CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.)

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Master's program in Criminology and Criminal Justice operates on the principle that social policy, advocacy, research, decision-making, and leadership in criminal justice require a broad academic experience; strong analytical, critical thinking and communication skills; and the ability to draw from social theory, existing scholarship, and various research methodologies in the pursuit of knowledge production, policy development and implementation, and problem-solving. A foundational component of this principle is the focus within the program on urgent social issues and alternative approaches to leadership and administration, policy research/analysis, and qualitative/quantitative research methods.

As such, the goals of the Master's program for graduates include proficiency in the following areas:

1. the theoretical and historical foundations of criminology and criminal justice;

2. the methods of gathering and analyzing information for research purposes;

3. essential research contributions in the discipline, and

4. policy-making, research and instructional responsibilities, and leadership positions within organizational and educational institutions in criminology and criminal justice.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must:

- meet the requirements of the Graduate School;
- hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution;
- have achieved an undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 overall or 3.25 in the last 60 hours of the baccalaureate program.

Program Requirements

CIP Code: 43.0104

Graduate students must complete A a minimum of 30-36 semester hours for the Master of Science degree, depending on whether a thesis or non-thesis program is followed. The following courses are required of all students: CRJ 800 Advanced Crimi Justice Studies; CRJ 809 Criminal Justice Evaluation & Statistical Analysis; CRJ 810 Criminological Theory; CRJ 818 Criminal Justice Research Methods. A maximum of nine hours of approved, outside credit may be transferred to this degree program. All outside credit must be approved by the Department Graduate Committee.

Cross Listed Courses

Some courses are offered under different prefixes with the same course content. Students will not be awarded credit for any course for which they have previously received credit under a cross listed prefix.

Code	Title	Hours
Criminology and Criminal Justice Core		
CRJ 800	Advanced Crimi Justice Studies	3
CRJ 809	Criminal Justice Evaluation & Statistical Analysis	3
CRJ 810	Criminological Theory	3
CRJ 818	Criminal Justice Research Methods	3
General Concentration: (select Thesis or Non-Thesis Track		
Thesis Track		
CRJ 898	Thesis I	3
CRJ 899	Thesis II	3
Program Total		*36*
Exit Requirement		
GRD 898C	MS Crim Justice Thesis Defense	0
Non-Thesis Track: (select Comprehensive Exam or Capstone Research Project)		
Comprehensive Exam Track		
Approved elective courses		24
Program Total		*36*
Exit Requirement		
GRD 897B	MS Crim Justice Written Comp	0
Capstone Applied Research Project Track		
Approved elective courses		24
CRJ 878		3
Program Total		*30*
Approved Electives		
CRJ 801	History of Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 802	Violence Against Women	3
CRJ 812	Leading with Political, Ethical, and Emotional Intelligence	3
CRJ 813	Analysis of Police Operations	3
CRJ 814	Policing and Society	3
CRJ 815	Policing Global Insecurity	3
CRJ 820	Issues in Juvenile Institutions/Community Corrections	3
CRJ 823	Topics: Justice Policy and Leadership	3
CRJ 828	MH/Substance Abuse Issues in Correctional Settings	3
CRJ 830	Understanding Corrections/Juvenile Justice Institutions	3
CRJ 839	Co-op: Just Policy & Leadershp	3
CRJ 840	Adult Corrections	3
CRJ 842	Human Rights & Justice	3
CRJ 843	Adv Issues in Criminal Law	3
CRJ 844	Innocence Project Externship	3
CRJ 845	Punishment and Society	3
CRJ 846	Legal Issues in Crim Just Admi	3
CRJ 850	Corrections & Juvenile Justice Interventions	3
CRJ 856	Law/Ethics in Dealing with Offenders	3
CRJ 860	Advanced Organizational Theory	3

CRJ 862	Race, Identity, & Policing	3
CRJ 864	Comparative & International Policing	3
CRJ 871	Crime, Victims and Criminals	3
CRJ 872	The Community Context of Crime	3
CRJ 874	Crime, Criminal Jus & Pop Cult	3
CRJ 873	Social Construction of Crime	3
CRJ 875	Crime and Public Policy	3
CRJ 876	Organizational Crime	3
CRJ 877	Postmodernism and Justice	3
CRJ 879	Vice and Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 889	Qualitative Research Methods	3
CRJ 890	Topical Seminar in Crim Just	3
CRJ 897	Independent Study in Crim Just	3

Exit Requirements

Thesis - A thesis is optional in this program. Students in the thesis option are required to pass an oral comprehensive examination in defense of the thesis (GRD 898C MS Crim Justice Thesis Defense).

Comprehensive Examination - Students in the non-thesis Comprehensive Exam option are required to pass a written comprehensive examination (GRD 897B MS Crim Justice Written Comp).

Capstone Applied Research Project - Students in the non-thesis Capstone Applied Research Project option are required to satisfactorily complete the applied research project course (CPL 878 Capstne Applied Resrch Project). Prerequisites: Complete all core courses and be in the last semester of coursework prior to graduation.