PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The Department of Criminal Justice at UNT Dallas offers a Master of Science in Criminal Justice (MSCJ) degree that is specifically designed for working professionals and other highly motivated students who are looking for the challenge of a quality graduate education and the convenience and flexibility of distance learning. The MSCJ degree program aims to prepare students for leadership positions in law enforcement, corrections, juvenile justice, and other areas of the criminal justice system. The program has been developed in consultation with a broad range of local criminal justice professionals and academic specialists. Our core courses offer students a strong foundation in the fundamentals of the field and our electives offer students the opportunity to explore specific areas of interest. We seek to provide students with sound knowledge and understanding of the criminological tradition and to make that tradition relevant to the real-world needs of working professionals. The MSCJ degree is a 36-credit hour degree and the program is offered to full-time and part-time students. Students may enroll in up to two 8-week courses at a time, with a maximum of four courses per semester. Students may also enroll in summer courses.

CAREER OPTIONS
Police Officer
Corporate Security Officer
Park Ranger
Correctional Officer
Loss Prevention Specialist
Victim Services Coordinator
Asset Protection Specialist
Customs and Border Patrol Officer
Criminal Investigator
Document Examiner
Policy Advisor
Probation Officer
CPS Case Worker
Fraud Investigator
Fish and Game Warden
...and many more

GRADUATE FACULTY
J. Eric Coleman, EdD, Senior Lecturer of Criminal Justice
Aaron Bartula, PhD, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice
Jan Marie Cunningham, JD, Lecturer 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
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DELIVERY MODE
Online

CONCENTRATION OPTIONS
CURRICULUM

Core Courses (12 credits)
CJUS 5300 - Criminological Theory
CJUS 5301 - Criminal Justice Policy
CJUS 5302 - Criminal Justice Administration
CJUS 5303 - Research Methods

Criminal Justice Concentration - Thesis Track
(Select 15 CJUS credits, plus the following 9 credits)
CJUS 5304 - Data Analysis
CJUS 5601 - Master's Thesis (6 credits)

Criminal Justice Concentration - Non-Thesis Track
(24 credits) Select 8 courses.
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 and Behavioral Science
CJUS 5318 - Green Criminology and 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

Public Leadership Concentration
(12 credits of CJUS plus 12 credits of
Public Leadership electives)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
• Application – ApplyTexas.org
• Official transcripts (all schools attended)
  Submit to:
  UNT Dallas Graduate Admissions Office
  7300 University Hills Blvd.
  Dallas, Texas 75241
• GPA – overall 2.80 GPA or 3.00 GPA on last 60 credits on bachelor’s degree

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM DOCUMENTS
• One Page Essay
• Three Reference Letters

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