
Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology
Department of Political Science/Criminal Justice
College of Arts and Sciences

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The Department of Political Science/Criminal Justice offers the Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology (Major Code: 120A/43.0104)

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology program is intended to meet the academic needs of individuals seeking employment or advancement in the fields of criminal justice and criminology, as well as students preparing for doctoral studies in the discipline. As such, the purpose is to prepare students for professional employment in operational agencies within the field of criminal justice and criminology, as well as for research and teaching.

The Department of Political Science/Criminal Justice also offers programs in Political Science (MA) and Public Administration (MPA), described under those headings in this bulletin. Graduate programs in Political Science/Criminal Justice are supervised by the departmental chair, the individual graduate program directors, and the graduate committee.

Courses in the following disciplines are offered by the Department of Political Science/Criminal Justice:

- PA: public administration courses (see the Public Administration program for course descriptions)
- PS: political science courses (see the Political Science program for course descriptions)
- CJ: criminal justice courses

In addition, the Criminal Justice and Criminology program includes coursework offered by other departments as follows:

- MGT: management courses (see the Management Department for course descriptions)
- PSY: psychology courses (see the Psychology – General Experimental program for course descriptions)
- SOC: sociology courses (see the Gerontology program for course descriptions)

Location of Program: This program is offered on campus in Boone in the format described in this Bulletin. Off-campus cohorts are started periodically, and follow a part-time extended program format. For information on upcoming off-campus cohorts, please contact the Office of Extension and Distance Education: <http://www.ext-dl.appstate.edu>.

PROGRAM OF STUDY FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY
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Admission Requirements: Baccalaureate degree with a major or minor in Criminal Justice, Criminology, Sociology or a related field from an accredited college or university; complete application to the Cratis Williams Graduate School (<http://www.graduate.appstate.edu>), including resume, three letters of recommendation, official GRE general test scores, and official transcripts from all colleges attended.

Basic Criteria for Consideration: (Undergraduate GPA X 400) + GRE Verbal + GRE Quantitative = 2000.

Hours: 36 semester hours

Location: On Campus and Off Campus; Off-Campus cohorts begin periodically, and follow a part-time extended format.

Required Courses:

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| CJ/PS | 5000 | Research Methods..... | 3 |
| CJ | 5150 | The American Justice System and Social Justice..... | 3 |
| CJ | 5625 | Seminar in Police and Society | 3 |
| CJ | 5630 | Corrections: Theory and Application..... | 3 |
| CJ | 5660 | Crime, Theory and Policy | 3 |
| CJ/PS | 5661 | Court Administration | 3 |
| SOC | 5560 | Race and Minority Relations | 3 |
| SOC | 5750 | Social Stratification..... | 3 |
| REQUIRED HOURS | | | 24 |

Elective Courses: (Thesis students: 6 s.h.; Non-Thesis students: 9 s.h.)

Select 6 or 9 s.h. in consultation with the MSCJ&C Program Director from the following courses 6 or 9

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| CJ/PS | 5050 | Seminar in Public Law and Judicial Behavior (3 s.h.) | |
| CJ | 5060 | Administration of Justice (3 s.h.) | |
| CJ/PA | 5180 | Public Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation (3 s.h.) | |
| CJ | 5500 | Independent Study (3 s.h.) | |
| CJ | 5530-5549 | Selected Topics in Criminal Justice (3 s.h.) | |
| CJ/PS | 5550 | Law and Society (3 s.h.) | |
| CJ | 5665 | Contemporary Criminological Theory (3 s.h.) | |
| CJ | 5670 | Crime Analysis and Criminal Justice Planning (3 s.h.) | |
| CJ/PS | 5680 | Organized Crime (3 s.h.) | |
| MGT | 5160 | Strategic Human Resource Management (3 s.h.) | |
| MGT/PSY | 5671 | Training and Development (3 s.h.) | |
| PA | 5060 | Seminar in Public Administration (3 s.h.) | |
| PA | 5665 | Public Management (3 s.h.) | |
| PSY | 5552 | Diagnosis and Psychopathology (3 s.h.) | |
| SOC | 5650 | Women in the Justice System (3 s.h.) | |
| ELECTIVE HOURS | | | 6 or 9 |

Thesis Options (CHOOSE ONE in consultation with the MSCJ&C Program Director)

WITHOUT THESIS

Choose one of the following courses.....3

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| CJ 5805 | Directed Research (3 s.h.) |
| CJ 5900 | Internship in Criminal Justice (3 s.h.) |

WITH THESIS

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| CJ | 5998 | Thesis Preparation..... | 3 |
| CJ | 5999 | Thesis..... | 3 |

THESIS OPTION HOURS 3 or 6

TOTAL HOURS FOR MS DEGREE 36

Thesis: Optional

Proficiency: None required.

Comprehensive: During the final semester of course work, candidates must pass a written comprehensive examination.

Product of Learning: None required

GRADUATE COURSES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CJ)

CJ 5000. Research Methods/(3).F. The goal of this course is the development of the analytical abilities of the student. The foundations of inquiry, the various approaches to the study of social phenomena, and several analytical techniques are presented, discussed, and practices. Prerequisite: an undergraduate statistics course. (Same as PS 5000.)

CJ 5050. Seminar in Public Law and Judicial Behavior/ (3).S.Alternate years. An examination of the multiple roles of law and the judicial system in the formulation and execution of public policy, to include the role of the judiciary in politics and government with emphasis on variables affecting judicial decision making. (Same as PS 5050.)

CJ 5060. Administration of Justice/(3).On Demand. An examination of selected issues and problems in the administration of justice system.

CJ 5150. The American Justice System and Social Justice/(3).F.Alternate years. This course is about possible relationships between criminal justice operations (law-making, law enforcement, adjudication, and punishment) and social justice.

CJ 5180. Public Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation/(3).S. An examination of the major forces that influence the formation, implementation and administration of public policy and methodological approaches to assess the impact of public policies. Prerequisite: CJ 5000. (Same as PA 5180.)

CJ 5500. Independent Study/(1-3).F;S.

CJ 5530-5549. Selected Topics/(1-4).On Demand.

CJ 5550. Law and Society/(3).S. An examination of the relationship between the values and culture of a society and the laws which it adopts and how law interacts with and responds to change in social values as seen by the courts through selected cases. (Same as PS 5550.) [Dual-listed with CJ 4550.]

CJ 5625. Seminar in Police and Society/(3).S. This course is designed to explore the role of the police in American society. Attention is given to the origins of policing, the nature of police organizations and police work, critical analysis of policing, and patterns of relations between the police and the public. The values of a democratic society as they affect the law enforcement role are also addressed.

CJ 5630. Corrections: Theory and Application/(3). F.Alternate years. A comprehensive examination of the theory, research, and policy pertinent to the administration and management of jails, prisons, and community corrections. Attention to the historical development of the American correctional system, the philosophies behind corrections and punishment, correctional systems and the inmate prison experience, personnel management, sentencing and its implications, community-based corrections, judicial intervention, and correctional reform. Special emphasis on the underlying social, legal, and ethical issues that affect various correctional strategies.

CJ 5660. Crime, Theory and Policy/(3).F.Alternate years. An examination of crime policy and legislation and how theories of crime causation inform the formulation of crime policy. Attention will be given to research and how it can contribute to a more rational crime policy at the federal, state, and local level.

CJ 5661. Court Administration/(3).On Demand. This course is designed to familiarize students with the need for, and approaches to, more effective management of federal and state courts. Topics include court reform, court unification, caseload management, alternative dispute resolution, personnel management and training, and audio-visual applications in the courts, among others. (Same as PS 5661.) [Dual-listed with CJ 4661.]

CJ 5665. Contemporary Criminological Theory/(3).F. A review and assessment of contemporary theories of criminology and criminal justice with emphasis on the state of empirical support and policy implications of these perspectives. Current influential theories will be evaluated and explored in the contexts of their major assumptions, causal structure, logical consistency, conceptual underpinnings, and empirical predictions.

CJ 5670. Crime Analysis and Criminal Justice Planning/ (3).S.Alternate years. An examination of criminal justice policy and the formal and informal influences in the policy process. Planning is emphasized as a prelude to effective policy at the national, state and regional levels. A framework for the analysis of crime policy is offered for use in agency work.

CJ 5680. Organized Crime/(3).F.Alternate years. This course will provide an examination and analysis of views on the phenomena of organized crime and efforts to control it. Attention will be paid to criminal organizations in the United States, their beginnings in other cultural and ethnic backgrounds and their relations with criminal organizations around the world. In today's world, criminal organizations in other countries and their activities have a major impact on crime in the United States. Therefore, a comparative approach to the subject must be used. (Same as PS 5680.) [Dual-listed with CJ 4680.]

CJ 5805. Directed Research/(3).On Demand. Directed research on a topic selected by the student in consultation with the instructor. Student is expected to write a major research paper on this topic. May not be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: CJ 5000/PS 5000.

CJ 5850. Social Science Seminar/(3).On Demand. A review and evaluation of the literature of the individual social science disciplines, as well as social science in general, emphasizing contemporary contexts, philosophical underpinnings, theoretical concerns, and methodological convergence. Prerequisite: twelve semester hours of graduate work. (Same as GHY 5850/HIS 5850/PS 5850/SOC 5850.)

CJ 5900. Internship in Criminal Justice/(3-12).F;S. Field work in a criminal justice agency, office or institution and involvement in problem solving in these agencies and offices. Graded on an S/U basis.

CJ 5989. Graduate Research/(1-9).F;S. This course is designed to provide access to University facilities for continuing graduate research at the master's and specialist's levels. Graded on an S/U basis. CJ 5989 does not count toward a degree.

CJ 5998. Thesis Preparation/(3).F;S. The purpose of this course is to offer the student who chooses to write a thesis the opportunity to initiate a literature search, review research strategies, develop hypotheses for testing, and prepare a thesis proposal for review by the thesis committee. Graded on an S/U basis. (CJ 5998 is a prerequisite to CJ 5999.)

CJ 5999. Thesis/(3).F;S. Graded on an S/U basis. Prerequisite: CJ 5998.