criminal Justice System	
CJ 690	Workshop in Criminal Justice Administration and Decision-Making	
Independent Study		
Master's Project		3
CJ 671	Master's Project	
Total Credits		33

Criminal Justice graduate students must take five core classes (15cr) and five classes in the electives area (15cr) plus the Master's Project (3cr) total of 33 credits.

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Semester 1		
CJ 605	Criminal Justice Research I	3
CJ 615	Theory and Practice Police Administration	3
CJ Elective Course		3
		Credits
		9
Semester 2		
CJ 625	Contemporary Corrections	3
CJ 630	The Judicial System	3
CJ Elective Course		3
		Credits
		9
Second Year		
Semester 1		
CJ 645	The Nature of Crime	3
CJ Elective Course		3
CJ Elective Course		3
		Credits
		6
Semester 2		
CJ 671	Master's Project	3
CJ Elective Course		3
		Credits
		6
Total Credits		33