

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.)

Program Description Core Mission of the Program

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice program will provide opportunities for advanced graduate work and scholarship in criminal justice. The program is designed to:

1. provide a Master of Science degree for entry into leadership positions in criminal justice professions; provide advanced professional educational opportunities for those who already work in the field of criminal justice, and
2. produce a new generation of academics capable of pursuing doctoral studies and leading the profession of criminal justice in the 21st century.

The students graduating with a Master's of Science in Criminal Justice degree will:

1. demonstrate a thorough understanding of the field of criminal justice;
2. acquire theoretical knowledge of crime and criminal behavior;
3. have improved skills for conducting scientific research in criminal justice;
4. develop improved competence in criminal justice administration and leadership; and
5. attain academic competence to pursue doctoral studies in criminal justice.

Admission Requirements

In addition to the requirements for admission to the College of Graduate Studies, the applicants who wish to pursue a Master's of Science Degree in Criminal Justice must meet the following departmental requirements.

1. Unconditional Admission

To be admitted in the regular status category, students will be required to fulfill:

1. a bachelors' degree from any accredited college or university;
2. an undergraduate grade-point-average [GPA] of 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale; and
3. Graduate Record Examination (GRE);
4. a personal statement describing personal characteristics, personal development reasons for seeking this degree, personal and professional experiences that influenced decision to pursue an advanced degree in criminal justice;
5. three professional/academic recommendations addressing character and academic promise.

2. Conditional Admission

A limited number of applicants, with a grade-point-average below a 3.00 and the minimum course prerequisites, may be admitted on a provisional status.

All applications are to be made on the official graduate application form of Virginia State University, which may be obtained from the College of

Graduate Studies Office. The completed application should be returned to the College of Graduate Studies Office.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Courses		18
CJUS 501	Theories Of Crime And Criminlo	
CJUS 502	Contemporary Criminal Justice	
CJUS 503	Research Methods In Crim Justi	
CJUS 504	Stat/Data Anal In Crim Justice	
CJUS 505	Policy Analy In Criminal Justi	
CJUS 506	Ethics In Criminal Justice	
Thesis Option - Students must take the following courses:		6
CJUS 597	Research & Master's Thesis I	
CJUS 599	Research & Master's Thesis II	
Non-Thesis Option - Students must take the following courses:		3
CJUS 590	Master's Project	
CJUS 598	Comprehensive Examination	
Restricted Electives **		12
CJUS 511	Introduction To Homeland Secur	
CJUS 512	Natl Security/Intl Terrorism	
CJUS 513	Cyber Terrorism	
CJUS 514	Transnational Organized Crime	
CJUS 515	Comparative Criminal Justice	
CJUS 516	Civil Right/Liberties in CJU	
CJUS 517	Crime Policy In America	
CJUS 518	Security and Emergency Prepare	
CJUS 530	Minorities and Crime	
CJUS 531	Police/Inner City Problems	
CJUS 532	Problems African-Amer Communit	
CJUS 533	African-Amer and Crim Thought	
CJUS 534	Crim Just in a Multicult Socie	
CJUS 535	Women and Criminal Justice	
CJUS 536	Comparative Perspectives Crime	
CJUS 537	Crime, Sex, Law and Order	
CJUS 538	Police/Ghettoization of Comm	
CJUS 550	Sem Organization/Administratio	
CJUS 551	Human Resource Development	
CJUS 552	Research Methods/Planng Reso	

** Students must take 12 credits from the Restricted Elective Courses.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE & ADMINISTRATION CONCENTRATION Courses

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Select 12 credit hours from the following:		12
CJUS 550	Sem Organization/Administratio	
CJUS 551	Human Resource Development	
CJUS 552	Research Methods/Planng Reso	
CJUS 553	Comm Theories/Crimina Justice	
CJUS 554	Sem Leadrshp and Mgmt	
CJUS 555	Law and Criminal Just Mgmt	
CJUS 556	Computer/Crim Justice Mgmt	

CJUS 557 Program Eval Crim Just Mgmt

CJUS 558 Budget Aspects Crim Just Mgmt