

CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, M.A.

Degree Requirements (30 Hours)

Requirements for the M.A. degree include in the following:

Core Courses (15 Hours)

Must be completed with a grade of B or higher.

Course	Title	Credits
CRJU 701	Survey of Criminal Justice	3
CRJU 702	Law and Justice	3
CRJU 703	Research Methods in Criminal Justice	3
CRJU 705	Quantitative Methods in Criminal Justice	3
CRJU 741	Criminology	3
Total Credit Hours		15

Note: No course may be repeated more than one time. With approval of the graduate director, substantially equivalent courses from outside the department may be substituted for some of these core courses.

Electives (9-15 Hours)

Students choosing the thesis option must take 9 hours of elective courses with no more than 6 credit hours below the 700 level (i.e. 500 or 600 level). Students choosing the non-thesis option must take an additional 6 credit hours of elective courses for a total of 15 credit hours of elective credit with no more than 9 credit hours below the 700 level (i.e. 500 or 600 level).

Thesis or Non-Thesis Option (6 Hours for thesis)

Students may choose to complete a 6 credit hour thesis. Successful completion of the thesis will require an oral defense before the student's thesis committee. Students choosing the non-thesis option must take an additional 6 credit hours of elective courses in lieu of thesis credits for a total of 15 credit hours of elective credit with no more than 9 credit hours below the 700 level level (i.e., 500 or 600 level).

Additional Requirements

In addition to these minimum course requirements, students are required to successfully complete a comprehensive exam. Additional details regarding this requirement and other professional requirements/policies are available in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate Handbook. Students should work with their academic advisor to identify what if any additional hours will be required to create a program of study for this degree.