THE UNIVERSITY of MISSISSIPPI

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