

## **Emphasis - Criminal Justice Leadership**

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### **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 12 hours of core courses.

- CJ 600 - Criminal Justice Administration
- CJ 601 - Criminal Justice Statistics
- CJ 602 - Criminal Justice Research Methods
- CJ 624 - Theories of Criminal Behavior

Students will select an emphasis in either Criminal Justice Policy and Practice, Homeland Security and Emergency Management, or Criminal Justice Leadership.

#### **Other Academic Requirements**

The minimum requirements to graduate are: An overall graduate grade point average of 3.0 or higher; must complete a minimum of three (3) classes in their emphasis; and students must complete all core classes with a minimum grade of B-.

Completion option for the degree will vary by emphasis area.

### **Emphasis - Criminal Justice Leadership Description**

The M.C.J. with emphasis in emergency management and homeland security prepares a graduate for a variety of criminal justice and related positions.

#### **Course Requirements**

Students enrolled in Criminal Justice Leadership emphasis (online) are required to take the 12 hours of core classes as online courses. This emphasis also requires a minimum of three (3) of the following (i.e., 9 credits):

- CJ 671: Communications for Criminal Justice Leaders
- CJ 672: Conflict Resolution and Decision-Making
- CJ 673: Criminal Justice Evidence-Based Decision-Making
- CJ 674: Budgeting & Finance
- CJ 676: Principles of Leadership
- CJ 678: Diversity and Inclusivity
- CJ 679: Special Topics in Criminal Justice Leadership (May be taken 2 times with different topics)
- CJ 680: Personnel Management
- CJ 649: Independent Study (May be taken 2 times with different topics)

#### **Degree Culmination: Criminal Justice Capstone**

All students must complete the CJ 693: Capstone Course. This class is 3 credit hours. All students must receive approval from the Graduate Program Coordinator.

