MASTER’S OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

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 a “C” grade or below in any core course must retake the course or make arrangements with the instructor to improve the grade. No more than one “C” grade will be accepted in any elective course.

(MCJ 6100 and 6120 must be taken your first semester, MCJ 6110 and 6150 must be taken your second semester)

CORE COURSES
MCJ 6100 – Contemporary Criminal Justice (3)                                MCJ 6120 – Theories in Crime and Delinquency (3)
MCJ 6110 – Research Methods in Criminal Justice (3)                           MCJ 6150 – Diversity Issues in Criminal Justice (3)

ELECTIVE COURSES
MCJ 6130 – Law and Social Control (3)                                MCJ 6240 – CJ Planning, Budgeting, Evaluation (3)
MCJ 6140 – Technology and Innovation in Criminal Justice (3)                MCJ 6250 – Topics in Criminal Justice (1-3)
MCJ 6160 – Seminar: Criminal Justice Policy Analysis (3)                     MCJ 6255 – Great Thoughts in Criminal Justice* (3)
MCJ 6170 – Seminar: Juvenile Justice (3)                                 MCJ 6260 – Graduate Readings (3)
MCJ 6180 – Seminar: Contemporary Legal Issues (3)                               MCJ 6270 – Project** (3)
MCJ 6210 – Seminar: The American Criminal Court (3)                             MCJ 6810 – Experimental Course (1-3)
MCJ 6220 – Seminar: Contemporary Law Enforcement (3)                                      MCJ 6920 – Workshops and Conferences (1-3)
MCJ 6230 – Seminar: Contemporary Corrections (3)                                    
  *may be taken twice for a total of 6 credit hours
  **students wishing to do a project must complete a project 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 Project, or taking additional coursework in lieu of the project. Regardless of the option chosen, the student must complete all degree requirements within four years of entry into the program.

Project Option
1. Complete 12 core credit hours
2. Complete 21 elective credit hours
3. Complete 3 project credit hours

Non-Project Option
1. Complete 12 core credit hours
2. Complete 24 elective credit hours