

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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

This is a guide based on the 2026-2027 Graduate Catalog 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

30 hours required

Core Requirements (12 hours)

- ☐ CJ600 Administration of Justice (2)
- ☐ CJ601 Applied Research (3)
- ☐ CJ615 Theories of Crime (3)
- ☐ CJ626 Applied Analytics (3)
- ☐ GR698 Master Final Comp Exam¹ (0)

Choose 18 hours (at least 3 hours must be 600 level):

- ☐ CJ505 Social Inequality (3)
- ☐ CJ510 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (3)
- ☐ CJ519 Restorative Justice (3)
- ☐ CJ520 Law & Social Control (3)
- ☐ CJ522 Critical Analysis of Gangs in America (3)
- ☐ CJ525 Crime & Criminal Justice Policy (3)
- ☐ CJ540 Professional Standards (3)
- ☐ CJ541 Death Penalty in America (3)
- ☐ CJ550 Social Analytics (3)
- ☐ CJ602 Professional Development Planning (3)
- ☐ CJ603 Standards & Training (3)
- ☐ CJ610 Seminar in Law Enforcement (3)
- ☐ CJ630 Contemporary Juvenile Justice (3)
- ☐ CJ635 Civil Law and Liability (3)
- ☐ CJ645 Criminal Justice Policy Analysis and Evaluation (3)
- ☐ CJ650 Criminal Justice Leadership & Practice (3)
- ☐ CJ651 Special Topics in Criminal Justice (3)
- ☐ CJ680 Travel Study (3)
- ☐ CJ690 Professional Praxis (9)
- ☐ CJ691 Independent Study in Criminal Justice (3)
- ☐ CJ699 Criminal Justice Internship (3-6)

¹The Master Final Comprehensive Examination consists of an MSCJ Comprehensive Portfolio completed during the final semester, and students must enroll in GR698 during their final semester of coursework. The required Portfolio must be successfully completed prior to degree conferral and includes one comprehensive item from each graduate course taken, designated by the respective instructor of each course in the student's program of study. Successful completion of the MSCJ Portfolio requires a comprehensive average minimum score of 80% across all portfolio items prior to degree conferral.

Admission Requirements

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

- 1.** An undergraduate GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale

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

Revised 8/2/2026

DEGREE MAP 2026-2027



SOUTHEAST MISSOURI
STATE UNIVERSITY · 1873[®]

BRIAN DONAVANT / (573) 651-2628 / bdonavant@semo.edu
SOUTHEAST ONLINE / (573) 651-2766 / OGS@semo.edu