

## MASTER'S OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Effective May 6, 2013

The Master's of Criminal Justice degree requires the completion of 36 total semester hours. Four core courses totaling 12 semester hours are required. Students receiving less than a "B-" in any **core course** must retake the course. No more than one "C" grade will be accepted in any elective course. A minimum overall GPA of 3.0 is required for all coursework.

*(Students are encouraged to take MCJ 6100 and 6110 during the first semester, and MCJ 6000 and 6120 during the second semester)*

### CORE COURSES

MCJ 6000 – Criminal Justice Statistics (3)

MCJ 6100 – Contemporary Criminal Justice (3)

MCJ 6110 – Research Methods in Criminal Justice (3)

MCJ 6120 – Theories in Crime and Delinquency (3)

### ELECTIVE COURSES

MCJ 6130 – Law and Social Control (3)

MCJ 6140 – Technology and Innovation in Criminal Justice (3)

MCJ 6150 – Diversity Issues in Criminal Justice (3)

MCJ 6160 – Seminar: Criminal Justice Policy Analysis (3)

MCJ 6170 – Seminar: Juvenile Justice (3)

MCJ 6180 – Seminar: Contemporary Legal Issues (3)

MCJ 6190 – Legal Foundations of Criminal Justice (3)

MCJ 6210 – Seminar: The American Criminal Court (3)

MCJ 6220 – Seminar: Contemporary Law Enforcement (3)

MCJ 6230 – Seminar: Contemporary Corrections (3)

MCJ 6240 – CJ Planning, Budgeting, and Evaluation (3)

MCJ 6250 – Topics in Criminal Justice (1-3)

MCJ 6255 – Great Thoughts in Criminal Justice (3)

MCJ 6260 – Graduate Readings (3)

MCJ 6270 – Thesis\* (3)

MCJ 6810 – Experimental Course (1-3)

*\*Course may be taken twice by those selecting the Thesis Option*

*Students wishing to do a Thesis must complete a Thesis proposal prior to the end of their first year of coursework.*

*Students may take a maximum of 6 credit hours in study-abroad programs.*

Students must choose between completing a Master's Thesis or taking additional coursework in lieu of the Thesis. Regardless of the option chosen, students must complete all degree requirements within four years of entry into the program.

### Thesis Option

1. Complete 12 core credit hours
2. Complete 21 elective credit hours
3. Complete a minimum of three Thesis credit hours (MCJ 6270)