

## **Emphasis - MCJ Criminal Justice**

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### **M.C.J. in Criminal Justice** **Description**

The M.C.J. provides the justice practitioner with academic training beyond the bachelor's degree to enhance skills as criminal justice and homeland security professionals. Two emphases are offered: homeland security and criminal justice.

**Minimum Total Credit Hours: 36**

#### **Course Requirements**

The M.C.J. is a 36-graduate-hour program. Students are required to complete a thesis (6 hours) or complete a criminal justice practicum (6 hours). All students must complete the core courses (12 hours), emphasis area courses (9 hours from either the criminal justice or homeland security emphasis course set), and approved electives (9 hours).

Core Courses: CJ 500-Criminal Justice Administration CJ 635-Criminal Justice Research Methods CJ 645-Criminal Justice and Intelligence Analysis CJ 655-Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis

Emphasis Courses: 9 hours from either emphasis areas

Electives and Thesis/Practicum: Students must have a minimum of 9 hours of electives from the courses included in this program or graduate courses approved by the M.C.J. program director. Students must complete a thesis (CJ 697, 6 hours) or a practicum course (CJ 690, 3 hours).

#### **Other Academic Requirements**

Students must pass a comprehensive examination in the emphasis area during the last semester of course enrollment.

### **Emphasis - MCJ Criminal Justice** **Description**

The M.C.J. with emphasis in criminal justice prepares a graduate for a variety of law enforcement positions in local, state, and federal agencies.

#### **Course Requirements**

The M.C.J. degree with emphasis in criminal justice requires completion of the following courses, in addition to the core, elective, and thesis/practicum courses. CJ 620-Criminal Justice in American Society CJ 625-Criminal Justice Theory CJ 640-Legal Issues in Criminal Justice CJ 660-Operational and Staff Planning

