

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

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General Information

Objectives of the graduate program are based upon the assumption that social policy, decision-making, and reform in modern society require a broad academic experience and innovative thinking, including theoretical foundations of the discipline, appropriate research methods, and principles applicable to the administration of justice.

A major focus is to demonstrate that problems of both a public and private nature associated with crime and delinquency must be viewed as social problems rather than isolated problems. It is therefore expected that graduates will be:

1. conversant with the theoretical and legal principles implicit in criminology and criminal justice;
2. knowledgeable of the essential research contributions in the discipline;
3. capable of research and data analysis appropriate to the discipline; and
4. competent to assume policy-making, research and instructional responsibilities in criminology and criminal justice.

Admission Requirements

Students seeking clear admission should (a) meet the requirements of the Graduate School, and; (b) hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher learning with a 3.0 grade point average (GPA).

Program Requirements

CIP Code: 43.0103

A minimum of 36 semester hours of graduate credit is required. The following courses are required of all students:

Code	Title	Hours
CRJ 800	Advanced Crimi Justice Studies	3
CRJ 808 or CRJ 875	Analysis of Crimi Justice Data Crime and Public Policy	3
CRJ 888	Research Methods in Crim Just	3

Graduate Course Credit

All 700 level courses have undergraduate counterparts bearing the same last two digits. The 700 level courses are offered only for graduate level credit and require additional appropriate experiences for all students enrolled. Students who have previously taken the undergraduate counterpart of these courses at the 500 level will not be permitted to enroll for graduate level credit in the 700 level counterpart. Credit will not be awarded for both the 700 and 500 level of the same course.

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.

Curriculum for the General Program

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
CRJ 800	Advanced Crimi Justice Studies	3
CRJ 870	Theories of Crime & Crim Just	3
CRJ 888	Research Methods in Crim Just	3
CRJ 808 or CRJ 875	Analysis of Crimi Justice Data Crime and Public Policy	3
Electives		
Choose from eight of the following electives or six electives plus Thesis:		24
CRJ 801	History of Criminal Justice	
CRJ 802	Violence Against Women	
CRJ 810	Advanced Police Administration	
CRJ 813	Analysis of Police Operations	
CRJ 814	Policing and Society	
CRJ 815	Policing Global Insecurity	
CRJ 840	Punishment and Society	
CRJ 842	Human Rights & Justice	
CRJ 843	Adv Issues in Criminal Law	
CRJ 844	Innocence Project Externship	
CRJ 846	Legal Issues in Crim Just Admi	
CRJ 871	Crime, Victims and Criminals	
CRJ 872	The Community Context of Crime	
CRJ 873	Social Construction of Crime	
CRJ 874	Crime, Criminal Jus & Pop Cult	
CRJ 876	Organizational Crime	
CRJ 877	Postmodernism and Justice	
CRJ 878	Ideology and Criminal Justice	
CRJ 879	Vice and Criminal Justice	
CRJ 889	Qualitative Research Methods	
CRJ 890	Topical Seminar in Crim Just	
CRJ 897	Independent Study in Crim Just ¹	
Exit Requirements		
Choose from one of the following:		0
GRD 897B	MS Crim Justice Written Comp (Non-Thesis)	
GRD 898C	MS Crim Justice Thesis Defense (Thesis)	
Total Hours		36

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Course work for CRJ 897 Independent Study in Crim Just should be arranged and no more than nine hours will be applied toward the degree.

Exit Requirements

- **Thesis** – A thesis is optional in this program. GRD 898C MS Crim Justice Thesis Defense required if thesis is chosen.
- **Comprehensive Examination** – Students in the non-thesis option are required to pass a written comprehensive examination (GRD 897B MS Crim Justice Written Comp). 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).