



CRIMINAL JUSTICE

PURPOSE

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice Program is intended to prepare students for research and administrative careers in criminal justice as well as doctoral study. The program combines an advanced framework in research methods, criminological theory and criminal justice administration with a set of electives that build on the core curriculum and satisfy concentration requirements. The Geo-Information Science concentration will provide students with the technical and methodological skills to conduct sophisticated crime analysis utilizing software applications such as MapInfo and ArcView.

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice is designed to serve several constituencies: professionals presently working in the criminal justice system who desire to advance their careers, college graduates who want to enter the criminal justice field and students who wish to continue study toward a doctorate. The program is part-time and students will be able to complete their degree in two years carrying a course load of two classes per semester, including two summer terms.

PREREQUISITES

A Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice or a related field. Successful completion of a course in Basic Statistics.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The program is a 36 credit hour degree available under two plans (thesis and non-thesis). All students complete the core requirements and one of the following concentrations: Criminology, Administration of Criminal Justice, and Geo-Information Science. To complete a concentration, students must take twelve credits in related coursework as part of their electives.

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 examinations.

Thesis Option

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 examinations.

Core Courses

	Credits
CRJ800A Theories of Crime	3
CRJ801 The Criminal Justice Process and Administration	3
CRJ802 Criminal Law and the Judicial System	3
CRJ810 Advanced Research Methods in Criminal Justice	3
CRJ812 Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis	3

Criminology Concentration

CRJ703 Race, Class, Ethnicity & Criminal Justice	3
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CRJ704	Juvenile Justice & Delinquency	3
CRJ705	Women and Criminal Justice	3
CRJ706	White Collar Crime	3
CRJ707	Intimate Violence	3
CRJ708	Victimology	3
Administration Concentration		
CRJ704	Juvenile Justice & Delinquency	3
CRJ706	White Collar Crime	3
CRJ709	Prisons and Jails	3
CRJ710	Community Corrections	3
CRJ711	Policy Policy and Practice	3
GIS Concentration		
GGR903	Geographic Information Systems	3
GGR907	Air Photo Interpretation	3
GGR910	Digital Analysis of Remotely Sensed Imagery	3
GGR945	Advanced Geo-Information Systems	3
GGR952	Spatial Database Analysis	3
Thesis Option		
CRJ813A	Directed Study: Criminal Justice Thesis Preparation I	3
CRJ813A	Directed Study: Criminal Justice Thesis Preparation II	3
Total Credits		36

Full approval of this program is pending review by the Board of Higher Education