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Master of Science in Criminal Justice

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Criminal Justice education is one of the most rapidly emerging disciplines in higher education today. The problem of crime has become a major national concern, generating wide recognition that highly educated professionals are needed to work in the various agencies and institutions which respond to this problem. Careers in the field increasingly require advanced degrees or other professional development.

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice (MSCJ) at UNF provides an opportunity for advanced academic work in this expanding field of study. As a discipline, criminal justice draws together all the social and behavioral sciences, natural sciences, mathematical and computer sciences, history, law and jurisprudence to focus on the problem of crime in society. The graduate program at UNF builds upon the unifying multidisciplinary nature of the field it seeks to address.

Furthermore, the program at UNF is vitally concerned with theory, practice and research, based on the firm conviction that none of these can stand alone. Sound practice requires a strong theoretical and research base, while advances in theory and research arise from the realities of practice. The MSCJ program emphasizes the acquisition of professional skills that will permit students to keep abreast of new theory, research and practice in the field long after they have completed their formal studies.

Graduate Advising All applicants for the MSCJ will first work with the Graduate Director to develop their initial programs of study. Eventually, students selecting the thesis or practicum options will work with the Graduate Director and the faculty to develop his/her own Graduate Committee, which will then direct the student through the completion of the Exit Requirement.

Admission To be considered for admission to the MSCJ program, the applicant must submit the required documentation to the UNF Office of Admissions and then submit the following to the MSCJ Program Director:

1. A letter formally requesting admission to the program. This letter should include a brief discussion of the student's:
 - a) academic and relevant employment experiences;
 - b) career goals;
 - c) areas of chief interest in the field;
 - d) reasons for seeking the MSCJ degree.
2. Two (2) or more letters of recommendation from responsible persons with graduate education who can attest to the student's ability to do graduate work and to pursue an advanced career in the criminal justice field.

- Evidence that the required program prerequisites have been satisfactorily completed, and evidence of the student's status with regard to program co-requisites. College transcripts will normally satisfy this requirement.

Ordinarily, students should submit these materials to the Program Director at least two (2) months prior to anticipated enrollment. Students are urged to make application to the program through the MSCJ Program Director at the same time materials are submitted to the university. Students may enroll in courses, especially prerequisite or co-requisite courses, prior to official graduate admission; this can be done with permission of the MSCJ Program Director.

Students failing to meet University or Program requirements may petition the University through the Program Director for an "exceptional admission." Admission on an exceptional basis places the student on probationary status pending satisfactory completion of specified graduate courses.

Program Prerequisites Students entering into advanced study at the graduate level are expected to be familiar with the basics of the discipline. Prerequisite requirements for the MSCJ include successful completion of courses in both (1) undergraduate statistics or social science research methods, and (2) undergraduate criminological theory, or their equivalents.

Students with limited background in criminal justice are encouraged to apply to the MSCJ, but will be expected to prepare for advanced MSCJ courses upon entering the program. Students must complete any needed prerequisites within the first nine hours of graduate course work.

Co-requisite Requirements Students admitted to the MSCJ program lacking computer literacy will be required to complete an appropriate graduate computer literacy course as designated by the faculty.

Students admitted to the MSCJ program lacking undergraduate course work in criminal law or criminal justice systems are required to complete the graduate course in "Criminal Law and Procedure in Criminal Justice Systems." Students needing one or both co-requisites may complete these requirements as part of their elective hours.

Major: Criminal Justice
Track: Criminal Justice
Degree: Master of Science

Prerequisites (06 SEMESTER HOURS)

Prerequisites must be completed within the first 9 hours of graduate course work.

- At least one general social science research methods or statistics course, although both are strongly recommended.

SYA 3300	3.0 Logic Of Inquiry
STA 2014	3.0 G(M)Elem Sta-Hlth/SS
- Undergraduate criminological theory or intro crim w/theory

CCJ 3603	3.0 Explanations/Crime
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Corequisites (03 SEMESTER HOURS)

CJL 5120	3.0 Crim Law And CJ Sys
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Evidence of computer literacy:

Major Requirements (12 SEMESTER HOURS)

CCJ 6059	3.0 Adv Crim Theory
CCJ 6605	3.0 Deviance Process
CCJ 6706	3.0 Quan Resch Methods
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Exit Requirement (06 SEMESTER HOURS)

Select from thesis or non-thesis options (non-thesis option requires written comprehensive examination.)

- A. A.Thesis option (must take 6 hours)
CCJ 6974 3-6. Thesis/Demo Project

Or

- B. B. Non-thesis Option

Select one option (non-thesis option requires the comprehensive exam):

Option 1 (must take 6 hours)

CCJ 6946 3-6 Grd Prac/Crim Jus

Option 2 (Must Take 6 Hours)

CCJ 6944 3-6 Grd Supv Tch/Crm Jus

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Option 3

Two additional graduate courses by special exception and permission of graduate coordinator only.

Major Electives (18 SEMESTER HOURS)

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CCJ 5050	3.0 Pro-Sem/Dev,Crim,CrJ
CJL 5120	3.0 Crim Law And CJ Sys
CJC 5020	3.0 Hist/Philo Correctns
CJC 5420	3.0 Counsel App/Crim Jus
CCJ 5346	3.0 Crisis Int & Col Bev
CCJ 5456	3.0 Crm Jus Adm Thry/Pra
CCJ 5475	3.0 Crm Jus Plan & Eval
CJJ 5586	3.0 Wrk W/Juv&Ythfl Ofnd
CCJ 5635	3.0 Comp Cri Just Sysms
CCJ 5665	3.0 Victimology
CCJ 5668	3.0 Elite Crime
CCJ 6705	3.0 Adv Mthds Crim Rsch
CCJ 6906	1-4 Dir Indpdnt Study
CCJ 5930	3.0 Issues Modn Cri Just
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Areas of concentration within the MSCJ can be constructed by careful choice of these electives, though such concentrations are not required. Concentrations may include, but are not limited to, the following examples:

Electives suitable for a counseling concentration:

CCJ 5306	History and Philosophy of Corrections
CCJ 5345	Counseling Applications in Criminal Justice
CCJ 5346	Crisis Intervention and Collective Behavior
CCJ 5545	Working with Juveniles and Youthful Offenders
CCJ 5665	Victimology
SYD 6705	Analysis of Subcultural Perspectives
SYO 5175	Family Dynamics

Electives suitable for a justice management concentration:

CCJ 5206	Criminal Law and Procedure in Criminal Justice Systems
CCJ 5306	History and Philosophy of Corrections
CCJ 5456	Criminal Justice Administration: Theory and Practice
CCJ 5475	Criminal Justice Planning and Evaluation
CCJ 5477	Information Systems in Criminal Justice
CCJ 5635	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
CCJ 5668	Elite Crime

Electives suitable for a college teaching concentration:

CCJ 5206	Criminal Law and Procedure in Criminal Justice Systems
CCJ 5306	History and Philosophy of Corrections
CCJ 5456	Criminal Justice Administration: Theory and Practice
CCJ 5545	Working with Juveniles and Youthful Offenders
CCJ 5635	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
CCJ 5665	Victimology
CCJ 5668	Elite Crime
CCJ 5930	Issues in Modern Criminal Justice

Electives suitable for a research concentration:

CCJ 5475	Criminal Justice Planning and Evaluation
CCJ 5477	Information Systems in Criminal Justice
CCJ 5635	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
CCJ 6705	Advanced Methods of Criminological Research
STA 5126	Statistical Methods for the Social Sciences

College of Arts and Sciences

Course Descriptions

Criminal Justice

CCJ 5050 - Pro-Seminar in Deviance, Criminology, and Criminal Justice 3

Intensive overview of the fields of social deviance, criminology, and the modern criminal justice system. Accelerated course designed for post-baccalaureate students. For prospective MSCJ students, fulfills prerequisite requirements for CCJ 3603, but does not count toward the 36 hour MSCJ degree requirement.

CCJ 5346 - Crisis Intervention and Collective Behavior 3

An overview of various crisis intervention techniques applicable to criminal justice personnel. Also, an analysis of crowds and collective behavior phenomena, and methods for managing such situations. Includes role-playing.

CCJ 5456 - Criminal Justice Administration Theory and Practice 3

Study of organization, communication, and motivation theories and their operational implications as they pertain to the structure and function of criminal justice entities. Includes an analysis of selected real or hypothetical cases from the criminal justice system and problem-solving exercises.

CCJ 5475 - Criminal Justice Planning and Evaluation 3

Prerequisite: CCJ 6706. Examination of research design and execution of issues and techniques specific to components of the criminal justice system. Students prepare and present progressively more comprehensive treatment of selected actual and hypothetical cases.

CCJ 5477 - Information Systems in Criminal Justice 3

A study of the information handling processes applicable to the criminal justice system and the ways they influence system performance and output.

CCJ 5635 - Comparative Criminal Justice Systems 3

Examination of the analogues of law enforcement, judicial, and correctional systems of a number of specific cultures and/or societies. The particular societies chosen for comparison will differ depending on the instructor.

CCJ 5665 - Victimology 3

The study of victims of crimes of property and violence. The relationships between offender and victim, patterns of victim response and methods of victim assistance will be included.

CCJ 5668 - Elite Crime 3

The etiology, nature, and proposed solutions to the crimes committed by individuals and/or organizations with a preponderance of wealth, status, and/or power. Crimes in large corporations, government, and various dimensions of organized criminal activity will be considered.

- CCJ 5930 - Issues in Modern Criminal Justice** **3**
 An in-depth study of selected current issues of importance to the criminal justice system or to its various components. Issues will vary according to timeliness and instructor.
- CCJ 5934 - Special Topics in Criminal Justice** **3**
 Prerequisite: Permission of instructor. Forum for special courses for graduate students, focusing upon topics and issues not normally addressed in the general curriculum. May be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits under different topics.
- CCJ 6059 - Advanced Criminological Theory** **3**
 Prerequisite: Admission to program. In-depth consideration of biological, psychological, and sociological theories of criminal behavior. Sociological, economical and political theories of law formation and law-breaking from historical and contemporary perspectives also are considered.
- CCJ 6605 - Deviance Processes and Social Control** **3**
 Prerequisite: Admission to MSCJ Program or permission of the instructor. This course examines the larger theoretical context of behaviors with which criminal justice agencies deal. Deviance is analyzed as a process which involves: how norms are defined; why some persons fail to comply; social control efforts in response to deviance; and how deviants respond to those social control efforts.
- CCJ 6705 - Advanced Methods of Criminological Research** **3**
 Prerequisite: Admission to the program. Research design, data collection, analysis, and interpretation of data pertaining to criminological research. Advanced techniques in such methods as survey research, content analysis, and participant observation are explored.
- CCJ 6706 - Quantitative Research Methods** **3**
 Prerequisite: Admission to Program and completion of an undergraduate methods or statistics course. This course introduces graduate students to quantitative social science research and its applications to the field of criminology and criminal justice. This course examines techniques used in research, discusses how to design and conduct research projects, and how to analyze the results of such projects utilizing advanced computer statistical analysis software.
- CCJ 6709 - Qualitative Research Methods** **3**
 Prerequisite: Admission to the Program. This course introduces students to methods used in field studies including participation, observation and interviewing. The course involves a directed field experience and intense instruction in the collection and analysis of qualitative data. Students will be expected to produce an empirical paper at the conclusion of the course.
- CCJ 6906 - Directed Independent Study** **v. 1 - 4**
 Prerequisite: Permission of instructor. Independent study of a narrow issue or topic in criminal justice, directed by a faculty member specializing in that issue or topic. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits under different topics.
- CCJ 6944 - Graduate Supervised Teaching Experience in Criminal Justice** **v. 3 - 6**
 Prerequisite: Permission of the department. Under the direction of faculty, the student participates in the planning, research, preparation, presentation, and examination aspects of the conduct of a section of an undergraduate criminal justice course. The student assumes progressively greater responsibility in each area. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits under different topics.
- CCJ 6946 - Graduate Practicum in Criminal Justice** **v. 3 - 6**
 Prerequisite: Permission of the department. A planned program of experience in a criminal justice agency. The student functions under the direction of agency personnel in a role analogous to that of an agency employee. Periodic meetings with supervising faculty facilitate preparation of a written report demonstrating the student's synthesis of theory and practice. May be repeated twice for a maximum of 6 credits under different topics.
- CCJ 6974 - Thesis/Demonstration Project** **v. 3 - 6**
 Prerequisite: Permission of the department. Under the direction of the faculty, the student designs and presents a project of his or her own conception which involves the completion of field research, the execution of a demonstration program or system, or a completed proposal of comparable quality and magnitude. May be repeated twice for a maximum of 6 credits under different topics.
- CJC 5020 - History and Philosophy of Corrections** **3**

An in-depth analysis in the history of social responses to deviance and crime and their underlying philosophical bases. Includes exploration of ancient and traditional punishments, the penitentiary and reformatory movement in the U.S., and analysis of current philosophical movements which affect modern practices.

CJC 5420 - Counseling Applications in Criminal Justice

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The exploration of how individual and group counseling strategies and techniques can be applied in situations particular to criminal justice; analysis of factors common to criminal justice settings which may affect counseling effectiveness.

CJJ 5586 - Working with Juveniles and Youthful Offenders

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An overview of intervention techniques and treatment methods particularly applicable for use with juvenile delinquents, runaways, neglected or abused children and youthful offenders.

CJL 5120 - Criminal Law and Procedure in the Criminal Justice System

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Prerequisites: Senior Standing or higher. This a course for entering MSCJ students requiring familiarity with criminal law, criminal procedure, and the components of the criminal justice system. These topics are studied by tracking actual or hypothetical criminal cases from the commission through the conclusion of the correctional process.