

Master of Criminal Justice

Curriculum

Thesis Option – 33 credits

Core: 15 Credits

Analysis: Methods & Policy Sequence (6 credits)

Take one of the following:

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	

Take one of the following:

CJ 510 – Advanced CJ Administrative Systems,	3 credits	or
CJ 541 – Seminar in CJ Policy Analysis and Planning	3 credits	or
CJ 542 – Seminar in Applied Criminal Justice Analysis,	3 credits	

Theory: Criminology, Diversity & Ethics (9 credits) Take one of the following:

CJ 511 – Nature of Crime	3 credits
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Take one of the following courses:

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

Complete the following course:

CJ 525 – Issues in Ethics, Law and Criminal Justice,	3 credits
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General Electives: 12 Credits

At least three (3) of the 12 credits must be from the Criminal Justice Curriculum. The other nine (9) can either come from the CJ Curriculum or grad courses in other departments.

Directed Readings (CJ 591), Independent Research (CJ 592), or Internship credit (CJ 593) may be used to satisfy 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. Obtain information about the availability of a minor at the pertinent academic department.

Thesis Hours: CJ 599: 6 credits

*The 6 credits cannot be taken in the same semester. Request registration for thesis hours from your thesis advisor. See the Graduate Student Handbook for Details about the thesis requirements and process.

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>

