

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, M.A.

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Program Structure

The Master of Arts in Criminal Justice consists of a core of five courses (15 credit hours) that set the foundation and parameters for specialization in two concentrations:

1. Management and Planning
2. Juvenile Justice

The specialized concentrations consist of an additional three required courses (9 semester credit hours). The remaining twelve (12) semester credit hours consist of electives. Students may select the thesis or comprehensive examination option. Students must successfully complete a total of 36 semester credit hours to be awarded the Master of Arts degree in Criminal Justice.

Curriculum

Summary of Graduation Requirements

Subject Area	Credits
Core Courses	15
Concentration Requirements	9
Electives	12
Total Credit Hours	36

Core courses

Code	Title	Credits
CJS 610	Theories of Crime and Delinquency	3
CJS 644	Research Methods in Criminal Justice	3
CJS 645	Quantitative Analysis in Cj	3
CJS 650	Criminal Justice Policy Analysis	3
CJS 651	Criminal Justice Ethics	3

Concentrations

Management and Planning Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		15
Required Concentration Courses		9
CJS 611	Admin of Criminal Justice Organizations	
CJS 612	Strategic Planning for Criminal Justice	
CJS 618	Legal Issues in Cj Management	
Electives: Select 12 credits from the following:		12
CJS 571	Youth Crime, and the School	
CJS 575	Legal Aspects of Juvenile Justice	

CJS 590	Readings in Criminal Justice
CJS 601	Systems of Criminal Justice
CJS 607	Minorities in Criminal Justice
CJS 613	Community Policing
CJS 616	Restorative Justice
CJS 665	Criminal Justice Internship
CJS 678	Juvenile Offenders and Youth Gangs
CJS 681	Youth and Society
CJS 689	Gender, Crime, and Justice
CJS 690	Independent Study in Criminal Justice
CJS 699	Thesis
CJS 750	Continuing Registration
CJS 752	Comprehensive Examination

Total Credits 36

Juvenile Justice Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		15
Required Concentration Courses		9
CJS 672	Policing and Adjudicating Juveniles	
CJS 674	Juvenile Corrections and Treatment	
CJS 676	Juvenile Delinquency & Justice System	
Electives: Select 12 credits from the following:		12
CJS 575	Legal Aspects of Juvenile Justice	
CJS 590	Readings in Criminal Justice	
CJS 607	Minorities in Criminal Justice	
CJS 613	Community Policing	
CJS 616	Restorative Justice	
CJS 665	Criminal Justice Internship	
CJS 678	Juvenile Offenders and Youth Gangs	
CJS 681	Youth and Society	
CJS 689	Gender, Crime, and Justice	
CJS 690	Independent Study in Criminal Justice	
CJS 699	Thesis	
CJS 750	Continuing Registration	
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Admissions Requirements

For admission to the graduate program in Criminal Justice, applicants must fulfill the requirements established by the Graduate Council of Norfolk State University and the Admissions Committee of the Criminal Justice Program. The requirements for admission are as follows:

1. A baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university, or equivalent qualifications for a foreign student.
2. A minimum overall undergraduate Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
3. Three written letters of recommendation from faculty members familiar with the applicant. Applicant's current employer's recommendation (if current job is related to criminal justice) may be substituted for one of the faculty letters.

4. One official transcript from each college and/or university attended (unless one transcript reproduces all others)
5. Statement of professional interest and goals.

An online application must be completed and all supplemental materials uploaded into the application portal. Official transcripts should be sent to the following address:

Norfolk State University
School of Graduate Studies and Research
McDemmond Center for Applied Research, Suite 602
700 Park Avenue
Norfolk, VA 23504
(757) 823-8015

Applicants are admitted to study at the graduate level in one of two classifications: degree seeking (regular) and non-degree seeking.

1. Successful completion of at least 15 semester credit hours of undergraduate criminal justice courses, including theory, research methods, and statistics or related degree

Provisional Admission

Applicants who do not qualify for regular admission will be evaluated on a case by case basis.