

Thesis Option - MCJ Curriculum

- Core Classes: 15 Credits

CJUS 501 – Research Methods in Criminal Justice (3 credits)
CJUS 502 – Statistics in Criminal Justice (3 credits)
CJUS 511 – Nature of Crime (3 credits)
CJUS 514 - Race, Crime, and Justice (3 credits)
CJUS 525 – Issues in Ethics, Law and CJ (3 credits)

- 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. In addition, one of the following classes, Directed Readings (CJ 591), Internship (CJ 593), or Independent Research (CJ 592), may be used as general electives; only 3 credits are admitted among them.

- Thesis Hours: 6 Credits (CJUS 599)

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 <https://gradschool.nmsu.edu/Current%20Students/thesis-and-dissertation.html>. 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 <https://gradschool.nmsu.edu/index.html>.