

# MASTER OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

## OVERVIEW

In addition to advancing the mission of A&M-Central Texas and the College of Arts and Sciences, the mission of the Master of Criminal Justice program is to prepare students for advancement in criminal justice career fields and for further graduate study. Program objectives are based on the assumption that criminal justice decision making and policy making in society require broad academic experience, innovative thinking, understanding of the theoretical foundations of the field, knowledge of appropriate research methods, and principles of administration.

Graduates are expected to be:

1. conversant with the theoretical and legal principles implicit in criminal justice administration;
2. knowledgeable about essential research contributions in the field;
3. capable of research analysis appropriate to the field; and
4. competent to assume administrative responsibilities involving decision-making in criminal justice administration.

## Program Level Student Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Identify current theories and research relating to criminal justice in order to implement appropriate responses to crime.
- Apply research methods to test theory and apply in addressing public safety concerns.
- Manage the specialized resources (physical and personnel) available to criminal justice agencies.
- Discuss the key concepts and evaluate the application of foundational ethical systems to criminal justice practice.

## Entry Requirements

Students will be admitted into the MCJ major by the faculty once the following application criteria are met:

Successful admission to graduate school.

### Master of Criminal Justice With Thesis Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
CRIJ 5300	Quantitative Data Analysis I <sup>1</sup>	3
CRIJ 5301	Advanced Criminology <sup>1</sup>	3
CRIJ 5303	Race and Ethnicity	3
CRIJ 5315	Graduate Proseminar <sup>2</sup>	3
CRIJ 5322	Advanced Criminal Justice Ethics <sup>1</sup>	3
CRIJ 5390	Capstone <sup>3</sup>	3
<b>Emphasis Courses</b>		
CRIJ 5304	Advanced Research Methods <sup>1</sup>	3
CRIJ 5308	Victimology	3

CRIJ 5311	Quantitative Data Analysis II	3
CRIJ 5313	Treatment in Corrections	3
<b>Thesis - Two Semesters</b>		
CRIJ 5198	Criminal Justice Thesis	3
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<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

<sup>1</sup> These courses assume upper-level, undergraduate competency in applied statistics, criminology, research methods, and ethics. Lack of competency in any of these areas may require completing undergraduate coursework to satisfy competency.

<sup>2</sup> Course should be taken within first 2 semesters in program.

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<b>Emphasis Courses</b>		
CRIJ 5306	Program Evaluation	3
CRIJ 5321	Leadership and Supervision	3
HLS 5325	Emergency Management	3
Choose three of the following		9
CRIJ 5308	Victimology	
or CRIJ 5304	Advanced Research Methods	
or CRIJ 5389	Special Topics in Criminal Justice	
or CRIJ 5320	Criminal Justice Administration	
or CRIJ 5330	Criminal Justice and Mental Health Systems	
or CRIJ 5380	Current Issues in Criminal Justice	
or CRIJ 5314	Juvenile Justice Administration	

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