

## SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

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### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

#### Objectives

The primary purpose of the Master of Science in Criminal Justice is to prepare students to meet the needs of local, state and federal criminal justice agencies. As career opportunities in the field of criminal justice have burgeoned, the educational expectations of criminal justice agencies have increased. The Master of Science in Criminal Justice combines an advanced framework in research methods, criminological theory and criminal justice administration to provide students with the methodological and analytic skills to conduct sophisticated crime analysis and program assessment.

A unique component of the Master of Science program is the Geo-Information Science concentration. There has been rapid growth in the use of computerized mapping in the field of criminal justice. Practitioners are needed who possess the expertise to use Geo-Information technologies to analyze crime, problem-solve and develop policy.

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice is a 36 credit hour degree available under two plans (thesis and non-thesis). All students will be required to complete five core courses and declare one of the following concentrations: Criminology, Administration of Criminal Justice or Geo-Information Science. To complete a concentration, a student must take 12 credits of related coursework as part of his/her electives and maintain a 3.0 GPA.

The program will be offered on a part-time basis the first five years of its implementation. Students will be able to complete the program in two years carrying a course load of two classes per semester including two summer terms.

#### Admissions

It may be possible to take a limited number of courses prior to formal admission to the program. If you are interested in this option, please contact the graduate program coordinator. If you are accepted into the program, you must meet with the graduate program coordinator to develop a tentative plan of study and discuss any transfer credits. Graduate program coordinator contact information may be found at [salemstate.edu/graduate/programs](http://salemstate.edu/graduate/programs).

#### Course Requirements

##### Required Core Courses

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| • CRJ 800A | Theories of Crime                               | 3 |
| • CRJ 801  | The Criminal Justice Process and Administration | 3 |
| • CRJ 802  | Criminal Law and the Judicial System            | 3 |
| • CRJ 810  | Advanced Research Methods in Criminal Justice   | 3 |
| • CRJ 812  | Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis           | 3 |

### Criminology Concentration

Choose four courses from the following list as part of the electives

- CRJ 703 Race, Class, Ethnicity & Criminal Justice 3
- CRJ 704 Juvenile Justice & Delinquency 3
- CRJ 705 Women and Criminal Justice 3
- CRJ 706 White Collar Crime 3
- CRJ 707 Intimate Violence 3
- CRJ 708 Victimology 3

### Administration Concentration

Choose four courses from the following list as part of the electives

- CRJ 704 Juvenile Justice & Delinquency 3
- CRJ 706 White Collar Crime 3
- CRJ 709 Prisons and Jails 3
- CRJ 710 Community Corrections 3
- CRJ 711 Police Policy and Practice 3

### GIS Concentration

Choose four courses from the following list as part of the electives

- GGR 903 Geographic Information Systems 3
- GGR 907 Air Photo Interpretation 3
- GGR 910 Digital Analysis of Remotely Sensed Imagery 3
- GGR 945 Advanced Geo-Information Systems 3
- GGR 952 Spatial Database Analysis 3

### Thesis Option

Must complete six credits as part of electives

- CRJ 813A Directed Study: Criminal Justice Thesis Preparation I 3
- CRJ 813B Directed Study: Criminal Justice Thesis Preparation II 3

The general plan of study for the thesis option is as follows: (1) five required core courses that must be passed with a grade of B or better; (2) six hours of thesis credit; (3) five elective courses, four within a concentration; and (4) satisfactory completion of comprehensive exams.

### Non-Thesis Option

The general plan of study for the non-thesis option is as follows: (1) five required core courses that must be passed with a grade of B or better; (2) seven elective courses, four within a concentration; and (3) satisfactory completion of comprehensive exams.

Total Credits

36

### Notes

The School of Graduate Studies reserves the right to make changes in program and course requirements, policies and regulations as circumstances dictate. There is no guarantee that any listed course will be offered in any given semester. Therefore, you should meet regularly with your program coordinator to discuss your progress and revise your plan of study as needed.

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