

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

The Master of Criminal Justice (M.C.J.) promotes evidence-based policy and practice and prepares future leaders in the fields of criminal justice, emergency management, and homeland security by conducting relevant, innovative research and offering cutting-edge courses.

### Minimum Total Credit Hours: 30 Course Requirements

The M.C.J. is a 30-graduate-hour program. All students must complete the 6 hours of core courses.

- CJ 600 - Criminal Justice Administration
- CJ 601 - Criminal Justice Statistics
- CJ 602 - Criminal Justice Research Methods

12 hours from either the Criminal Justice Policy and Practice or Emergency Management and Homeland Security emphasis area,

3 hours of additional research or statistics-based electives. The following list of courses meets this requirement.\*\* Each course is 3 credit hours. Students may take a research or statistics course outside of these options (including courses outside the department) with department approval.

- CJ 661 - Criminal Justice Policy & Program Evaluation
- CJ 662 - Emergency Management and Homeland Security Policy Evaluation
- CJ 663 - Special Topics in Criminal Justice Statistics & Research
- CJ 664 - GIS and Crime Mapping Analysis

6 hours of credit either thesis (CJ 697), capstone (CJ 693), or practicum (CJ 690) options (capstone option requires completion of one additional elective course)

### Other Academic Requirements

The minimum requirements to take the comprehensive exam and/or to graduate are: a. An overall graduate grade point of 3.0 or higher; b. No more than two grades of C in the core classes; and c. Grades of C- or D are not passing grades for a core class.

Students must pass an oral comprehensive examination for the thesis and practicum program completion options and a written comprehensive exam for the non-thesis/non-practicum option (i.e., completing at least 6 additional credit hours of criminal justice elective courses).

### Specializations

- [Emphasis - Crim. Just. Policy & Practice](#)
- [Emphasis - Homeland Sec & Emergency Mgmt](#)

