

MSCJ with Concentration in Theory and Research Thesis & Non-Thesis Option Descriptions

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice (MSCJ) with Concentration in Theory and Research program requires satisfactory completion of 36 hours beyond the bachelor's degree. The degree requires each student to select a thesis or non-thesis option. The courses required under each option are listed below:

Thesis Option

Core Curriculum – Part I (9 hours)

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| CJUS 5000 – Criminal Justice Policy | 3 hours |
| CJUS 5600 – Advanced Criminological Theory | 3 hours |
| CJUS 5700 – Evaluation and Research Methodologies | <u>3 hours</u> |
| | 9 hours |

Core Curriculum – Part II (3 hours)

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| CJUS 5200 – Legal Aspects of the Criminal Justice System | |
| <u>or</u> CJUS 5500 – Seminar in Criminal Justice Administration | 3 hours |

Statistics (3 hours)

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| CJUS 5750 – Criminal Justice Statistics | 3 hours |
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Electives

15 hours

Thesis

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| CJUS 5950 – Thesis | 6 hours |
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Total hours: 36 hours

Non-Thesis Option

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| 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 | <u>3 hours</u> |
| | 9 hours |
| Core Curriculum – Part II (3 hours) | |
| CJUS 5200 – Legal Aspects of the Criminal Justice System | |
| <u>or</u> CJUS 5500 – Seminar in Criminal Justice Administration | 3 hours |
| Statistics (3 hours) | |
| CJUS 5750 – Criminal Justice Statistics | 3 hours |
| Electives | 21 hours |
| | Total hours: 36 hours |

Required Course Offerings:

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 5600 – Advanced Criminological Theory
- CJUS 5200 – Legal Aspects of the Criminal Justice System
- or CJUS 5500 – Seminar in Criminal Justice Administration
- CJUS 5750 – Criminal Justice Statistics (depending on need)

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
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