

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Master of Science in Criminal Justice (MSCJ)

Degree Plan

(Traditional Track)

Name	
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Student Identification Number	
Semester Admitted to Program	

Degree Program Option	Thesis Track	Comprehensive Exam Track

REQUIRED COURSES (12 Hrs.)				
COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	HRS.	GRADE	TERM
CRIJ 6301	Theories of Criminal Justice	3		
CRIJ 6302	Advanced Criminology	3		
CRIJ 6308	CJ Research Methods [Pre-req for 6309]	3		
CRIJ 6309	CJ Research Methods and Statistics	3		

OTHER CORE REQUIREMENTS (AT LEAST 6 Hrs.)				
COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	HRS.	GRADE	TERM
CRIJ 6303	Policing in a Democracy	3		
CRIJ 6304	Criminal Procedure	3		
CRIJ 6305	Correctional Theories and Issues	3		
CRIJ 6306	Criminal Justice Policy Analysis	3		
CRIJ 6307	CJ Organizations: Theory and Behavior	3		

ELECTIVES: 6-18 HRS (AT LEAST 6 Hrs.)

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	HRS.	GRADE	TERM
CRIJ 6310	Theories of Juvenile Delinquency & Justice	3		
CRIJ 6311	World CJ Systems & International Crimes	3		
CRIJ 6314	Courts & Correctional Issues	3		
CRIJ 6315	Victimology	3		
CRIJ 6316	Environmental Crime & Justice	3		
CRIJ 6318	Law in Culture & Society	3		
CRIJ 6319	Women, Law and Justice	3		
CRIJ 6322	Terrorism	3		
CRIJ 6323	Advanced Restorative and Comm. Justice	3		
CRIJ 6325	Social Justice and Human Rights	3		
CRIJ 6331	Independent Study (Repeated once if new topic)	3		
CRIJ 6331		3		
CRIJ 6333	Special Topics (Repeated once if new topic)	3		
CRIJ 6333		3		

THESIS OR APPLIED RESEARCH PROJECT (6 Hrs.)

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	HRS.	GRADE	TERM
CRIJ 7300	Master's Thesis I	3		
CRIJ 7301	Master's Thesis II – Defense	3		
CRIJ 7100	MSCJ Thesis Completion/Extension	1		
CRIJ 7302	Applied Master's Research Project I	3		
CRIJ 7303	Applied Master's Research Project – Defense	3		

TITLES AND DATES

OPTION	TITLE	DATE OF DEFENSE/COMPLETION
Thesis		
Comprehensive Examination	MSCJ COMPREHENSIVE EXAM	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS		
COMMITTEE	NAME	CHAIR OR MEMBERS
Thesis (3)		
Comprehensive Examination (4)		
CRIJ 6301		
CRIJ 6302		
CRIJ 6308		
CRIJ 6309		

SIGNATURE			
Title	TYPED NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
Name of Thesis/Applied Research Project Committee Chair			
Graduate Program Coordinator (Traditional)	Dr. Yudu Li		
Chair, Department of Criminal Justice	Dr. Gordon Crews		
Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, College of Liberal Arts	Dr. Pamela Anderson-Mejias		

*Thesis Committees require a Chair and at least 2 additional faculty members as approved by the Graduate Program Coordinator

* Because summer classes are optional for faculty members, they may not be available to cover thesis courses during the summer sessions; so, you may need to register during the Fall or Spring Semester to complete your thesis.

*Applied Research Project Committees require a Chair and 2 additional faculty members as approved by the Graduate Program Coordinator

*Comprehensive Examination Committees will consist of 4 faculty members who have most recently taught the 4 required core courses and submitted essay questions for the exam. These individuals will also be the double-blind evaluators of the submissions

Approved by Department 2024