

MS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE



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Health & Human Services

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Criminal Justice

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Type of Program Proposal:

Major

Program Change Type:

Substantive

Delivery Format:

Fully Face to Face

Title of the Program:

MS In Criminal Justice

Designation: (degree terminology)

Master of Science

Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification:

In response to the increase in students conducting qualitative research for their culminating experience, the Division of Criminal Justice has created a new qualitative methods course (CRJ 202). To reflect the current needs of an increasing number of students engaging in qualitative research for their thesis, as well as an increase in department faculty with expertise in teaching qualitative research methods, CRJ 260 is being moved from a required course to an elective and the newly proposed CRJ 202 (qualitative methods) will take its place as a required course.

Under the Required Core, we have made edits changing the course options to CRJ 207, CRJ 210, and CRJ 220 to better reflect the future career paths of our students in order to better prepare them for the workforce. This change also better reflects the faculty expertise while taking current issues into consideration.

We are also correcting our Electives listing to add a course approved in a previous AY that has not been added to the catalog, CRJ 281, as an elective in the graduate program. The total units required for the degree is also changing as a correction to what was in the catalog previously. The MS in CJ requires 30 units, not 30-33 units.

Regarding EO 1071, all cohorts of students in our program take more than 18 units of the same coursework; 15 units completed as core requirements and 3 units completed as their culminating experience. In addition, the MS in Criminal Justice is considered a stand-alone program as we do not offer concentrations. We consulted with OGS and confirmed that the MS in Criminal Justice is compliant with EO 1071.

University Learning Goals**Graduate (Masters) Learning Goals:**

Disciplinary knowledge
 Communication
 Critical thinking/analysis
 Research (optional)

Will this program be required as part of a teaching credential program, a single subject, or multiple subject waiver program (e.g., Liberal Studies, Biology) or other school personnel preparation program (e.g., School of Nursing)?

No

Catalog Description:**Total units required for MS: 30****Program Description**

The Master of Science program in Criminal Justice is designed to provide broad knowledge and understanding of the field of criminal justice, law enforcement, legal processes, and rehabilitation of offenders. It also provides an extensive academic foundation for a growing variety of professional opportunities and facilitates professional development in preparation for positions of increasing responsibility. Curriculum objectives are based on the philosophy that the function of the professional criminal justice practitioner and educator is to aid the orderly development of society, to contribute significantly to the improvement of the quality of services,

and to advance the criminal justice system. Students who anticipate pursuing graduate studies should prepare themselves for work on this level by selecting undergraduate courses which provide competence in the following areas: statistical analysis, behavioral science methodology, independent library research, and the writing of research papers.

The University's location in the state capital provides direct access to many local, federal, and state agencies through internship and fieldwork opportunities. All graduate students should consult the Criminal Justice Graduate Coordinator when planning their program of courses for each upcoming semester.

All work toward the degree must be completed within a seven-year period. The general University requirements for graduate degrees are explained in the "Graduate Studies (<http://catalog.csus.edu/graduate-degree-requirements/>)" section of this Catalog.

Admission Requirements: Course prerequisites and other criteria for admission of students to the degree major program, and for their continuation in it.

Admission Requirements

Admission as a classified graduate student in Criminal Justice requires:

- a baccalaureate degree from an institution accredited by a regional accrediting association;
- a minimum 3.0 GPA in the last 60 units attempted and a 3.0 GPA in the major field;
- a score of 4 or more in the Analytical Writing Section of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test;
- a letter outlining in some detail the applicant's **interests, goals, and expectations** in pursuing the MS in Criminal Justice; and
- three letters of recommendation from individuals who can evaluate the applicant's potential for graduate study.

In addition, applicants are expected to have an undergraduate major in Criminal Justice or its equivalent. Whatever the applicant's undergraduate major, however, it is essential that each student have adequate preparation for graduate study. For this reason, some applicants (regardless of their undergraduate program) may be asked to remove deficiencies in their education by taking courses from the undergraduate curriculum before being admitted as a classified graduate student. In such cases, conditionally classified graduate status may be granted subject to completion of these courses with grade "B" or better. The number of units required to remove deficiencies will total no more than 15 and these must be taken in addition to the 30 units required for the MS. Any deficiencies will be noted on a written response to the admission application.

Admission Procedures

Applications are accepted as long as space for new students is available. If applications for graduate admissions exceed the capacity of the Department, the Department will limit admissions. Applicants will be rank ordered for admission based on an evaluation of the admission requirements including, but not limited to: academic record, GRE analytical writing score, letter of intent, and letters of recommendation. *For more admissions information and application deadlines, please visit <http://www.csus.edu/gradstudies/>.*

All prospective graduate students, including Sacramento State graduates, must provide the following:

- an online application for admission;
- two sets of official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, *other than Sacramento State; and*
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) score.
- a letter outlining in some detail the applicant's interests, goals, and expectations in pursuing the MS in Criminal Justice; and
- three letters of recommendation from individuals who can evaluate the applicant's potential for graduate study.

Approximately six weeks after receipt of all items listed above, a decision regarding admission will be emailed by the University to the applicant.

Minimum Units and Grade Requirement for the Degree

Units required for the MS: 30

Minimum Cumulative GPA: 3.0

Advancement to Candidacy

Each student must file an application for Advancement to Candidacy for the master's degree indicating the proposed program of graduate study. This procedure should begin as soon as the classified graduate student has:

- removed any deficiencies in admissions requirements;
- completed at least 12 units in the graduate program with a minimum 3.0 GPA; and
- passed the Writing Placement for Graduate Students (WPG) or passed a Graduate Writing Intensive (GWI) course in their discipline within the first two semesters of coursework at California State University, Sacramento or secured approval for a WPG waiver.


Students may not enroll in CRJ 501 before they are advanced to candidacy.

Advancement to Candidacy forms are available on the Office of Graduate Studies website. The student fills out the form after planning a degree program in consultation with the Criminal Justice Graduate Coordinator. The completed form should then be returned to the Office of Graduate Studies for approval.

As defined by policy <http://www.csus.edu/umannual/acadaff/fsm00010.htm>, a change in units constitutes a substantive change to the program. If your changes constitute a substantive change, please refer back to the "Program Change Type" field above to ensure that "Substantive" is selected.

Program Requirements: (If new courses are being created as part of a new program, it will be useful to propose courses first.)

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Required Courses (15 Units)		15
CRJ 200	Research Methods in Criminal Justice 	3
CRJ 201	Advanced Research Design and Data in Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 202	Qualitative Research Methods (Form A in Workflow)	3
CRJ 255	Crime, Criminology and Criminal Justice	3
Select one of the following:		3
CRJ 207	Criminal Justice Research and Program Evaluation	
CRJ 210	Critical Examination of Law and Justice	
CRJ 220	Politics of Crime Legislation	
Electives (12 Units)		
Select 9 units for the thesis/project option and 12 units for the comprehensive exam option:		9 - 12
CRJ 205	Criminal Justice Policy Analysis	
CRJ 207	Criminal Justice Research and Program Evaluation	
CRJ 210	Critical Examination of Law and Justice	
CRJ 220	Politics of Crime Legislation	
CRJ 230	The Prison	
CRJ 231	Graduate Seminar in Corrections	
CRJ 233	Psychodynamics of Confinement	
CRJ 240	Contemporary Issues in Policing	
CRJ 250	Comparative Analysis of the Criminal Justice System	
CRJ 251	White-Collar Crime	
CRJ 252	Violence and Victims	
CRJ 256	Historical Analysis of the American Criminal Justice System	
CRJ 257	The Nature Of Terrorism	
CRJ 260	Management of Complex Justice Organizations	
CRJ 262	Administration of Juvenile Justice	
CRJ 266	Personnel Administration in Justice Organizations	
CRJ 267	Criminal Justice Issues in Collective Bargaining and Arbitration	
CRJ 281	Special Topics in Criminal Justice	
CRJ 289	Criminal Justice Systems of the Future	
CRJ 295	Internship	
CRJ 296 series course		
CRJ 299	Special Problems	
Culminating Experience (3 Units)		
Students may choose to take CRJ 500 (3 units) OR CRJ 501 & CRJ 502 (6 units)		3 - 6
CRJ 500	Culminating Experience (with 12 units of electives)	
CRJ 501 & CRJ 502	Culminating Experience: Thesis/Project Development Culminating Experience: Thesis or Project (with 9 units of electives)	
Total Units		30

For graduate programs, the number of declared undergraduate major and the degree production over the preceding years of the corresponding baccalaureate program:

The number of declared undergraduate CJ majors is 1,242 (which does not include students that have expressed interest in the major). In the AY 2021-22 year, 582 CJ students graduated from the baccalaureate program.

Fiscal Impact to Change an Existing Program

Indicate programmatic or fiscal impact which this change will have on other academic units' programs, and describe the consultation that has occurred with affected units:

The proposed changes will not have a programmatic or fiscal impact on other academic units' programs.

Provide a fiscal analysis of the proposed changes:

N/A - the number of units that students must earn does not change and the number of faculty needed to teach in the program does not change.

How will the above changes be accommodated within the department/College existing fiscal resources?

Faculty that are currently employed in the Division of Criminal Justice will continue to teach courses in the graduate program without exceeding their course loads.

Will the proposed changes require additional resources?

No

What additional space, equipment, operating expenses, library, computer, or media resources, clerical/technical support, or other resources will be needed?

None - current available resources will be sufficient. The changes to the program better reflect the needs of the students and the current composition of the faculty.

Estimate the cost and indicate how these resource needs will be accommodated:

N/A

Reviewer Comments:

Heather Thompson (heather.thompson) (Wed, 04 Oct 2023 02:34:46 GMT): Rollback: Committee approved the form with pending changes. Please refer to the discussion during meeting. Committee members from the department will provide the detailed changes to the chair/author. Once re-submitted, the chair may approve the proposal immediately.

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