

Master of Science in Administration of Justice and Security

The Master of Science/Administration of Justice and Security degree provides the required knowledge for the student to develop competence in administering criminal justice or security programs. While distinctions between the roles of justice and security organizations are understood, the degree emphasizes an understanding of administrative responsibilities common to both disciplines. The value of cooperative interaction is also addressed. The degree provides the student with administrative program development and problem solving skills in preparation for promotional or transitional opportunities in the management of police, corrections, security or court operations.

Required Course of Study

CJA 500

Survey of Justice and Security

This is a survey course that introduces policing, the court systems, corrections, and private security and how they relate to each other. Challenges in these relationships are also presented. (3 credits)

CJA 510

Organizational Administration and Behavior

This course explores the various elements of organizational administration, behavior and management in criminal justice organizations, and provides the student with an understanding of individual and group dynamics, problem solving concepts, and administrative processes associated with organizational behavior and structures that exist in the criminal justice system. (3 credits) Prerequisite: CJA 500.

CJA 520

Management of Institutional Risk

This course takes an in-depth look at managing risk within the context of justice and security organizations. Topics focus on both the operational and legal aspects of risk management and include an examination of insurance against risk, legal liability, and risk related to policies, regulations, and case law. (3 credits) Prerequisite: CJA 500.

CJA 530

Ethics in Justice and Security

This course will examine the theoretical and philosophical basis of ethics and the standards of professional conduct and leadership applicable to justice and security agencies. Applicable case studies will be used as well as contemporary situations in ethics. (3 credits) Prerequisite: CJA 500.

CJA 540

Criminological Theory

This is an advanced course in theories of crime causation, including classical, biological, psychological, sociological, and social-psychological approaches. Victimology, to include victimization statistics, victimogenesis, and the prevention of victimization, is included. (3 credits) Prerequisite: CJA 500.

CJA 550

Legal Issues in Justice and Security

This course examines the competing legal and social issues that influence the actions of public officials, security personnel and private citizens with respect to the provision of law enforcement, safety and security services for various elements of society. The potential conflicts between public policy and civil rights will be discussed. (3 credits) Prerequisite: CJA 500.

CJA 560

Critical Incident Management

This course provides an overview of the critical incident management process, covering a variety of events that impact justice and security organizations. This course will discuss planning, prevention, response and post-incident management, as well as inter-agency coordination. (3 credits) Prerequisite: CJA 500.

CJA 570

Cyber Crime and Information Systems Security

This course provides an overview of the nature of criminal activity that is facilitated through or that targets information systems. The course also reviews security measures that are designed to protect the software, hardware and data associated with information systems. (3 credits) Prerequisite: CJA 500.

CJA 580

Public Policy Issues

This course addresses the development and influence of public policy with respect to specific justice and security issues facing the American society. (3 credits) Prerequisite: CJA 500.

CJA 585

Concepts of Physical and Personal Protection

This course provides the student with an understanding of contemporary concepts of physical facility security and personal protection. (3 credits) Prerequisite: CJA 500.

CJA 590

Forensic Science and Psychological Profiling

This course provides the student with a fundamental understanding of forensic science and technology, psychological profiling and the application of scientific methodologies to the investigative process. (3 credits) Prerequisite: CJA 500.

CJA 595

Program Development and Evaluation

This course prepares the student to identify operational goals and to design programs with associated policies and procedures required for the successful achievement of performance objectives. 3 credits.