

## Emphasis - MCJ Criminal Justice

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

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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

#### Degree Requirements

The academic regulations for this degree program, as entered in the University of Mississippi Catalog, are in effect for the current or selected academic year and semester. The University of Mississippi reserves the right to 1) change or withdraw courses; 2) change rules for registration, instruction, and graduation; and 3) change other regulations affecting the student body at any time.

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#### Major Requirements

| REQUIREMENT                     | HOURS | DESCRIPTION  |
|---------------------------------|-------|--|
| <a href="#">CJ 500</a> - C min  | 3     | Complete <a href="#">CJ 500</a> with a grade of C or better.   |
| <a href="#">CJ 635</a> - C min  | 3     | Complete <a href="#">CJ 635</a> with a grade of C or better.   |
| <a href="#">CJ 645</a> - C min  | 3     | Complete <a href="#">CJ 645</a> with a grade of C or better.   |
| <a href="#">CJ 655</a> - C min  | 3     | Complete <a href="#">CJ 655</a> with a grade of C or better.   |
| Comprehensive exam              |       | Student must pass a comprehensive examination.   |
| Elective courses                | 9     | Student must complete at least 9 hours of electives from the courses included in this program or graduate courses approved by the M.C.J. program director. Each course must be completed with a grade of C or better.  |
| Select an emphasis              |       | Student must enroll in one of the MCJ emphasis areas (Criminal Justice or Homeland Security).  |
| GPA requirements                |       | A cumulative average of not less than 3.0 (B) must be achieved in all graduate work taken.   |
| Applied Science Dean's approval |       | This Degree Audit program is an advising tool only. The student must still apply for a degree by returning a completed Degree Application Form to the dean's office before the last day to add classes in the semester preceding the semester in which the student expects to graduate. The dean's office will make the final certification that the courses listed on the application qualify the student for graduation. The dean's office will also determine if other university requirements (GPA, etc.) have been met. |

#### Major Requirements II

| REQUIREMENT            | HOURS | DESCRIPTION  |
|------------------------|-------|--|
| Thesis vs non-thesis   |       | Student may elect a thesis or non-thesis option. The thesis option includes completing 6 hours of thesis credit and submitting a thesis to the student's GPC/Chair. The non-thesis option includes completing 6 hours of practicum credit. |
| <a href="#">CJ 690</a> | 6     | For the nonthesis option, student must complete at least 6 hours of practicum credit ( <a href="#">CJ 690</a> ).   |
| <a href="#">CJ 697</a> | 6     | For the thesis option, student must complete at least 6 hours of thesis credit ( <a href="#">CJ 697</a> ).   |



| REQUIREMENT   | HOURS | DESCRIPTION   |
|---------------|-------|---|
| Submit Thesis |       | For the thesis option, the student must submit a thesis to his/her GPC/Chair. Regulations governing the style, format, paper, abstract and other matters may be found in "A Manual of Thesis and Dissertations" available in the Graduate School Office. After the oral examination has been accepted, the student must present to the Graduate School two unbound copies of the thesis. A copy of the abstract and the thesis binding fee receipt must accompany the copies of the thesis. |

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| 9 hrs criminal justice | 9     | Student must complete at least 9 hours of coursework chosen from the following courses: <a href="#">CJ 620</a> , <a href="#">CJ 625</a> , <a href="#">CJ 640</a> , or <a href="#">CJ 660</a> . Each course must be completed with a grade of C or better. |

