

MASTER OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE (MCJ)

Student Learning Outcomes

Master of Criminal Justice students, upon graduation, are expected to:

- Formulate administrative principles and practices like those used in criminal justice agencies.
- Assess theories relating to crime causation and criminality.
- Explain the interdisciplinary nature of the criminal justice system.
- Produce scholarly criminal justice related research.
- Evaluate criminal justice operational problems that affect the delivery of criminal justice related services.
- Employ critical thinking, advanced writing, and verbal communication skills.

MCJ Degree Requirements

- **Thesis Option:** The completion of 36 hours of course work, which includes CJ 699 Thesis.
- **Capstone Option:** The completion of 36 hours of course work, which includes CJ 693 Capstone.
- Complete all required coursework while maintaining no less than a "B" (3.0) average.
- No more than two grades of "C" in the plan of study will count for credit. If a student receives more than two grades of a "C," the student must form a plan of completion, to include regularly scheduled performance check-ins with the MCJ Program Coordinator.
- At least 85% of the semester hours required for the degree must be earned at Washburn University.
- Maintain continuous enrollment each regular semester (fall and spring). A minimum of one (1) semester hour of graduate work will constitute continuous enrollments.
- Unless an earlier deadline is stipulated by the instructor of the course, incompletes must be completed by the end of two consecutive semesters which excludes the summer session, otherwise a grade of "F" will be recorded. Incompletes in the capstone or thesis course will remain I's until the capstone or thesis project is completed.
- Complete all program requirements within seven (7) years of the date of entry into the MCJ degree program.

Program Requirements

Thesis Option (36 Hours)

Students pursuing the "Thesis" option must complete 18 hours in the core curriculum, 12 hours of elective courses, and 6 hours of Thesis.

Code	Title	Hours
Core		
CJ 600	Seminar in Criminal Justice Systems	3
CJ 602	Criminal Justice Research	3
CJ 603	Issues in Criminal Procedure	3
CJ 610	Corrections in the United States	3
or CJ 620	Role of Law Enforcement in the United States	
CJ 625	Seminar In Criminological Theory	3
Subtotal		15

Electives		
Elective courses (p. 1)		15
Subtotal		15
Thesis		
CJ 699	Thesis	6
Subtotal		6
Total Hours		36

Capstone Option (36 Hours)

Students pursuing the "Capstone" option must complete 15 hours in the core curriculum, 18 hours of elective courses, and 3 hours for the Capstone course. The Capstone course is typically offered once per year in the spring semester.

Code	Title	Hours
Core		
CJ 600	Seminar in Criminal Justice Systems	3
CJ 602	Criminal Justice Research	3
CJ 603	Issues in Criminal Procedure	3
CJ 610	Corrections in the United States	3
or CJ 620	Role of Law Enforcement in the United States	
CJ 625	Seminar In Criminological Theory	3
Subtotal		15
Electives		
Elective courses (p. 1)		18
Subtotal		18
Capstone		
CJ 693	Capstone Experience	3
Subtotal		3
Total Hours		36

Electives

Code	Title	Hours
CJ 604	Seminar in Criminal Justice Organization and Management	3
CJ 605	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 630	Seminar in Correctional Administration	3
CJ 635	Organized and White Collar Crime	3
CJ 640	Seminar in Legal Issues in Law Enforcement	3
CJ 645	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems	3
CJ 650	Seminar in Community Corrections	3
CJ 655	Seminar in Juvenile Justice And Delinquency	3
CJ 660	Seminar in Operational and Staff Planning	3
CJ 670	Seminar in Correctional Law	3
CJ 675	Problems & Practices in Judicial Administration	3
CJ 680	Seminar in Staff Development	3
CJ 685	Special Topics - Criminal Justice	1-3
CJ 690	Directed Readings - Criminal Justice	1-3
CJ 692	Analytical Research and Statistics	3