

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Master of Science (MS) Face to Face and Online Delivery

This is a guide based on the 2024-2025 Graduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their progress.

CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

36 Hours Required

Core Requirements

- CJ505 Social Inequality (3)
- CJ520 Law & Social Control (3)
- CJ601 Research Methodology in Criminal Justice (3)*
- CJ615 Theories of Crime (3)*
- CJ626 Statistical Analysis in Criminal Justice (3)*

Choose 15 hours from the following:

- CJ510 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (3)
- CJ519 Restorative Justice (3)
- CJ522 Critical Analysis of Gangs in America (3)
- CJ525 Crime and Criminal Justice Policy (3)
- CJ540 Ethics in Criminal Justice (3)
- CJ541 Death Penalty in America (3)
- CJ600 The Criminal Justice System (3)
- CJ610 Seminar in Law Enforcement (3)
- CJ625 Adult Correctional Org and Admin (3)
- CJ630 Contemporary Juvenile Justice (3)
- CJ635 Civil Law and Liability (3)
- CJ645 Criminal Justice Policy Analysis and Evaluation (3)
- CJ651 Special Topics in Criminal Justice (3)
- CJ691 Independent Study in Criminal Justice (1)
- CJ692 Independent Study in Criminal Justice (2)
- CJ693 Independent Study in Criminal Justice (3)
- CJ699 Criminal Justice Internship (3-6)
- CJ834 Field Experience in Correctional Institutions (3)

Choose one with advice of program coordinator:

- GR698 Master's Final Comprehensive Examination (0)
- GR699 Master's Oral Examination (0)

Choose One of the Capstone Areas:

Area 1 - Thesis

- CJ694 Thesis in Criminal Justice (3)
- CJ695 Thesis in Criminal Justice Second Semester (3)

Area 2 - Internship

- CJ696 Internship Capstone I (3)
- CJ697 Internship Capstone II (3)

Area 3 - Leadership

- CJ650 Seminar Criminal Justice Leadership & Practice (3)

Choose one course:

- CJ525 Crime and Criminal Justice Public Policy (3)
- CJ645 Policy Analysis and Evaluation (3)

*Must pass with a grade of B or higher to continue in the program

Admission Requirements

In addition to the criteria established for general admission to graduate studies, applicants must have the following:

- 1.** An undergraduate degree in criminal justice, criminology, or a closely related field prior to enrollment. A student without the necessary undergraduate degree may be required to complete up to 9 hours of background courses in criminal justice prior to taking graduate-level courses. Coursework that must be completed include Introduction to Criminal Justice, Theories of Crime, and Methods of Social Research, or their equivalent at the undergraduate level. Based on previous undergraduate courses taken and/or relevant professional experience, the requirement to take background courses may be waived by either the Director of the Criminal Justice Graduate Program or the Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice, Social Work, and Sociology.
- 2.** A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- 3.** A minimum graduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (if applicable)
- 4.** A letter of intent addressing (a) preparation for graduate study, (b) ability to succeed at the graduate level, (c) explanation of any special circumstances/considerations, and (d) professional goals. The letter should be well written, typed, a maximum of 750 words in length, and addressed to the Director of the Graduate Program in Criminal Justice.

All documents should be submitted directly to the Office of Admissions.

Probationary Admission

Applicants with an undergraduate GPA of 2.50 to 2.99 or a graduate GPA of 2.75 to 2.99 (if applicable) may be admitted on probation with a personal statement outlining an explanation for the lower academic performance and evidence of commitment to graduate education in criminal justice. Applicants must earn a 3.0 GPA in the first 9 hours of graduate-level course work in the core area of study to continue in the program.

For graduate studies admissions deadlines, visit <https://semo.edu/admissions/requirements/graduate.html>.

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