

# Master of Criminal Justice

## Thesis Option – 33 credits

Fall 2007 - Present

### Core Courses

Semester Course  
Taken Grade

#### Analysis: Methods & Policy Sequence (6 credits)

*Take one of the following courses:*

CJ 501 – Research Methods in Criminal Justice, 3 credits, or  
CJ 502 – Criminal Justice Statistics, 3 credits or  
CJ 503 – Seminar in Criminal Justice Research Methods, 3 credits, or  
CJ 555 – Feminist Research Methods, 3 credits, or  
GOVT 502 – Research Methods in Government, 3 credits, or  
GOVT 503 – Qualitative Research Methods, 3 credits, or  
MSW 560 – Social Work Research, 3 credits, or  
SOC 553 – Seminar in Sociological Research, 3 credits, or  
WS 555 – Advanced Feminist Research Methods, 3 credits

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*Take one of the following courses:*

CJ 510 – Advanced Criminal Justice Administrative  
Systems, 3 credits, or  
CJ 541 – Seminar in Criminal Justice Policy Analysis  
and Planning, 3 credits, or  
CJ 542 – Seminar in Applied Criminal Justice Analysis,  
3 credits, or  
GOVT 530 – Seminar in Public Policy, 3 credits, or  
MSW 500 – Social Problems and Social Welfare Policy, 3 credits

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#### Theory: Criminology, Diversity & Ethics (9 credits)

*Take one of the following two courses:*

CJ 511 – Nature of Crime, 3 credits, or  
SOC 491 – Criminological Theory

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*Take one of the following two courses:*

CJ 514 – Race, Crime and Justice, 3 credits, or  
CJ 521 – Law & Social Control, 3 credits

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*Complete the following course:*

CJ 525 – Issues in Ethics, Law and Criminal Justice,  
3 credits

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**General Electives - Total Credits Required = 12;**

**At least three credits of the 12 credit elective requirement must be from the Criminal Justice Curriculum.**

*Students may NOT count internship credit (CJ 593) or Independent Research (CJ 592) toward their Criminal Justice elective requirements. No more than three (3) credits of Directed Readings (CJ 591) or Independent Research (CJ 592) may be used to satisfy the remaining 9 credits of general electives.*

*A minor is optional and is earned by completing nine credit hours (although specific requirements may vary based upon academic department) in any one department outside of Criminal Justice that offers a minor at the graduate level. Information about the availability of a specific minor and its specific requirements can be obtained by inquiring with the academic department where you are interested in pursuing a minor.*

	<b>Semester Taken</b>	<b>Course Grade</b>
Course: _____	_____	_____
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**Minor Designation (Optional):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thesis Credit CJ 599 (minimum of 6 credits) Semester** \_\_\_\_\_ **Credits** \_\_\_\_\_

**Semester** \_\_\_\_\_ **Credits** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thesis Topic:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thesis Committee** - *A thesis committee has a minimum of three faculty members. Two of those members must be selected from the Criminal Justice faculty who are part of the Graduate Faculty of NMSU. One of the members selected from the Criminal Justice faculty must serve as the Chair of the thesis committee. A third member must be selected from a department other than Criminal Justice. That person must also be a member of the Graduate Faculty of NMSU.*

**Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CJ Faculty Member:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Outside Member:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Thesis Defense**

Thesis students must submit a thesis proposal to their faculty committee for approval and subsequently complete the approved thesis project. An approved thesis proposal is one wherein the faculty committee determines that the student demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of the nexus of theory, method, and policy as it applies to the proposed thesis project. At the discretion of the faculty committee the proposal may be considered inadequate and the student will be required to revise and resubmit the thesis proposal until the committee determines the proposal is satisfactory. The final examination will minimally include a defense of the completed thesis, but may also include a general examination based upon the candidate's program of study. Students must be enrolled in 1 credit hour or pay an examination fee to the Graduate School during the semester or summer session you wish to graduate.

*Students may not schedule a formal thesis defense without the permission of the Chair of the Thesis Committee.*

The official Graduate School process and form for applying to defend the thesis can be found at <http://gradschool.nmsu.edu/deadlines/index.htm>. A thesis defense cannot be scheduled without the permission of the Chair of your thesis committee. There are additional deadlines related to the editing, binding, and depositing of a final copy of the thesis in the Library. Information about the process and all deadlines for each semester, can be found at <http://gradschool.nmsu.edu/Guidelines/>.

**Thesis Defense Date:** \_\_\_\_\_