The Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice is designed to prepare students for positions in criminal justice and related agencies as well as prepare students who wish to pursue a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice or related fields. Students are provided with a broad educational foundation in criminal justice grounded in law and the social sciences. Study begins with an analysis of crime and the entire justice system. Advanced study inquires into the political, organizational, social, and behavioral aspects of various components of the system of criminal justice. Research courses give students the tools with which to independently analyze issues of crime and justice as well as the requisite skills for career development. Courses are offered in the following core areas: contemporary criminal justice, causes of crime, research methodology and statistics, and a specialization of the student's choice.

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CRJ 5500 Child Abuse and Neglect Cr. 3
Dynamics and psychopathology of child abuse: its incidence and impact on delinquent/criminal behavior, family, community, and the criminal justice system. Offered Fall.
Prerequisites: ([CRJ 4410 with a minimum grade of D-])

CRJ 5810 Law in Human Society Cr. 3
Law and the legal structure in its social context. Development, enforcement, and interpretation of law; emphasis on the American governmental system. Reciprocal effects of law and the society in which it develops; comparative analysis. For pre-law, criminal justice, and political science students, as well as for sociology majors. Offered Yearly.
Equivalent: SOC 5810

CRJ 5993 (WI) Writing Intensive Course in Criminal Justice Cr. 0
Disciplinary writing assignments under the direction of the instructor for CRJ 3800. Satisfies the University General Education Writing Intensive Course in the Major requirement. Students must submit and endorse the Writing Intensive (CRJ 5993) Contract stating the departmentally-approved requirements of the research writing project. Offered Every Term.
Prerequisites: (May be taken concurrently: [CRJ 3800 with a minimum grade of D-])
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate level students.

CRJ 5994 Dispute Resolution Cr. 3
Overview of the processes and actors in the field of dispute resolution including negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and conciliation. Offered Every Term.
Equivalent: PCS 5000, PS 5890, PSY 5710

CRJ 5995 Special Topics in Criminal Justice Cr. 3
Selected topics in criminal justice issues. Maximum 6 credits for CRJ majors. Offered Irregularly.
Prerequisites: ([CRJ 1010 with a minimum grade of D-])
Repeatable for 9 Credits

CRJ 5996 Special Topics in Criminology Cr. 3
Special criminology topics. Maximum 6 credits for CRJ majors. Offered Every Term.
Prerequisites: ([CRJ 1010 with a minimum grade of D-])
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate level students.
Repeatable for 9 Credits

CRJ 5997 Special Topics in Law and the Legal System Cr. 3
Analysis of selected topics in the law and the legal system. Maximum six credits allowance for CRJ majors. Offered Irregularly.
Prerequisite: CRJ 1010 with a minimum grade of D-
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate level students.
Repeatable for 9 Credits

CRJ 7010 Contemporary Criminal Justice Cr. 3
Survey of classic literature and important contemporary studies of all major facets of criminal justice system, including law, police, prosecution, defense, judiciary, probation, corrections, and parole. Offered Fall.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
CRJ 7020 The Nature of Crime Cr. 3
Definition and measure of crime, crime statistics, types of criminal behavior; focus on causes of crime in context of various theoretical perspectives. Offered Winter.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 7200 Public Policy and Criminal Justice Cr. 3
Analysis of interrelationship of criminal justice system components and the political setting surrounding the formulation and administration of public policies for crime control. Offered Irregularly.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 7220 Delinquency and Justice Cr. 3
Empirical research on institutions which influence delinquency, including families, peers, and schools. Empirical and conceptual evaluation of delinquency theories; focus on their relationship to juvenile justice and policy. Offered Biannually (Winter).
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 7230 Policing and Society Cr. 3
Critical examination of role of police in contemporary society. Seminar topics include: history, culture, and social and organizational context of policing; current issues and future directions. Offered Winter.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 7240 Corrections Cr. 3
Legal, social, and political issues in both institutional and community corrections. Topics may include incarceration trends, penal philosophy, sanctions, community-based corrections, overcrowding, and related issues. Offered Winter.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 7400 Data Management and Analysis for Criminal Justice Cr. 3
Basic techniques for accessing and managing criminal justice-related data, introduction to quantitative analysis, and introduction to program evaluation. Contemporary data analysis tools in criminal justice. Offered Winter.
Prerequisite: CRJ 7860
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 7405 Wrongful Conviction Cr. 3
Causes and incidence of wrongful convictions; innocence movement; psychological and social consequences for exonerees and crime victims; exoneree compensation; legal and policy reforms to reduce wrongful convictions in policing, forensic science, prosecution, and adjudication. Offered Yearly.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 7860 Research Methods in Criminal Justice Cr. 3
Focus on logic of research designs, sampling techniques, data collection, instrument construction, available data sources in the field of criminal justice. Offered Winter.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 7870 Master's Capstone Seminar in Criminal Justice Cr. 3
Students write essays demonstrating their knowledge and critical analysis of criminological and criminal justice theory, research methods, and public policy issues. Offered Fall, Winter.
Prerequisite: CRJ 7010 with a minimum grade of B- and CRJ 7020 with a minimum grade of B- and CRJ 7860 with a minimum grade of B-
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 7990 Directed Study Cr. 1-3
Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Repeatable for 3 Credits

CRJ 7995 Special Topics in Criminal Justice and Criminology Cr. 3
Specialized topics in criminal justice. Topics may vary from semester to semester. May be repeated for a maximum of nine credits when subject matter differs. Offered Irregularly.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Repeatable for 9 Credits

CRJ 7999 Master's Essay Direction Cr. 3
Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

CRJ 8999 Master's Thesis Research and Direction Cr. 3,6
Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment limited to students with a class of Candidate Masters; enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.
Repeatable for 6 Credits