



CRIMINAL JUSTICE

MASTER OF SCIENCE

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice (MSCJ) degree helps students develop the necessary problem-solving skills to address contemporary and evolving problems with innovative, ethical, and evidence-based solutions. You will gain knowledge in the areas of criminological theory, program evaluation, and criminal justice administration to ensure that the management and administration of the criminal justice system is effective, efficient, and responsive to the needs of the community.

Our dynamic core curriculum covers foundations of the criminal justice system, the relationship between law and criminal justice, and advanced methods of social research. Our compelling electives include seminars on corrections and police practices, along with a special topics course that you can shape to meet your interests and career goals. You will participate in a capstone project in which you will analyze and develop a practical approach to a significant issue facing the American criminal justice system.

The MSCJ degree will put you on a faster track to promotions, and help you build technical, analytic, and leadership skills essential for long-term career growth or preparation for doctoral programs by enhancing your academic research and professional knowledge.

CAREER OPTIONS

- Law Enforcement Officer
- Court Officer
- Correctional Officer
- Customs and Border Patrol Officer
- Juvenile Probation Officer
- Victim Advocate
- Victim Services Coordinator
- Child Protective Services Case Worker

- Corporate Security Officer
- Loss Prevention Specialist
- Asset Protection Specialist
- Fraud Investigator
- Park Ranger
- Fish and Game Warden
- Private Investigator
- CJ Policy Advisor

DELIVERY MODE

100% on line, 8-week terms

START TERMS

Fall and Spring

NUMBER OF CREDITS

36 credit hours

PROGRAM LENGTH

One and a half to 2 years

GRADUATE FACULTY

Steven Arxer, PhD.

Professor of Sociology

Aaron Bartula, PhD.

Associate Professor of Criminal Justice

J. Eric Coleman, EdD.

Senior Lecturer of Criminal Justice

Jan Marie Cunningham, JD.

Lecturer of Criminal Justice

Roberto Gallardo, PhD.

Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice

Michael Noyes, PhD.

Lecturer of Criminal Justice

Paul Reynolds, PhD.

Associate Professor of Criminal Justice

Julie Siddique, PhD.

Associate Professor of Criminal Justice

Mark Stallo, PhD.

Lecturer of Criminal Justice

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

36 CREDIT HOURS

CORE COURSES • 12 HOURS

All MSCJ students are required to take 12 hours of core coursework including:

CJUS 5300 – Criminological Theory
CJUS 5301 – Criminal Justice Policy

CJUS 5302 – Criminal Justice Administration
CJUS 5303 – Research Methods

THESIS & NON THESIS TRACKS

By the end of the first semester, students must decide whether they will be opting for the non-thesis track or the thesis track degree.

ELECTIVE COURSES (ALL COURSES ARE 3 CREDIT HOURS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.)

CJUS 5305 – Contemporary Policing
CJUS 5306 – Legal Aspects of the Criminal Justice System
CJUS 5307 – Correctional Practices and Programs
CJUS 5308 – Administrative Law and Justice
CJUS 5309 – Victimology
CJUS 5310 – Punishment and Social Policy
CJUS 5311 – Addiction and Criminal Behavior
CJUS 5312 – Information Warfare, Security and Risk Analysis
CJUS 5313 – Cybercrime and Digital Forensics
CJUS 5314 – Information Policy, Law and Justice

CJUS 5315 – Criminal Evidence
CJUS 5316 – Juvenile Delinquency
CJUS 5317 – Law & Behavioral Science
CJUS 5318 – Green Criminology & Environmental Policy
CJUS 5319 – Class, Race, Gender, and Crime
CJUS 5320 – Terrorism and the War on Terror
CJUS 5321 – Sex Offenses and Offenders
CJUS 5397 – Special Problems
CJUS 5398 – Topics in Criminal Justice
CJUS 5399 – Directed Studies

NON-THESIS TRACK

Select 21 hours of elective courses. Non-thesis students are also required to take 3 hours of additional coursework in their graduating semester.

CJUS 5350 - Capstone Seminar

THESIS TRACK

Select 15 hours of elective courses. Thesis students are also required to take 9 hours of additional coursework.

CJUS 5304 - Data Analysis
CJUS 5601 - Master's Thesis (6 credit hours)

PUBLIC LEADERSHIP CONCENTRATION

MSCJ students also have the option of pursuing a concentration in Public Leadership. The concentration requires 12 hours of coursework in Public Leadership courses. Courses are to be determined in consultation with the Program Coordinator of the Public Leadership program.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Apply at applytexas.org
- Pay \$50 application fee
- Request official transcripts

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Program Application
- Essay
- 2 Recommendation Forms

TUITION AND FEES

COST PER CREDIT HOUR **\$376.31**
6 CREDIT HOURS **\$2,132.86**
9 CREDIT HOURS **\$3,186.79**

Tuition and fees are subject to changes. For more information visit: untdallas.edu/sbs/tuition-and-fees

Ready to get started?

For questions about admissions:

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For questions about academics and courses:

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