

Overview

#### **Degree Requirements**

#### Description

The M.C.J. provides the criminal 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. All students must complete the 12 hours of core courses (CJ 500, 635, 645, and 655), 9 hours from either the criminal justice or homeland security emphasis area, 9 hours of electives (from the courses included in this program or graduate courses approved by the M.C.J. program director), and 6 hours of thesis (CJ 697), practicum (CJ 690) or 3 hours of independent study (CJ 695) and one additional CJ course.

#### **Other Academic Requirements**

Students must pass an oral comprehensive examination for the thesis and practicum options and a written comprehensive exam for the independent study option.

### Specializations

- Emphasis MCJ Criminal Justice
- Emphasis MCJ Homeland Security

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