
Handbook for Graduate Studies in Criminal Justice*



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**DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY**

MISSION STATEMENT

The Criminal Justice Graduate Program in the Department of Criminal Justice fosters the personal growth of individuals by creating an environment which nurtures intellectual, social and cultural development. As part of the wider North Dakota State University Community, the Criminal Justice Graduate Program endorses the value placed on *People, Scholarship, the Idea of a University, and the Land-Grant Ideal*.

The Criminal Justice Graduate Program, like the College of Arts and Sciences, is committed to:

- Providing its students the highest quality of academic and technical preparation in an atmosphere that promotes intellectual vigor, critical inquiry, ethical citizenry, and creative decision-making requisite for professional success.
- Encouraging in its faculty exemplary scholarship of teaching, research, and service, leading to significant publications and outreach to the citizens of the state of North Dakota.
- Invigorating the tradition of outreach to the community through the discovery, analysis and dissemination of knowledge relevant to citizens and policy-makers regarding the issues of crime and criminal justice.

In its vision to realize human potential and achievements, the Criminal Justice Graduate Program as part of the College of Arts and Sciences is guided by the qualities of creativity, ethical integrity, and mutual respect.

OBJECTIVES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

North Dakota State University offers both a Master of Science in Criminal Justice and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Criminal Justice, designed to train graduate students in a field that is increasingly marketable. These graduate programs permit students to engage in focused study of the problems of crime, crime control, and the criminal justice system while simultaneously developing a strong foundation in related areas of criminological theory, research methods, and administration.

Graduates from the Master of Science in Criminal Justice program will:

- 1) Be able to understand research findings, and assess the validity of those findings.
- 2) Be grounded in the theories of criminology, as this knowledge serves as the foundation of all aspects of the criminal justice system.
- 3) Have developed and utilized skills in qualitative and quantitative research methods.

Doctoral students are prepared to conduct research in the various areas of criminological theory, crime control, and correctional and police administration and to pursue teaching and/or research positions in academia or research positions within the criminal justice system itself. The curriculum will afford training to students in four areas: 1) criminological theory; 2) advanced research skills; 3) teaching in academia; and 4) specialization in one of three areas – Criminology, Corrections, and Policing.

In addition to the objectives for the Master's degree program, graduates from the Ph.D. program will:

- 1) Be able to teach criminal justice at the college level.
- 2) Be able to market themselves as having expertise in one of the three topical fields, policing, corrections, or criminology.
- 3) Be producers of knowledge in the criminal justice field through conducting original research.

ADMISSION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Admission to the Graduate School

For admission to graduate study in either the M.S. or Ph.D. program in Criminal Justice, the applicant must first be admitted to the Graduate School. An application to the Graduate School may be obtained from:

North Dakota State University
The Graduate School
P.O. Box 5790
Fargo, ND 58105-5790
Telephone: (701)231-7033

This application is also available on-line at: <http://www.ndsu.edu/gradschool/>

For admission to the M.S., the applicant must submit the following to the Graduate School:

- ◆ Application for admission
- ◆ Personal statement (outlining the applicant's rationale for pursuing a master's degree and demonstrating the potential to succeed in the M.S. program)
- ◆ Non-refundable application fee
- ◆ Official transcripts of all previous undergraduate and graduate records
- ◆ Three letters of recommendation from persons familiar with your academic achievements. The Department requires that at least one of these letters be written by an individual who can evaluate the applicant's academic performance.

For admission to the Ph.D., the applicant must submit the following to the Graduate School:

- ◆ Application for admission
- ◆ Personal statement (outlining the applicant's rationale for pursuing a Ph.D., specific plans for utilizing the degree, and demonstrating the potential to succeed in the Ph.D. program)
- ◆ Non-refundable application fee
- ◆ Official transcripts of all previous undergraduate and graduate records
- ◆ Three letters of recommendation from persons familiar with your academic achievements. The Department requires that at least 2 letters be written by academics or professors who can evaluate the applicant's potential as a future researcher/instructor.

The Department accepts M.S. applications for both Fall and Spring enrollments on a rolling basis. The Department accepts Ph.D. applications only for Fall enrollment and these must be received by April 1st. Faculty in the Criminal Justice program make recommendations on all applications, but the final admission decision is the responsibility of the Dean of the Graduate

School. Applicants are responsible for making sure that their applications are complete. No application will be reviewed until all materials have been submitted.

Minimum Admission Requirements

Applicants to the M.S. program are required to have completed an approved baccalaureate degree. Students are also required to have had one course in research methods, one course in statistics, and should document adequate background preparation or demonstrated potential in the field of Criminology or Criminal Justice.

For admission to full-standing in the M.S. program, students are required to achieve a minimum grade point average of 3.0 over their last 60 credit hours. Students not meeting these standards will be evaluated and possibly placed on conditional status. Students not meeting the above admission standards may be required to enroll in 6-10 graduate credit hours and achieve a cumulative GPA in these classes of 3.0 for full-standing admission into the program, or successfully complete other requirements as deemed appropriate by the faculty, prior to admission to full standing.

Students who enter the PhD program must have earned an approved Master's degree in the field of Criminology or Criminal Justice; however, Master's degrees in other related disciplines will be considered for admission to the doctoral program. In addition to the general Graduate School requirements, students will be required to have had one course in undergraduate social or behavioral theory, one course in research methods, and one course in statistics. Additionally, students should have adequate background preparation or demonstrated potential in the field of Criminology or Criminal Justice. For students entering with a Master's degree, the admissions committee will decide on a case-by-case basis whether credits from the Master's degree are transferable to the Ph.D. program. Additionally, applicants should submit their Master's thesis (if applicable) to the graduate coordinator for review. The graduate coordinator will determine whether the research project is sufficient in scope and depth to warrant further supervised research.

Admission to the Graduate Criminal Justice Program

Admission to either the M.S. or Ph.D. program in Criminal Justice depends upon meeting the general Graduate School requirements and the departmental requirements. Admission is determined by the Graduate Admission Committee of the Department. This committee reserves the right to limit the number of applicants accepted to either program at any given time in response to the availability of departmental resources necessary for effectively operating the graduate programs in criminal justice. All applicants who have provided the required application materials, including completed application forms, the application fee, reasons for graduate study

statement, transcripts, any required educational credentialing, three completed letters of recommendation, and any appropriate test scores, will be notified of action taken on their request for admittance to the Graduate School. Admission of all graduate students requires approval by the Dean of the Graduate School.

Provisional Admission

Students not meeting the standards described above will be evaluated and possibly placed on provisional status. Students admitted on provisional status will be informed of the conditions of their admission and requirements for timely completion of those requirements. Students not meeting the admission standards may be required to enroll in 6-10 graduate credit hours and achieve a grade of “B” or better in all classes (other conditions may also apply). After completing all of the requirements, students admitted on provisional status will be evaluated by the Department to determine if they will be admitted to full-standing or advised to discontinue the program.

International Student Admission

North Dakota State University welcomes international students as part of the student body, and the Graduate School encourages applications from qualified students throughout the world. In addition to meeting the previously stated admission requirements, to qualify for admission in an advanced degree program, all international students must demonstrate proficiency in English and must provide evidence of adequate financial support for themselves and any dependents for the duration of their graduate program. Also, international students who have not attended a U.S. university or college must have their grade reports (educational credentials) evaluated by Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. on the Course-by-Course (second level of evaluation) basis. An ECE, Inc. application may be obtained from the NDSU Graduate School, or you may contact Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. in one of the following ways: www.ece.org (application and all information are available); 414-289-3400 (telephone); 414-289-3411 (fax); ECE, Inc., P.O. Box 514070, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203-3470.

English proficiency must be demonstrated prior to admission by obtaining a minimum score of 100 (ibT) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or a score of 7 IELTS. To qualify for graduate assistantships, applicants need a score of 114 TOEFL (ibT) or 8 IELTS. The test date must be within two years of the date of the application to the Graduate School. All application materials for international students must be received by the Graduate School prior to May 1st for Fall Semester and August 1st for the Spring Semester.

Academic Advising

Upon enrolling in either graduate program, new students should meet with the Graduate Coordinator to identify an appropriate selection of coursework for the first semester of graduate study. Also, within the first year of enrolling in the program, students should meet with the Graduate Coordinator to discuss their Plan of Study.

Plan of Study forms for the doctoral degree are simple but critical documents. These forms may be obtained from the Graduate School (https://www.ndsu.edu/gradschool/current_students/forms) . The forms request a listing of all courses the student has taken, is taking, and plans to take to complete degree requirements. The form is signed by the student's advisor and supervisory committee members. No other form is required to specify planned courses, advisor or supervisory committee members. Finally, the forms require the signature of the Department Chair, the Dean of the College, and the Dean of the Graduate School.

The Plan of Study forms provide the backbone for the student's entire graduate program of study. Often students delay completing these forms for fear that changes may need to be made later. However, changes are easy with the appropriate form from the Graduate School. It is better to complete a Plan of Study form, get it on record and make changes later, than it is to delay its completion altogether. Students should complete the Doctoral Plan of Study by the end of the second year in the program. Masters students should submit the Plan of Study to the Graduate School by the end of the first year in the program.

Graduate Student Rights and Responsibilities

The Graduate School website provides a detailed description of graduate student rights and responsibilities at the following link:
<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/graduate/policies/>

Graduate Assistantships and Other Financial Aid

Various types of financial assistance are available to graduate students in the Criminal Justice program, such as (but not limited to) student loans, scholarships and fellowships, graduate assistantships, graduate tuition waivers, and part-time employment opportunities both on and off campus.

The Department views the opportunity for graduate students to work on assistantships as a privilege afforded to promising students who have demonstrated potential for success in graduate studies. In addition, the Department views the awarding of assistantships as an investment in the potential success of the graduate student, both academically within the program and as a future professional. As such, additional employment outside the university/department is strongly discouraged, as such employment is likely to seriously detract from the student's academic progress and interfere with the appropriate completion of the responsibilities related to the assistantship, especially in the case of full time (20 hours per week) assistantships.

The Department offers a number of graduate assistantships for well-qualified graduate students. Students who receive an assistantship are employed as either teaching or research assistants.

Teaching-related responsibilities may include, but are not limited to:

- 1) assisting in exam construction and proctoring
- 2) assisting in meeting student needs (e.g., answering questions and helping students understand course materials)

- 3) grading short assignments and recording grades
- 4) setting up instructional media equipment

Research-related responsibilities may include, but are not limited to:

- 1) conducting a literature review
- 2) assisting with research design (e.g., sampling, instrument construction)
- 3) data collection, coding, and analysis
- 4) manuscript and/or technical report preparation, as deemed appropriate by the faculty member

Assistantship Award Policies and Procedures

All students, both continuing and newly accepted, are considered for funding on an annual basis. Students who are not admitted in full standing are typically not eligible for funding. Graduate assistantships will be awarded contingent upon the availability of funds. Evaluation criteria for the awarding of graduate assistantships include factors such as the number of graduate credits earned (if the applicant is already in the program), academic performance (graduate and/or undergraduate GPA), letters of recommendation and/or faculty input, and past performance as a graduate assistant (if applicable). Current and incoming graduate students who are interested in receiving assistantships must request them after acceptance into the program. These assistantships are competitive and may not be granted to all students. PhD students will have priority.

Returning students will be evaluated based upon their performance in the department, both academically and in terms of any past assistantship assignments. Funded students who fail to meet their assistantship obligations and/or who fail to make reasonable progress through the academic program risk having their assistantship revoked. Students with more than one C grade or any grade lower than a C (i.e., D or F) are not making adequate progress. No more than one grade of C will be allowed for the student to retain funding. Greater than one C grade during the student's academic career and any grade lower than a C (i.e., D or F) means automatic, permanent loss of funding. Each semester, faculty supervising graduate assistants will be asked to evaluate the quality of work demonstrated by their graduate assistants.

At the time of appointment, the student will be provided with a letter of contract from the department specifically outlining each of the following areas of information, including 1) work responsibilities associated with the assistantship, 2) length of appointment, 3) who the student's immediate supervisor is, 4) the amount of the compensation involved, including tuition remission, and 5) appropriate procedures for the student to lodge complaints or address grievances.

For individuals officially appointed as research or teaching assistants, tuition (both resident and nonresident) for all graduate credits is waived. Student activity fees are not waived. Students awarded assistantships in the Department receive a stipend. Assistantships are part-time employment and thus do not include fringe benefits (i.e., health coverage). A student receiving a

full time (20 hours per week) assistantship must take at least **nine (9)** credits of graduate course work each semester.

Students may be given the opportunity to teach courses as a graduate instructor. In order to be eligible for consideration, a student generally must have a Master's degree in Criminal Justice or a related area or a J.D. and must have completed COMM 702: Introduction to College Teaching or similar.

Exceptions to these requirements may be made at the discretion of the faculty, as Department needs dictate.

The following criteria influence the decision regarding which graduate students will be allowed to teach CJ courses:

1. Only doctoral students are considered for teaching their own class.
2. Student must be making adequate progress as defined on page 9.
3. Student must have taken and successfully completed the required teaching class.
4. Availability of classes
5. How much coursework the student has completed during tenure in program.
6. Priority is given to students who are soon graduating with their PhD, especially for the in-person classes.

All students interested in receiving an assistantship must submit their admission application to the Department by April 1st. See Graduate Criminal Justice Graduate program website: http://www.ndsu.edu/cjps/criminal_justice/graduate_program/. Individual faculty members reserve the right to hire graduate students for externally funded projects at their discretion, as well as the right to remove those students from the project for failure to adequately perform the duties required of the research assistantship, as outlined in the letter of contract.

Graduate Assistants' Rights and Responsibilities

Graduate students involved in teaching (either as Teaching Assistants or as Graduate Student Instructors) are responsible for behaving in an ethical and otherwise appropriate manner at all times when dealing with their students. The nature of undergraduate instruction is such that care must be taken at all times in dealing with students so that even the potential perception of inappropriate behavior is avoided. Graduate students are responsible for being familiar with and adhering to the standards of behavior regarding appropriate interaction with students, outlined in relevant sections of the University and College of Arts and Sciences' Faculty Policy Manuals. In particular, graduate students involved in teaching activities should be familiar with NDSU Policy Manual Chapter 1 (Sections 150-169, regarding Employee Responsibilities/Activities), Chapter 3 (sections 320-329 and 330-339, regarding Responsibilities

and Activities, and Teaching, respectively) and Chapter 6 (Sections 600-608, regarding Student Affairs). These policies are available online at <http://www.ndsu.edu/policy/>.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
**ACCELERATED MASTER'S PROGRAM IN CRIMINAL
JUSTICE**

The Accelerated Master's program allows exceptional undergraduate criminal justice students to complete their Master's degree in three semesters beyond the Bachelor's degree.

ADMISSION PROCESS:

Upon completion of 60 undergraduate credit hours, eligible Criminal Justice majors can apply to the Accelerated Master's program. A minimum GPA of 3.5 for the Criminal Justice major, an overall cumulative GPA of 3.5, and successful completion of CJ 325 (Applied Research Methods) is required prior to admission to the program. Students may apply while enrolled in CJ 325, but must earn a minimum grade of "B" prior to beginning graduate coursework. Interested students may apply by completing an application on the NDSU graduate school website [NDSU Graduate School | North Dakota State University](http://www.ndsu.edu/graduate-school) requesting at least two letters of recommendation from faculty or instructors, and submitting a statement of intent explaining why the applicant wants to pursue a Master's degree in Criminal Justice. Interested students should apply early in the criminal justice program as credits from completed 400 level courses cannot be retroactively applied to the Accelerated Master's program.

COURSES:

Once admitted to the Accelerated Master's program, students will take 12 credits out of the following 400/600 level courses (CJ 606 Crime and Delinquency; CJ 607 Deviant Behavior; CJ 660 Criminal Court System, CJ 661 Corrections, and/or CJ 665: Gender, Race, & Ethnicity in Criminal Justice) to fulfill the requirements for their Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and also receiving credit toward a Master's degree in Criminal Justice. Students enrolling in these courses at the 600 level can expect additional reading and writing beyond expectations for students completing these courses for 400 level credit. Students are required to earn a minimum of a "B" in order for the course to count toward the Master's degree. Failing to earn a "B" in any of the 400/600 cross-listed courses will be allowed one "re-take" of that course. Students receiving anything below a "B" in a retaking of a 400/600 level course will be removed from the program and will not be allowed to re-apply for admission into the Accelerated program or the traditional Master's program. Transfer credits from courses completed at other universities are not accepted for the Accelerated Master's program. Upon successful completion of the requirements for a baccalaureate degree, students will begin taking 700 level graduate courses.

THESIS/CULMINATING PROJECT:

Students have a choice between the following: (1) writing a policy paper summarizing research evaluating a policy or practice of the student's choosing; (2) a thesis, which describes the student's original research with the guidance of a faculty advisor; or (3) a culminating project where the student delivers a 45-60 minute oral presentation on a topic or issue relating to criminal justice and approved by a faculty advisor. Students who wish to pursue additional graduate studies are encouraged to participate in the thesis option. Additional information about the policy paper/thesis/culminating project can be found in the criminal justice graduate handbook located on the NDSU Department of Criminal Justice (www.ndsu.edu/criminaljustice).

SAMPLE CURRICULUM FOR ACCELERATED MASTER'S PROGRAM:

Year 1, 2 CJ 201 Introduction to Criminal Justice
CJ 210 Introduction to Policing
CJ 230 Criminology & Criminal Law
CJ 270 Introduction to Corrections

* Year 2 **Spring semester:**
CJ 325 Applied Research
Methods
CJ Elective course

*Apply to Accelerated Master's Program upon completion of 60 credit hours

Year 3 **Fall semester:**
CJ 330 Criminal Law & Procedure (3 credits)
*CJ 406/606 Crime and Delinquency

Year 3 **Spring semester:** (3 credits)
*CJ 460/660 Criminal Court System (3 credits)
*CJ 407/607 Deviant Behavior

Year 4 **Fall semester:**
*CJ 461/661 Corrections or (3 credits)
*CJ 465/665 Gender, Race, & Ethnicity in Criminal
Justice

**Bachelor's Degree Completed

Year 4 **Spring semester:**
CJ 703 Advanced Criminology (3 credits)
CJ 702 Program Evaluation (3 credits)

Year 5 **Fall semester:**
CJ 734 Advanced Criminal Justice Methods (3 credits)
CJ 709 Criminal Justice Policy (3 credits)
STATS 725 Applied Statistics (3 credits)

Year 5 **Spring semester:** (3-6 credits)
CJ 797, 798, or 799 Thesis/Policy Paper/
Culminating Project

**Master's Degree
completed: 30 credits

M.S. in Criminal Justice

General Requirements

The graduate program in criminal justice offers three pathways to a Master of Science degree in criminal justice: Plan A, Plan B, and Plan C. All three pathways require the completion of traditional coursework as well as a culminating thesis, paper, or project.

Plan A requires students to complete a thesis. A master's thesis involves original research and is the traditional path for students seeking to pursue doctoral education in criminal justice. Plan B culminates in a policy paper. Such papers are substantial writing endeavors, but do not involve the collection and dissemination of original research. Plan C does not involve writing a paper at the conclusion of the program. Rather, the culminating project for this path is an oral presentation covering a criminal justice-related topic of interest to the student and approved by the student's adviser. This path may be especially suited for criminal justice professionals seeking an advance degree to further their career and personal development goals.

The curricular structure of M.S. degree under the different plans are presented below. Students in all three paths must complete designated foundation courses, as well as elective credits.

M.S. in Criminal Justice (Plan A)

Foundation Courses (15 credits)

CJ 703 (3)	Advanced Criminology
CJ 709 (3)	Criminal Justice Policy
CJ 702 (3)	Program Evaluation
STAT 725 (3)	Applied Statistics
CJ 734 (3)	Advanced Criminal Justice Methods

Elective Courses (9 credits)

(Students must complete one course from one area and two courses from another)

Criminology:

CJ 721 (3)	Individual Theories of Crime
CJ 722 (3)	Structural Theories of Crime
CJ 750 (3)	Violence
CJ 752 (3)	Crime and the Life Course
CJ 768 (3)	Gender and Justice

Corrections:

CJ 707 (3)	Juvenile Corrections
CJ 733 (3)	Issues in Institutional Corrections
CJ 762 (3)	Community Corrections
CJ 763 (3)	Correctional Rehabilitation

CJ 764 (3) Punishment and Society

Policing:

CJ 754 (3) Police and Society
CJ 760 (3) Police and Race Issues
CJ 761 (3) Police Effectiveness
CJ 765 (3) Classics in Policing

Other electives:

CJ 732 (3) Applied Interpretation of Criminal Justice Methods
CJ 755 (3) Criminal Justice Administration and Leadership
CJ 759 (3) Advanced Research Design in Criminal Justice
CJ 766 (3) Managing Liability and Risk in Criminal Justice
CJ 767 (3) Reform and Accountability in Criminal Justice and Crime Policies
CJ 796 (3) Special Topics
CJ 606 (3) Crime and Delinquency
CJ 607 (3) Deviant Behavior

(Note: course substitutions may be made with the approval of the graduate coordinator) Terminal

Paper (6 credits)

CJ 798 (6) Master's Thesis

M.S. in Criminal Justice (Plan B)

Foundation Courses (15 credits)

CJ 703 (3) Advanced Criminology
CJ 709 (3) Criminal Justice Policy
CJ 702 (3) Program Evaluation
STAT 725 (3) Applied Statistics
CJ 734 (3) Advanced Criminal Justice Methods

Elective Courses (12 credits)

CJ 707 (3) Juvenile Corrections
CJ 721 (3) Individual Theories of Crime
CJ 722 (3) Structural Theories of Crime
CJ 732 (3) Applied Interpretation of Criminal Justice Methods
CJ 733 (3) Issues in Institutional Corrections
CJ 750 (3) Violence
CJ 752 (3) Crime and the Life Course
CJ 754 (3) Police and Society
CJ 755 (3) Criminal Justice Leadership and Administration
CJ 759 (3) Advanced Research Design in Criminal Justice
CJ 760 (3) Police and Race Issues
CJ 761 (3) Police Effectiveness

CJ 762 (3)	Community Corrections
CJ 763 (3)	Correctional Rehabilitation
CJ 764 (3)	Punishment and Society
CJ 765 (3)	Classics in Policing
CJ 766 (3)	Managing Liability and Risk in Criminal Justice
CJ 767 (3)	Reform and Accountability in Criminal Justice and Crime Policies
CJ 768 (3)	Gender and Justice

(Note: course substitutions may be made with the approval of the graduate coordinator)

Terminal Paper (4 credits)

CJ 797 (4)	Policy-based Paper
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Master of Criminal Justice (Plan C)

Foundation Courses (12 credits)

CJ 703 (3)	Advanced Criminology
CJ 709 (3)	Criminal Justice Policy
CJ 702 (3)	Program Evaluation
CJ 734 (3)	Advanced Criminal Justice Methods

Elective Courses (15 credits)

CJ 707 (3)	Juvenile Corrections
CJ 721 (3)	Individual Theories of Crime
CJ 722 (3)	Structural Theories of Crime
CJ 732 (3)	Applied Interpretation of Criminal Justice Methods
CJ 733 (3)	Issues in Institutional Corrections
CJ 750 (3)	Violence
CJ 752 (3)	Crime and the Life Course
CJ 754 (3)	Police and Society
CJ 755 (3)	Criminal Justice Administration and Leadership
CJ 759 (3)	Advanced Research Design in Criminal Justice
CJ 760 (3)	Police and Race Issues
CJ 761 (3)	Police Effectiveness
CJ 762 (3)	Community Corrections
CJ 763 (3)	Correctional Rehabilitation
CJ 764 (3)	Punishment and Society
CJ 765 (3)	Classics in Policing
CJ 766 (3)	Managing Liability and Risk in Criminal Justice
CJ 767 (3)	Reform and Accountability in Criminal Justice and Crime Policies
CJ 768 (3)	Gender and Justice
STAT 725 (3)	Applied Statistics

(Note: course substitutions may be made with the approval of the graduate coordinator)

Culminating Project (3 credits)

CJ 793 (3) Individual Study

All students are required to achieve a grade of “B” or better in all courses. Nine credits per semester are considered a full-time graduate load. Full-time graduate assistants (20 hours/week) are expected to maintain a full-time course load. Any graduate assistant wishing to register for more than 10 credits in a regular semester must secure the approval of their academic dean and the Dean of the Graduate School.

All requirements for the M.S. degree must be completed within a period of 7 consecutive years. Graduate credit for any course work that is more than 7 calendar years old at the time of graduation may not be used to satisfy degree requirements.

Master’s Thesis or Policy Paper (Plan A and Plan B)

A written master’s thesis or policy paper is required for completing the M.S. degree in criminal justice under Plans A or B, respectively. The thesis or policy paper must be completed and orally presented to the student’s committee for defense.

The goal of the master’s thesis is to demonstrate the student’s ability for independent, original research productivity. In particular, the thesis must embody results of original research focusing on a significant problem or issue in criminal justice which constitutes a definitive contribution to knowledge.

The policy paper must show originality and demonstrate the student’s capacity to locate, digest and integrate relevant empirical and other information to effectively analyze a policy issue or problem and make recommendations. Specifically, the policy paper should include the following items: (1) Introduction--present and discuss the policy problem or issue featured in your paper; (2) Review of existing research/literature on the policy; (3) offer a proposal to address policy problem or issue; (4) create a research design for a prospective study that would further advance the understanding of the policy issue and/or potential solutions; and (5) Conclusion.

Thesis/Paper Requirements

General instructions on format are included in the North Dakota State University Graduate School Guidelines for the Preparation of Disquisitions, which is available at the Varsity Mart, and can be found at <http://www.ndsu.edu/gradschool>.

Thesis/Paper Committee

Each prospective candidate for the M.S. degree under Plan A or B must select a Thesis/Paper advisor who will then assist in the selection of a 3-person advisory committee. The student, with the approval of the department chair, will select a major advisor. The advisor-student

relationship must be mutually acceptable. The advisor will act as the chair of the student's advisory committee. The advisor and student shall agree upon two additional committee members. One of these members must be from the faculty. The other member may be either a faculty member or a qualified off-campus expert in the field (off-campus experts must have a PhD and be approved by the student's advisor and the Graduate Council). One committee member must be from outside the student's academic college.

NOTE: Additional qualified individuals may participate as committee members following approval by the graduate dean upon a recommendation accompanied by rationale and curriculum vitae by the appropriate department/program chair and academic dean.

The advisory committee agreed upon by the advisor and student and approved by the department chair and the academic dean shall be recommended to the Dean of the Graduate School for final approval. Each committee member shall have an equal vote in committee decisions.

The plan of study should be submitted to the Graduate School for approval not later than the term immediately after the supervisory committee is formed and must be filed in the Graduate School prior to scheduling of the preliminary oral examination. Revisions in the program of study must be approved by the student, advisory committee, department/program chair (when required) and Dean of the Graduate School. The graduate dean will officially notify the student, advisory committee, department/program chair, and the academic dean of all changes.

Oral Prospectus Hearing

After the advisory committee is approved the student will prepare a proposal for the conduct of the Master's Thesis/Paper and attend an oral prospectus hearing. All committee members must be present at this hearing, which will encompass a demonstration of the interplay of student knowledge and their Paper/Thesis project and committee members will provide relevant feedback as the appropriate methods to be used and topical content for the Thesis/Paper project. This will constitute a defense of the proposal for the Thesis/Paper. After successful completion of this oral proposal defense, the student will be granted permission by the committee to begin work on the Thesis/Paper in line with the recommendations made as to the structure of this project. At least one academic semester must elapse between the oral prospectus hearing and the final oral examination of the Thesis/Paper.

Oral Defense Hearing

Students must be registered for at least one credit in the semester in which they plan to defend their Thesis/Paper and graduate. The graduate dean will formally notify the committee and the student when and where the examination has been scheduled. The examining committee shall consist of the student's advisory committee. The Thesis/Paper in a near final form must be given to the committee members at least seven (7) days prior to the final examination.

Thesis/Paper Approval

At the conclusion of each oral examination, the examining committee shall record in writing its approval or disapproval of the candidate and file its report with the graduate dean. The committee's decision filed on the Report of the Final Examination signifies that the student has been examined with respect to the knowledge required in the major area and that all course work has been satisfactorily completed. This form should be filed in the Graduate School within seven (7) days.

After the exam, the student incorporates into the Thesis/Paper corrections suggested at the oral examination. One copy of the Thesis/Paper, on regular paper, is presented to the Graduate School for editing and a format check by a disquisition editor in the Graduate School. After editorial, format, and graduate dean approval, five (5) final copies of the Paper/Thesis, on the required paper and bearing the disquisition approval form signed by the advisor, all other supervisory committee members, and the department chair, are to be presented, unbound, to the Office of Graduate Studies. With each copy, the candidate must submit an abstract not exceeding 350 words. These five (5) final copies must be accompanied by a receipt from the Business Office for the cost of the binding. Two (2) bound copies of the Paper/Thesis go to the University Library. The remaining three (3) bound copies are for the student, the student's adviser, and the student's department. Each candidate who passes the final examination must also submit a sixth copy of the Paper/Thesis, accompanied by an additional copy of the title page and an additional copy of the Abstract signed by the major adviser.

The student has one (1) year from the date of the final examination to deliver the six (6) final copies to the Office of Graduate Studies and complete all other degree requirements. Should the disquisition not be deposited as specified or all other degree requirements not be completed, the student must repeat the final examination. If a period of time two years or greater lapses before the final copies are submitted, the student must reapply to the Graduate School and must register for a minimum of two (2) credits.

Culminating Project (Plan C)

The master's degree culminating project (Plan C) option results in the awarding of the M.S. in criminal justice. This option is available to students seeking a professional graduate degree without having to complete a substantial terminal thesis/paper. Under Plan C, students will complete 27 credit hours of coursework and three hours of individual study with an appointed adviser. Then, in lieu of a thesis or policy paper and during the semester in which they intend to graduate, students will participate in a culminating experience in which the student will deliver a 45-60 minute oral presentation on a topic or issue relating to criminal justice and approved by the individual study adviser. The presentation will be of a professional quality and anyone from the campus community or the public at large may attend. For the purposes of the Graduate School, this presentation constitutes a final defense and all applicable rules and procedures leading up to and following the defense still apply.

THE DOCTORAL DEGREE

General Requirements

The curricular structure of the program is listed below for students entering the program with a master's degree that is not related to criminal justice/criminology:

Theory/Policy courses	9 cr.
Research skills	15 cr.
Substantive Area	18 cr.
Electives/Indiv. Study	36 cr.
Indiv. Study/Dissertation	12 cr.
Total	90 cr.

Students entering the program with an approved master's degree are required to complete a minimum of 60 credit hours, and at least three (3) of the research skills courses must be completed at NDSU. The graduate committee will review the student's transcript to determine whether the student has successfully completed any of the required courses in their master's program. In the case that a course taken in the master's program is sufficiently similar to required courses at NDSU and a student has successfully completed that course, the requirement may be waived. (For example, if a student received an "A" in a course similar to "Advanced Criminological Theory," CJ703 may be waived as a requirement.) The student will be advised within their first semester of study as to whether any credits will be waived. Any credits waived in this manner must be completed as either electives or dissertation credits.

The curricular structure of the program for doctoral students entering with a Master's degree in Criminal Justice/Criminology is as follows:

Theory/Policy courses	9 cr.
Research skills	15 cr.
Substantive Area	18 cr.
Electives/Indiv. Study	15 cr.
Indiv. Study/Dissertation	1-12 cr.
Total	60 cr.

All students are required to achieve a grade of “B” or better in all courses. Nine credits per semester are considered a full-time graduate load. Full-time graduate assistants are expected to maintain a full-time course load. Any graduate assistant wishing to register for more than 10 credits in a regular semester must secure the approval of their academic dean and the Dean of the Graduate School.

All requirements for the PhD degree must be completed within a period of 10 consecutive years. Graduate credit for any course work, not including the Master’s degree that is more than 10 calendar years old at the time of the final oral examination may not be used to satisfy degree requirements.

Ph.D. Curriculum Details

REQUIRED COURSES

THEORY/POLICY COURSES (Students must complete **all** courses for a total of 9 credits)

CJ703	Advanced Criminology
CJ709	Criminal Justice Policy
COMM702	Introduction to College Teaching

RESEARCH SKILLS (Students must complete **all** courses for a total of 12 credits, 9 of these must be completed at NDSU)

Stat725	Applied Statistics
Stat726	Applied Regression and Analysis of Variance
CJ702	Program Evaluation
CJ 734 (3)	Advanced Criminal Justice Methods

SUBSTANTIVE AREAS

Students are required to complete a total of 18 credits in the substantive areas. Students must complete **four** courses in a substantive area of choice (12 credits). Additionally, students must complete **one course in each** of their non-substantive areas (6 credits total).

CRIMINOLOGY

CJ721	Individual Theories of Crime
CJ722	Structural Theories of Crime
CJ750	Violence
CJ752	Crime and the Life Course

CORRECTIONS

CJ707	Juvenile Corrections
CJ733	Issues in Institutional Corrections
CJ762	Community Corrections
CJ763	Correctional Rehabilitation
CJ764	Punishment and Society

POLICING

CJ755	Administrative Policing
CJ760	Police and Race Issues
CJ761	Police Effectiveness
CJ754	Police and Society
CJ765	Classics in Policing
CJ 766	Managing Liability and Risk in Criminal Justice
CJ 767	Reform and Accountability in Criminal Justice and Crime Policies

ELECTIVE COURSES

Students are also required to complete 15 credits of elective courses. The following courses are *examples* of electives that may be taken. Students should consult with their advisor as to other potentially appropriate electives.

CJ768	Gender and Justice
CDFS650	Adolescent Development
Psych640	Experimental Methods
Psych670	Experimental Social Psychology
Stat660	Applied Survey Sampling
Soc700	Qualitative Methods
Stat 665	Meta-Analysis Methods

Comprehensive Examinations

The PhD program requires students to take both a proficiency exam in research methods and two comprehensive exams. The PhD comprehensive examinations are an integral part of the Ph.D. in Criminal Justice. They represent the part of the program that requires students to demonstrate their understanding of the central issues facing the discipline. They also require students to have formed their own positions on these issues, as well as to demonstrate that they have the ability to articulate and defend these positions. As such, they place an emphasis not only on what people know but also on how they can use what they know, and if they have developed an understanding of how what we know can be transformed through research, theory development, and action. The student is expected to demonstrate in the examinations their reasoned perspective on the literature in our field and their ability to integrate that literature to describe future developments.

Methods Proficiency Exam

All PhD students are required to complete a research methods proficiency exam. This exam will

generally be after the completion of the Advanced Criminal Justice Methods course. This proficiency exam is graded by a methods instructor. If the students pass, they are considered proficient in methodology. They must pass this proficiency before they are able to take the comprehensive examinations.

All Ph.D. students are required to complete two comprehensive examinations. The two examinations will consist of the following.

1. **Comprehensive Exam #1:** The first comprehensive examination will be administered during the student's third year, and will be developed based on the coursework completed by the student. The content of comprehensive examination will concentrate on areas outside of the student's selected focus. For example, students wishing to focus on corrections will have a test focusing on their coursework in policing and criminology; a student emphasizing policing will have an exam focusing on their coursework in corrections and criminology, and a student emphasizing criminology will have an exam focusing on their coursework policing and corrections.

The student will meet with the graduate coordinator to establish what coursework will be included in this exam. This meeting will occur at the beginning of the Fall Semester of the second year. A comprehensive grading committee will be formed consisting of three faculty members, with a minimum of two members teaching coursework in the content areas of the exam. The student will meet with the committee by the end of the Fall Semester of the second year to review and develop a reading list in preparation for the exam.

- a. Grading of Comprehensive Exams

Comprehensive examinations will be graded by at least three faculty members with full-time appointments in the Department. Each grader will grade each question "pass" or "fail" (faculty may also make a recommendation for or against a grade of "pass with distinction"). The Department Chair, or his or her designee, will tabulate scores by student in a matrix by de-identified graders. Each student will be allowed to review the matrix for their own examination, but not for other students. All examinations with 75% of the total possible score will pass. Those with less than 75% will fail.

- b. Comprehensive Exam Failures

If a student fails a comprehensive examination, he or she must retake the exam at the next offering or face removal from the Ph.D. program. A student who fails a Comprehensive Examination will be responsible for meeting with a faculty member for advising about how to proceed in preparation for the second administration. A student who fails the same comprehensive examination twice shall be terminated from the Ph.D. program.

- c. Appeal process for second failure of a comprehensive exam:

Students who fail a comprehensive examination for the second time may appeal to

the criminal justice faculty for a third administration of the examination. This appeal must be requested within three days after notification of the second failure. In this appeal, students must provide a written reason why they should have a third administration of the examination; this appeal may be communicated via email. As a committee of the whole, criminal justice faculty will review the overall academic record of the students as well as any exceptional circumstances, such as medical issues, that may have prevented students from passing that exam. Generally, only students who have exemplary academic records will be allowed to retake the exam. All records and circumstances will be discussed and voted on by the faculty to determine whether the student merits a third offering. If the majority of the criminal justice faculty approve the retake, then this third offering will generally take place within two weeks of notification about the faculty's decision on the appeal.

Students who are allowed to retake the exam will be notified about which questions they failed. The questions on the retake will be on the specific theory or topic of those failed questions. The questions will also be numerically equivalent to the number of questions failed on the comprehensive exam. For example, if a student failed all four questions, then he or she will have four questions on the retake. If a student failed two questions, then he or she will have two questions on the retake.

The scoring for the retake exam will still follow the 75% rule to pass. The retake questions will substitute their scores for the failed questions on the comprehensive exam. For example, if a student passed one question on the exam and failed three, he or she would retake three questions. The student would need to pass at least two of the questions on the retake to pass the comprehensive exam.

2. **Comprehensive Exam #2:** The second comprehensive examination will focus on the student's primary area of study (i.e., corrections, criminology, policing). The format of this exam will be a paper to be published in a peer-reviewed, scholarly journal.

Process to Begin the Exam:

- a. Graduate students will have two months (from the date that they successfully complete their first comprehensive examination) to choose a topic and data source(s) for the paper. This conversation should happen in consultation with their major professor.
- b. By the end of the two-month time period, the graduate student should schedule and hold a meeting with either the corrections, criminology, or policing comprehensive committee (depending on the topic of their primary area) to get formal approval of their topic and data source(s).
- c. At least two weeks before the meeting, the graduate student should submit (in writing) a "plan of action." The "plan of action" should include a detailed description of the purpose of the paper, as well as any data/data sources and analytic technique(s) that will be used for the completion of the paper. The "plan of action" should also identify the journal to which the paper will be submitted upon completion.

- d. If students choose to collect their own data, they need to seek IRB approval immediately following approval of the topic by the comprehensive committee. If students want to use existing data sources, they must provide the committee with written permission from the person or group who owns the data. Exceptions to this rule would include data from the Uniform Crime Report, Census, ICPSR and any other data that is accessible to the public on the Internet. The data source(s) used for this paper must be different from the data source(s) that will be used for the dissertation.
- e. If the “plan of action is acceptable to the committee, then the student should begin their paper as soon as possible. If the “plan of action” is not acceptable to the committee, the student must make appropriate changes within three weeks of the initial meeting. If the “plan of action” is still not acceptable to the committee the second time they review it, the student will receive a “fail” for the comprehensive paper.

Requirements:

- a. The paper must be solo-authored by the graduate student who has written the paper.
- b. The graduate student is permitted to discuss the paper with their major professor. The major professor is allowed to guide the student, but cannot have an active role in the paper. Research is a process that is often the product of discussions from many individuals; however, the focus of this comprehensive examination is to demonstrate expertise in their primary area of study.
- c. If students wish to receive guidance from faculty outside of their major professor, the student must submit a written request to the comprehensive exam committee that lists (1) who the person is and (2) why their guidance is required. The committee will then approve or deny the request. Any unapproved outside guidance is prohibited and can be grounds for a failing grade.

Process to Complete the Exam:

- a. Students must have their paper completed and reviewed by the comprehensive committee no later than nine months from the date that they informed the Graduate Coordinator of their choice. If this does not happen by the nine-month deadline, it will count as a “fail.”
- b. Comprehensive papers will receive an “accept/pass,” “revise and resubmit,” or “reject/fail.” In order to receive an “accept/pass,” “revise and resubmit,” or “reject/fail” from the committee, two out of three committee members must vote to “accept/pass,” “revise and resubmit,” or “reject/fail” the paper.
- c. Students will have three weeks to resubmit papers that receive a “revise and resubmit” from the committee. Graduate students are allowed to submit comprehensive papers to the committee a second time if they receive a “reject/fail” on their first attempt. The second attempt at the comprehensive paper includes another nine-month deadline (beginning the day after a paper has received a “reject/fail” grade from the committee).

- d. Comprehensive committee members will provide written feedback on all papers submitted for review. Graduate students will be notified of the committee's decision no later than two weeks after submitting their paper to the committee.
- e. All comprehensive papers must be submitted to the journal identified in the written "plan of action" no later than one week after the comprehensive committee has issued an "accept/pass" grade for the paper. Written proof or an email receipt of submission of the paper to a journal is required to fulfill this step in the process. Submission of a paper to a peer-reviewed, scholarly journal is the last required step in the comprehensive paper process. If this submission deadline is not met, the paper will receive a "fail" from the comprehensive committee.

Dissertation

Oral Prospectus Hearing

Successful completion of these two exams will be followed by an oral prospectus hearing (preliminary oral exam). This hearing will encompass a demonstration of the interplay of student knowledge (theory/methods + substantive area) and their dissertation project. This will constitute a defense of the proposal for the dissertation. After successful completion of the written and oral exams, the student will be formally admitted to candidacy for the Doctor of Philosophy degree. At least one academic semester must elapse between the preliminary oral examination and the final oral examination of the dissertation.

Dissertation Guidance

A written dissertation must be completed and orally presented to the student's committee for defense. The dissertation must show originality and demonstrate the student's capacity for independent research. It must embody results of original research focusing on a significant problem or issue in criminal justice which constitutes a definitive contribution to knowledge.

Dissertation Requirements

General instructions on format are included in the North Dakota State University Graduate School *Guidelines for the Preparation of Disquisitions*, which is available at the Varsity Mart, and can be found at <http://www.ndsu.edu/gradschool>.

Dissertation Committee

For each prospective candidate for the doctoral degree, an advisory committee consisting of at least four members will be appointed. The student, with the approval of the department chair, will select a major advisor. The advisor-student relationship must be mutually acceptable. The advisor will act as the chair of the student's supervisory committee and will be in charge of the plan of study. The advisor and student shall agree upon two additional committee members. One of these members must be from the faculty. The other member may be either a faculty member or a qualified off-campus expert in the field (off-campus experts must have a PhD and be approved by the student's advisor and the Graduate Council). A fourth committee member serves as a Graduate School appointee. This appointment is made by the graduate dean, but suggestions as to who the appointee might be are welcome and useful. One committee member must be from outside the student's academic college. The Graduate School appointee may or may not be the outside committee member. The Graduate School appointee must be a Full Member of the NDSU Graduate Faculty.

NOTE: Other qualified individuals may participate as committee members following approval by the graduate dean upon a recommendation accompanied by rationale and curriculum vitae by the appropriate department/program chair and academic dean.

The advisory committee agreed upon by the advisor and student and approved by the department/program chair and the academic dean shall be recommended to the Dean of the Graduate School for final approval. Each committee member shall have an equal vote in committee decisions.

The plan of study should be submitted to the Graduate School for approval not later than the term immediately after the supervisory committee is formed and must be filed in the Graduate School prior to scheduling of the preliminary oral examination. Revisions in the program of study must be approved by the student, advisory committee, department/program chair (when required) and Dean of the Graduate School. The graduate dean will officially notify the student, advisory committee, department/program chair, and the academic dean of all changes.

Oral Defense Hearing

Students must be registered for at least one credit in the semester in which they plan to defend their dissertation and graduate. The graduate dean will formally notify the committee and the student when and where the examination has been scheduled. The examining committee shall consist of the student's advisory committee. The dissertation in a near final form must be given to the committee members at least seven (7) days prior to the final examination.

Dissertation Approval

At the conclusion of each oral examination, the examining committee shall record in writing its approval or disapproval of the candidate and file its report with the graduate dean. The committee's decision filed on the Report of the Final Examination signifies that the student has been examined with respect to the knowledge required in the major area and that all course work

has been satisfactorily completed. This form should be filed in the Graduate School within seven (7) days.

After the exam, the student incorporates into the dissertation corrections suggested at the oral examination. One copy of the dissertation, on regular paper, is presented to the Graduate School for editing and a format check by a disquisition editor in the Office of Graduate Studies.

After editorial, format, and graduate dean approval, five (5) final copies of the dissertation, on the required paper and bearing the disquisition approval form signed by the advisor, all other supervisory committee members, and the department chair, are to be presented, unbound, to the Office of Graduate Studies. With each copy, the candidate must submit an abstract not exceeding 350 words. These five (5) final copies must be accompanied by a receipt from the Business Office for the cost of the binding. Two (2) bound copies of the dissertation go to the University Library. The remaining three (3) bound copies are for the student, the student's adviser, and the student's department. Each candidate who passes the final examination must also submit a sixth copy of the dissertation, accompanied by an additional copy of the title page and an additional copy of the Abstract signed by the major adviser.

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APPENDIX A: FACULTY MEMBERS

Carol A. Archbold, Professor

Dr. Archbold has been a member of the NDSU faculty since 2005. Her research interests include women in policing, police misconduct, liability and accountability, and race and gender in the criminal justice system. She has published her research in a variety of peer-reviewed journals including: *Police Quarterly*, *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management*, *Race and Justice*, *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, *Journal of Criminal Justice* and the *Journal of Crime and Justice*. She has also authored/co-authored several books including: *Police Accountability, Risk Management and Legal Advising* (LFB Scholarly Publishing, New York, NY, 2004); *Women and Policing in America: Classic and Contemporary Readings* (with Dr. Dorothy Schulz and Dr. Kimberly Hassell, Aspen Publishing); *Policing: A Text/Reader* (Sage Publications); and *The New World of Police Accountability, 2nd edition* (with Dr. Samuel Walker, Sage Publications).

Connie M. Koski, Assistant Professor

Andrew (AJ) Myer, Associate Professor

Dr. Myer is an Associate Professor and has been at North Dakota State University since 2014. He is also a Research Fellow with the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute. He has taught courses on corrections, evidenced based correctional programming, and statistical and research methodologies. His research interests include effective correctional interventions, evidence-based program evaluation, actuarial offender risk assessment practices, and macro-social research methods. Dr. Myer has conducted dozens of process and outcome evaluations of treatment courts (including adult and juvenile treatment courts, gender specific treatment courts, veteran's courts, mental health courts, and drug courts). Dr. Myer has written over 50 technical reports on evidence-based program evaluation. He has published in the *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, *Victims and Offenders*, and the *Journal of Crime and Justice*, and is co-editor of the book *The Origins of American Criminology*.

Amy Stichman, Associate Professor

Dr. Stichman is an Associate Professor in Criminal Justice at North Dakota State University. She joined the faculty in 2007. Her previous publications have included evaluating sex offender laws, use of internships in criminal justice programs, evaluating correctional programs, and mentoring, workplace experiences, and tokenism in policing. Additionally, she has published research on correctional officers' bases of power and fear/risk of victimization, and sexual assault on campuses. She teaches courses in corrections, research methods and criminology.

Kevin Thompson, Professor

Dr. Thompson has been a member of the NDSU faculty since 1989. His research focuses on adolescent behavior disturbances. Some of his current research projects include 1) survey and experimental studies on how child maltreatment impacts adolescent behavior problems, 2) the impact of juvenile drug courts on recidivism rates, and 3) the effect of risky drinking on college student populations. He has published numerous journal articles

which have appeared in the *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Problems*, *Deviant Behavior*, *Criminal Justice & Behavior*, *Child Abuse & Neglect*, *The Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, and the *Journal of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry*. Dr. Thompson has served on numerous boards and task forces addressing issues related to at-risk youth.

APPENDIX B: COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

-CJ 606 Crime and Delinquency: Study of the nature and extent of juvenile delinquency. Analysis causes of juvenile and an exploration of policies to combat delinquency. *Accelerated Master's program only* (3 credits)

-CJ 607 Deviant Behavior: Analysis of the precursors, the processes, and the consequences of deviance in Western society. *Accelerated Master's program only* (3 credits)

-CJ 660 Criminal Court System: Analysis of the structure and function of the criminal court system in the United States, including the prosecutor, defense counsel, judge, and jury. Issues confronting the system are considered from historical, philosophical, and sociological perspectives. *Accelerated Master's program only* (3 credits)

-CJ 661 Corrections: Analysis of institutional and community-centered corrections. Emphasis on historical, contemporary, and developing trends regarding structures, program content and problems. *Accelerated Master's program only* (3 credits)

-CJ 665 Gender, Race, and Ethnicity in Criminal Justice: Analysis of roles and contributions of women and people of color in the criminal justice system as offenders, victims, and practitioners. Examines effect of court decisions, rule-making, and contemporary criminal justice practices on women and people of color. *Accelerated Master's program only* (3 credits)

-CJ 692 Global Practicum: Pre-Arranged study at accredited foreign institutions (study abroad), domestic institutions (National Student Exchange) or on approved study abroad programs. (1-15 credits)

-CJ 702 Program Evaluation: Examination of the development and implementation of criminal justice program/policy evaluation, including the techniques of applied research and practical considerations. Topics also include ethical issues, evaluation planning, process, impact and cost-benefit analyses, grant writing, and dissemination of findings. (3 credits)

-CJ 703 Advanced Criminology: Advanced study of the distribution of crime and the major theories of crime causation from an interdisciplinary perspective, including special attention to issues relating to the measurement, nature, and extent of crime in the US. (3 credits)

-CJ 707 Juvenile Corrections: Examination of the history of ideas about and responses to juvenile delinquency, the scope and nature historically and today, and the responses of various parts of the juvenile justice system, as well as responses by other social institutions such as the family, community, and schools. (3 credits)

-CJ 709 Criminal Justice Policy: Examination of concepts related to the development, implementation, and evaluation of public policy as it relates to the criminal justice system, including the history, development and operation of policing, courts/sentencing, corrections, crime prevention, offender rehabilitation, and issues related to drugs and crime and race and crime. (3 credits)

-CJ 721 Individual Theories of Crime: Review of historical and contemporary individual theories of crime. Discussion of the assumptions, causes, and policy implications of criminological theories. Prereq: CJ 703. (3 credits)

-CJ 722 Structural Theories of Crime: Review of historical and contemporary structural theories of crime, including criteria of good theory, the assumptions of various criminological theories, and the similarities and differences in theories. Prereq: CJ 703. (3 credits)

-CJ 732: Applied Interpretation of Criminal Justice Methods: This class is intended to provide an advanced interpretation of criminal justice methodologies. This course examines how criminal justice research employs various methodologies to study how/when/why people commit or recommit crime. Using research in the fields of criminal justice and criminology, the class will focus on interpreting the methodologies that examine continuous, dichotomous, categorical, and count endogenous variables under normal and skewed distribution assumptions. Prereq: STAT 725

-CJ 733 Issues in Institutional Corrections: Course examining the various issues in adult prisons and jails in the United States. Topics include male and female inmates' life in prison violence, prisoners' rights, management and staff issues, and differences between prisons and jails. (3 credits)

-CJ 734 Advanced Criminal Justice Methods: Provides an examination of the research process. Explores how criminologists conduct research, pitfalls of research and importance of discovery and application. Prereq: Undergraduate methods course in social or behavioral sciences and a statistics course. (3 credits)

-CJ 750 Violence: Examination of various aspects of criminal violence, including various social settings (e.g., community, domestic, and school) with attention to the causes, consequences, moderating factors, and proposed solutions associated with violent criminal behavior. (3 credits)

-CJ 752 Crime and the Life Course: The life course will be examined as a theoretical orientation, a research methodology, and as an empirical field of study with special reference to crime and deviance. Key conceptual and research issues will be analyzed and discussed. (3 credits)

-CJ 754 Police and Society: Provides an overview of law enforcement in the United States. Topics covered in this course include officer use of discretion, officer behavior, organizational function, and delivery of police services.

-CJ 755 Criminal Justice Leadership and Administration: Organizational theory, leadership, communication, labor relations, and crisis management in criminal justice administration. (3 credits)

-CJ 757 Community Policing: Examination of the history, philosophy, theory, and implementation of community policing. Comparison of community policing with other policing styles. (3 credits)

-CJ 759 Advanced Research Design: Provides an overview of research design used in criminal justice and criminological research. Students will learn how to critique research designs that are

most commonly used in criminal justice research. (3 credits)

-CJ 760 Police and Race Issues: Provides an in-depth, historical, and contemporary view of the police and race issues in the US. Discussions on diversity, use of force, racial profiling, and citizen complaints. (3 credits)

-CJ 761 Police Effectiveness: Examines effectiveness of police delivery services in the US. Examines theories and scrutinizes factors that are associated with police effectiveness. (3 credits)

-CJ 762 Community Corrections: Evaluation of practices, issues, and trends in community corrections. Focus on probation, parole, halfway houses, and other community alternatives to incarceration. (3 credits)

-CJ 763 Correctional Rehabilitation: Examines issues related to the implementation and effectiveness of various correctional treatment approaches and programs. In-depth examination of the history, purpose and common targets of correctional treatment interventions. (3 credits)

-CJ 764 Punishment and Society: Examines the use of punishment in American society. This course is designed as a seminar to discuss past and current literature on the evolution of punishment, the purposes of punishment, and specific types of punishment. (3 credits)

-CJ 765 Classics in Policing: Provides an overview of the classic writings in policing which provide the foundation for contemporary research in policing. Students will learn how research in policing has advanced methodologically and theoretically since the first studies were conducted in the United States over fifty years ago. (3 credits)

-CJ 766: Managing Liability and Risk in Criminal Justice: Identify principles of risk management, as well as risks associated with liability and litigation within police and correctional agencies. Examine strategies to prevent negative outcomes associated with hiring practices, policies, training, and supervision. (3 credits)

-CJ 767 Reform and Accountability in Criminal Justice and Crime Policies: Examine historical and contemporary reform efforts associated with the criminal justice system and crime policies in the United States. Identify strategies meant to increase accountability within police agencies, courts, and correctional facilities, while enhancing public safety.

-CJ 768 Gender and Justice: Examination of the role of gender in crime and the criminal justice system, including the changing roles of men and women in society, differential involvement in criminal behavior, and differential criminal justice response. (3 credits)

-CJ 793 Independent Study: Directed study allowing an individual student, under faculty supervision, to understand selected, independent work in topics of special interest or a limited experience in research.

-CJ 795 Field Experience: Field-oriented supervised learning activities outside the college classroom that include a preplanned assessment of the experience, registration during the term the experience is conducted, and post evaluation with the instructor.

-CJ 797 Masters Paper: Literature review, research, and preparation for paper required for the comprehensive study option.

-CJ 798 Masters Thesis: Original investigation under the supervision of a major adviser and a supervisory committee.

-CJ 899 Doctoral Dissertation: Original investigation under the supervision of a major adviser and a supervisory committee.