Criminal Justice

Program and Application Information

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Application Deadline:	April 1 for PhD applicants, Master's applications accepted for fall and spring enrollments on a rolling basis.
Degrees Offered:	Ph.D., M.S.
Test Requirement:	GRE
English Proficiency Requirements:	TOEFL ibT 100, IELTS 7 To qualify for assistantship TOEFL ibT 114, IELTS 8

Program Description

The Department of Criminal Justice offers graduate study leading to both a MS and a Ph.D. degree in Criminal Justice. The MS degree has two tracks; Applied Criminal Justice and Criminology. The program in Criminal Justice is designed to enhance student's skills in understanding, gathering, processing, and analyzing research in the areas of criminology and criminal justice. The topical curriculum is geared to understanding, critiquing, and analyzing the criminal justice system with an orientation toward urban issues as they impact crime and criminal justice. The curriculum consists of foundation courses in theory, policy, and research methods, plus three substantive areas: 1) criminology, 2) policing, and 3) corrections. Students have their choice of specializing in one of the three. Elective course work can include classes such as Violence, Gender and Justice, and crime commodities. Students also will be afforded course work in learning how to teach a college course.

Graduates will find an expanding and terrific academic job market available as well as professional employment in the criminal justice policy and research sector. There are currently less than 40 Criminal Justice Ph.D. programs operating on a national level, so students graduating with a Criminal Justice Ph.D. will be competitive for the 350 positions available annually in academic units.

Admission Requirements

Ph.D. in Criminal Justice

Students should enter the program with either a baccalaureate degree or with an approved master's degree. Students will be required to have had one course in research methods; and one course in statistics. Plus, students should have adequate background preparation or demonstrated potential in the field of Criminology or Criminal Justice.

Students will be required to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and submit their undergraduate and/or graduate transcripts. For admission to full standing, students are required to attain a combined minimum score on the GRE of 1,000 (verbal and quantitative) and achieve a minimum grade point average of 3.0 over their last 60 credit hours. Students not meeting these standards will be evaluated and possibly admitted on conditional status.

A student entering the program with a master's degree would take a minimum of 60 credit hours. Students entering the program with a master's degree should submit their research thesis to the graduate committee for review. This committee would be charged with determining whether the research project is sufficient in scope and depth to warrant further supervised research.

MS Degree in Criminal Justice

Students will need to enter the program with a baccalaureate degree. Students will be required to have had one course in research methods, one course in statistics, and should document adequate background preparation or demonstrated potential in the field of Criminology or Criminal Justice. For admission to full-standing, students are required to achieve a minimum grade point average of 3.0 over their last 60 credit hours. Students will be required to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and submit all scores to the Graduate School.

Ph.D. in Criminal Justice

Students admitted to the doctoral program who have earned a master's degree in criminal justice/criminology will be given credit for their master's degree (up to 30 credits). The amount of credit for the master's degree will be determined by the graduate coordinator. The curricular structure of the program is listed below for students entering the program with a master's degree in criminal justice/criminology:

Theory/Policy Courses   9

CJ 703	Advanced Criminology
CJ 709	Criminal Justice Policy

COMM 702	Introduction to College Teaching in the Humanities and Social Sciences	
Research Skills		**15**
CJ 734	Advanced Criminal Justice Methods	
STAT 725	Applied Statistics	
STAT 726	Applied Regression and Analysis of Variance (STAT 725 is a prerequisite for this course)	
CJ 702	Program Evaluation	
CJ 759	Advanced Research Design in Criminal Justice	
Electives		
Select 3 credits from the following:		3
CJ 607	Deviant Behavior	
CJ 768	Gender and Justice	
SOC 700	Qualitative Methods	
PSYC 640	Experimental Methods	
PSYC 670	Experimental Social Psychology	
STAT 660	Applied Survey Sampling	
STAT 665	Meta-Analysis Methods	
Substantive Areas		
Students must complete four courses in substantive area of choice (12 credits) plus complete one course (6 credits) in each of their non-substantive areas.		18
Area A – Criminology:		
CJ 606	Crime and Delinquency	
CJ 721	Individual Theories of Crime	
CJ 722	Structural Theories of Crime	
CJ 750	Violence	
CJ 752	Criminogenic Commodities	
Area B - Corrections:		
CJ 707	Juvenile Corrections	
CJ 762	Community Corrections	
CJ 763	Correctional Rehabilitation	
CJ 764	Punishment and Society	
CJ 765	Classics in Policing	
Area C - Policing:		
CJ 754	Police and Society	
CJ 755	Administrative Policing	
CJ 760	Police and Race Issues	
CJ 761	Police Effectiveness	
Dissertation/Indep. Studies		
Dissertation/Indep. Studies		1-15
Total Credits		**60**

The curricular structure of the program is listed below for students entering the program with a master's degree that is not related to criminal justice/criminology:

Theory/Policy Courses		**9**
CJ 703	Advanced Criminology	
CJ 709	Criminal Justice Policy	
COMM 702	Introduction to College Teaching in the Humanities and Social Sciences	
Research Skills		**15**
CJ 702	Program Evaluation	
CJ 734	Advanced Criminal Justice Methods	
CJ 759	Advanced Research Design in Criminal Justice	
STAT 725	Applied Statistics	

STAT 726	Applied Regression and Analysis of Variance (STAT 725 is a prerequisite for this course)	
Electives		
Select 15 credits from the following:		15
CJ 607	Deviant Behavior	
PSYC 640	Experimental Methods	
STAT 660	Applied Survey Sampling	
STAT 665	Meta-Analysis Methods	
PSYC 670	Experimental Social Psychology	
SOC 700	Qualitative Methods	
CJ 768	Gender and Justice	
Substantive Areas		
Students must complete four courses in substantive area of choice (12 credits) plus complete one course (6 credits) in each of their non-substantive areas.		18
Area A – Criminology:		
CJ 606	Crime and Delinquency	
CJ 750	Violence	
CJ 752	Criminogenic Commodities	
CJ 721	Individual Theories of Crime	
CJ 722	Structural Theories of Crime	
Area B - Corrections:		
CJ 765	Classics in Policing	
CJ 762	Community Corrections	
CJ 707	Juvenile Corrections	
CJ 763	Correctional Rehabilitation	
CJ 764	Punishment and Society	
Area C - Policing:		
CJ 754	Police and Society	
CJ 755	Administrative Policing	
CJ 760	Police and Race Issues	
CJ 761	Police Effectiveness	
Dissertation		
Dissertation		33
Total Credits		**90**

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Students will need to declare their choice of a Track by the end of their first semester in the program.

Applied Track

Foundation Courses	18
Both Tracks require to completion of the following 6 foundation courses (18 credits total).	
Advanced Criminology	
Criminal Justice Policy	
Program Evaluation	
Applied Statistics	
Advanced Criminal Justice Methods	
Advanced Research Design	
In addition to the foundation courses, students enrolled in the Applied Track must complete 1 course from two of the three areas (6 credits total).	
Corrections	
Select one of the following:	3
Corrections	
Community Corrections	

Crime Prevention	
Correctional Rehabilitation	
Juvenile Corrections	
Policing	
Select one of the following:	3
Criminalization	
Administrative Policing	
Community Policing	
Police Effectiveness	
Police and Race Issues	
Thesis or Policy Paper/Indep. Studies	6
Thesis or Policy Paper/Indep. Studies	
Total Credits	**30**

In addition to the Foundation Courses, students enrolled in the **Criminology Track** must complete 1 course from the Theory area (3 credits total) and 2 courses from the Elective Area (6 credits total).

Foundation Courses	18
Advanced Criminology	
Criminal Justice Policy	
Program Evaluation	
Applied Statistics	
Advanced Criminal Justice Methods	
Advanced Research Design	
Theory	
Select one of the following:	3
Individual Theories of Crime	
Structural Theories of Crime	
Electives	
Select one of the following:	3
Crime and Delinquency	
Violence	
Criminogenic Commodities	
Deviant Behavior	
Advanced Psychopathology	
Thesis or Policy Paper/Indep. Studies	
Thesis or Policy Paper/Indep. Studies	6
Total Credits	**30**

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