MSCJ Thesis & Non-Thesis Option Descriptions

**Thesis Option**

Core Curriculum – Part I (9 hours)
- CJUS 5000 – Criminal Justice Policy (3 hours)
- CJUS 5600 – Advanced Criminological Theory (3 hours)
- CJUS 5700 – Evaluation and Research Methodologies (3 hours)

Core Curriculum – Part II (3 hours)
- CJUS 5500 – Seminar in Criminal Justice Administration (3 hours)
  **OR**
- CJUS 5200 – Legal Aspects of the Criminal Justice System (3 hours)

CJUS 5750 – Criminal Justice Statistics (3 hours) As part of the departmental consent process to enroll in thesis, all students who are planning on writing a thesis must satisfactorily complete CJUS 5750 before enrolling in thesis.

Electives (15 hours)
- CJUS 5950 – Thesis (6 hours)

**Total Program Hours: 36 hours**

**Non-Thesis Option**

Core Curriculum – Part I (9 hours)
- CJUS 5000 – Criminal Justice Policy (3 hours)
- CJUS 5600 – Advanced Criminological Theory (3 hours)
- CJUS 5700 – Evaluation and Research Methodologies (3 hours)

Core Curriculum – Part II (3 hours)
- CJUS 5200 – Legal Aspects of the Criminal Justice System (3 hours)
  **OR**
- CJUS 5500 – Seminar in Criminal Justice Administration (3 hours)

Electives (24 hours)

**Total Program Hours: 36 hours**

**Electives:**
- CJUS 5050 – Criminals and Drugs
- CJUS 5100 – Information Warfare, Security and Risk Analysis
- CJUS 5120 – Cybercrime and Digital Forensics
- CJUS 5130 – Information Policy, Law and Justice
- CJUS 5250 – Administrative Law and Justice
CJUS 5270 – Criminal Evidence
CJUS 5350 – Seminar in Contemporary Policing
CJUS 5450 – Punishment, Discipline and Social Policy
CJUS 5460 – Correctional Programs
CJUS 5470 – Seminar in Juvenile Delinquency
CJUS 5620 – Seminar in Victimology
CJUS 5750 – Criminal Justice Statistics
CJUS 5800 – Topics in Criminal Justice*

*Content varies as course covers specific issues of current interest and concern in criminal justice and criminology. Topics may be repeated as topic changes.

Topics Include:
Blood Spatter Analysis
Capital Punishment
Comparative Criminal Justice
Crime Scene Reconstruction
Diversity Issues in Criminal Justice
Gangs in America
Gender and Crime
Homeland Security for Policing
Sexual Deviance
Shooting Incident Reconstruction

Sequence of Courses
Courses comprising the core curriculum are scheduled in the Fall and Spring semesters. The schedule for required course offerings is as follows:

Fall of each academic year:
CJUS 5000 – Criminal Justice Policy
CJUS 5700 – Evaluation and Research Methodologies

Spring of each academic year:
CJUS 5200 – Legal Aspects of the Criminal Justice System
or CJUS 5500 – Seminar in Criminal Justice Administration
CJUS 5600 – Advanced Criminology Theory
CJUS 5750 – Criminal Justice Statistics (depending on need)