

Criminal Justice Master's

Department Information

- **Program Information:**
ndsu.edu/programs/graduate/criminal-justice (<http://ndsu.edu/programs/graduate/criminal-justice/>)
- **Department Web Site:**
ndsu.edu/criminaljustice/ (<http://ndsu.edu/criminaljustice/>)
- **Application Deadline:**
Rolling admission schedule
- **Credential Offered:**
M.S.
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
TOEFL ibT 100, IELTS 7, Duolingo 125; to qualify for assistantship TOEFL ibT 114, IELTS 8, Duolingo 135

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Code	Title	Credits
Required Foundation Courses		
CJ 702	Program Evaluation	3
CJ 703	Advanced Criminology	3
CJ 709	Criminal Justice Policy	3
CJ 734	Advanced Criminal Justice Methods	3
STAT 725	Applied Statistics (not required for Plan C option)	3
Plan A - Thesis Option		
Foundation Courses		15
Electives		9
CJ 798		6
Plan B - Master's Paper Option		
Foundation Courses		15
Electives		12
CJ 797		3
Plan C - Culminating Experience		
Foundation Courses		12
Electives		15
CJ 793		3
Electives		
Corrections		
CJ 707	Juvenile Corrections	
CJ 733	Issues in Institutional Corrections	
CJ 762	Community Corrections	
CJ 763	Correctional Rehabilitation	
CJ 764	Punishment and Society	
Policing		
CJ 754	Police and Society	
CJ 760	Police and Race Issues	
CJ 761	Police Effectiveness	
CJ 765	Classics in Policing	
Criminology		
CJ 721	Individual Theories of Crime	
CJ 722	Structural Theories of Crime	
CJ 752	Crime and the Life Course	

CJ 750	Violence	
CJ 768	Gender and Justice	
Other Electives		
CJ 606	Crime and Delinquency	
CJ 607	Deviant Behavior	
CJ 660	Criminal Court System	3
CJ 661	Corrections	3
CJ 665	Gender, Race and Ethnicity in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 732	Applied Interpretation of Criminal Justice Methods	3
CJ 755	Criminal Justice Leadership and Administration	
CJ 759	Advanced Research Design in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 766	Managing Liability and Risk in Criminal Justice	
CJ 767	Reform and Accountability in Criminal Justice and Crime Policies	3
CJ 796	Special Topics	
Master's Thesis / Policy Paper /Culminating Experience		
CJ 798		6
CJ 797		3
CJ 793	(with culminating project)	3
Total Credits		30

Admission and Application Requirements

- Graduate School admission and application requirements are found on the Admission Information (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2025-2026/graduate/admission-information/>) page.
- In addition, this program requires applicants to have had one course in research methods and one course in statistics.
- Applicants must have documented adequate background preparation or demonstrated potential in the field of criminology or criminal justice