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Master of Science in Criminal Justice

The Department of Criminal Justice offers the Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice. The graduate program provides advanced examination of critical issues regarding crime and justice. Students in the program develop and apply their knowledge and understanding of criminology, criminal justice, and social justice to solve problems in the criminal justice system.

Course work allows emphasis in policing, corrections, probation and parole, juvenile delinquency, and criminal justice research. Students have a choice of multiple electives that fit their interests. Courses provide a broad foundation in the social sciences, with emphasis on sociology, psychology, and law. The program culminates with an advanced internship practicum or a thesis.

Sample Two-Year Curriculum

| Year 1_Fall | | Credit Hours |
|---------------|---|--------------|
| CJ 5350 | Research Design in CJ | 3 |
| CJ Law | Law/Pub Policy (CJ 5318, 5340, 5343, 5345) | 3 |
| CJ 5801 | Research Foundations | 3 |
| Year 1_Spring | | |
| CJ 5XXX | Elective 1 | 3 |
| CJ 5381 | Qualitative Research Methods in Criminal Justice | 3 |
| CJ 5880 | Seminar: Advanced Topics in Criminology | 3 |
| Year 2_Fall | | |
| CJ 5879 | Seminar: Public Policy Issues in Criminal Justice | 3 |
| CJ 5380 | Quantitative Research Methods | 3 |
| CJ 58XX | Elective 2 | 3 |
| Year 2_Spring | | |
| CJ 5881 | Advanced Research Analysis & Application | 3 |
| CJ Project | CJ 5855, 5899, or 5989 | 3 |
| Total | | 33 |