

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE (M.S.)

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## Admission Requirements

Admission to this program is contingent upon admission to the Graduate School (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/admission/>). Strong undergraduate social science preparation is recommended, and additional undergraduate course work may be specified in criminal justice or related areas where such preparation is inadequate.

In the application for graduate admission, students must indicate whether they will be completing the M.S. in Criminal Justice in

1. the traditional/hybrid program (*students in the traditional program can take online courses except for CRJ 7030*);
2. the completely online program (*students in the online program are only permitted to take online courses*).

In determining admission for the individual applicant, the Graduate Committee evaluates the student's undergraduate record (with special emphasis on upper division courses: junior/senior year), the level of difficulty of course work, as well as grade point average (GPA) in the student's major, the strength of the recommendations, and the quality of the personal statement. The minimum standard for admission as a regular Master's student is a cumulative weighted undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or better. Applicants with an undergraduate GPA between 2.75 and 2.99 may be considered for admission, but are required to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and provide a written exception statement justifying why they are capable of graduate work and explaining why their undergraduate GPA is below 3.0.

Applicants to the Master of Science program in Criminal Justice must:

1. complete and submit the Graduate School's online application (<http://wayne.edu/admissions/graduate/>);
2. submit transcripts from the applicant's undergraduate school/college;
3. have two (2) letters of recommendation, at least one of which is strongly encouraged to be written by a former professor/instructor, submitted online; and
4. submit a personal statement.

Personal statements should address the applicant's qualifications, career goals, and interest in crime and justice related issues more generally. Personal statements must be no longer than two single-spaced pages. Statements must be submitted as part of the online application process.

Questions concerning the admission process should be directed to the Criminal Justice Department at 313-577-0772.

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## Requirements – Traditional Program

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice degree is awarded upon successful completion of thirty credits. All coursework must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the Graduate School (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/academic-regulations/>) and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/college-liberal-arts-sciences/academic-regulations/>). The traditional degree program is offered as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Courses</b>		<b>12</b>
CRJ 7020	The Nature of Crime	3
CRJ 7040	Evidence-Based Practices in Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 7860	Research Methods in Criminal Justice	3
Select one of the following:		3-4
CRJ 7400	Data Management and Analysis for Criminal Justice	
PS 5630	Statistics and Data Analysis in Political Science I	
SOC 6280	Social Statistics	

### Electives (12-18 credit hours):

Students may choose any graduate level CRJ electives	
Students electing a master's thesis (Plan A) take approved electives totaling at least 12 credits	
Students electing a master's essay (Plan B) choose electives totaling at least 15 credits	
Students electing coursework only option (Plan C) take approved electives totaling at least 18 credits	
CRJ 5995	Special Topics in Criminal Justice
CRJ 7010	Contemporary Criminal Justice
CRJ 7200	Public Policy and Criminal Justice
CRJ 7060	Administration in Criminal Justice
CRJ 7405	Wrongful Conviction
CRJ 7060	Administration in Criminal Justice
CRJ 7870	Master's Capstone Seminar in Criminal Justice
CRJ 7990	Directed Study
CRJ 7995	Special Topics in Criminal Justice and Criminology
CRJ 7220	Delinquency and Justice
CRJ 7230	Policing and Society
CRJ 7240	Corrections
Students choosing plan A elect the following:	
CRJ 8999	Master's Thesis Research and Direction
Students choosing Plan B elect the following:	
CRJ 7999	Master's Essay Direction

**Elective Courses:** The elective courses are to be chosen after a conference with the Graduate Director to determine the plan which is most consistent with the student's educational and career goals. These courses will be specified in the student Plan of Work. Some elective credit may have to be used to satisfy the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences requirement that at least six credits in course work be at the 7000 level or higher, and that at least six credits (excluding core courses) be taken in the major area. With the exception of one 5000-level elective course, all remaining courses toward the degree must be taken at the 6000 level or higher.

**Transfer Credits:** The maximum number of credits that may be transferred in from other accredited colleges and universities is between six and eight semester credits for two courses. Transfer courses must be taken at the graduate level with a passing grade of 'B' or higher; the student must have had graduate status at the time the courses were taken.

## Requirements – Online Program

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice online degree is awarded upon successful completion of thirty credits. All coursework must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the Graduate School (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/academic-regulations/>) and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (<http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/college-liberal-arts-sciences/academic-regulations/>).

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Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Courses (Online Program)</b>		<b>12</b>
CRJ 7020	The Nature of Crime	3
CRJ 7030	Research Methods for Professionals	3
CRJ 7040	Evidence-Based Practices in Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 7060	Administration in Criminal Justice	3
<b>Electives (15 - 18 credit hours):</b>		
Students may choose any graduate level CRJ electives		
Students electing a master's essay (Plan B) choose electives totaling at least 15 credits		
Students electing coursework only option (Plan C) take approved electives totaling at least 18 credits		
CRJ 5995	Special Topics in Criminal Justice	
CRJ 7010	Contemporary Criminal Justice	
CRJ 7200	Public Policy and Criminal Justice	
CRJ 7060	Administration in Criminal Justice	
CRJ 7405	Wrongful Conviction	
CRJ 7990	Directed Study	
CRJ 7995	Special Topics in Criminal Justice and Criminology	
CRJ 7220	Delinquency and Justice	
CRJ 7230	Policing and Society	
CRJ 7240	Corrections	
CRJ 7400	Data Management and Analysis for Criminal Justice	
Students choosing plan B select master's essay direction:		3
CRJ 7999	Master's Essay Direction	

**Elective Courses:** The elective courses are to be chosen after a conference with the Graduate Director to determine the plan which is most consistent with the student's educational and career goals. These courses will be specified in the student Plan of Work. Some elective credit may have to be used to satisfy the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences requirement that at least six credits in course work be at the 7000 level or higher, and that at least six credits (excluding core courses) be taken in the major area. With the exception of one 5000-level elective course, all remaining courses toward the degree must be taken at the 6000 level or higher.

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