

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MCJ

Introduction

Graduate School Policies and Procedures (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/graduate/graduate-school-policies-procedures/>) apply to this program. Nonresident students from western states may qualify for reduced tuition through the Western Regional Graduate Program.

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The Master of Criminal Justice (MCJ) program is designed for students interested in comprehensive professional graduate education in criminology and criminal justice. It is intended to provide an in-depth understanding of existing structures, practices, and challenges within this field of study.

Part of an academic and professional field of study, the MCJ program prepares students to administer, analyze, evaluate, and facilitate improvements in the rationality and responsiveness of the criminal and juvenile justice systems. Research design capability is emphasized alongside skills required for analyzing empirical data and innovating in crime control and prevention. Students who advance through the program acquire strategies and skills necessary for promoting individual, organizational, and social change.

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Program Delivery

- Courses are offered on campus, online, and in remote and hybrid formats.

Program Requirements

- Students must successfully complete 36 credit hours of approved coursework.
 - Of these 36 credit hours, students must complete a minimum of 27 credits hours of coursework within Criminal Justice (CRJU).
- Students must maintain at least a 3.00 cumulative GPA in this program.
- Students must earn at least a B- in all coursework to be accepted for graduate credit towards the degree.
- No more than 6 credit hours of Independent Study may be applied toward the degree.
- This program must be completed within 7 years.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Core Courses		15
CRJU 5001	Criminal Justice Systems, Policies, and Practice	
CRJU 5002	Criminological Theory	
CRJU 5003	Research Methods	
CRJU 5004	Statistics for Criminal Justice	
CRJU 5005	Law & Society	
Elective Courses		18
Students must complete six elective courses, including the Internship course, from a pre-approved list and/or with approval from the program director.		
CRJU 6910	Internship in Criminal Justice ¹	

Other Courses		3
Select one of the following:		
CRJU 5361	Capstone Seminar (during the final semester)	
CRJU 6950	Master's Thesis ²	
Total Hours		36

- ¹ Students who have not had one year of criminal justice experience following the awarding of their bachelor's degree will be required to complete CRJU 6910 Internship in Criminal Justice. A minimum of 240 hours of supervised work is required in order to earn 3 hours of credit. The internship requirement may only be waived with the permission of the MCJ Program Director. If required, the internship will count for 1 of the 6 elective courses. Students must complete 18 credit hours of MCJ coursework with at least a 3.00 cumulative GPA prior to enrolling in the internship course.
- ² With approval by and in consultation with the program director prior to enrolling in the course

Optional Concentrations

Students may select one of the concentrations below or complete the MCJ without a specified concentration. Students completing a concentration take their electives in the area of their concentration, complete the advanced seminar project in the area of their concentration, and are advised by faculty from the concentration.

Crime Analysis Concentration

The Crime Analysis concentration coursework emphasizes criminal justice and criminology related subjects; however, the analytic skills learned in this concentration are not industry-specific and easily can be transferred to non-criminal justice and criminology related fields.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Coursework		
CRJU 5003	Research Methods	3
CRJU 5004	Statistics for Criminal Justice	3
CRJU 5015	Intelligence Writing and Briefing	3
CRJU 5325	Qualitative Methods for Criminal Justice	3
CRJU 5331	Crime Analysis and GIS	3
Total Hours		15

Disaster, Hazards, and Emergency Management Concentration

The concentration in Disasters, Hazards, and Emergency Management (DHEM) provides advanced education in the management of emergencies, hazards, disasters, and community resilience. DHEM is designed for students who work or will work in the field of natural and man-made hazards, community resilience, and emergency management.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Coursework		
CRJU 5720	Public Policies for Hazards and Disasters	3
Select at least one of the following:		
CRJU 5650	Public Service in Emergency Management and Homeland Security	
CRJU 5655	Principles of Emergency Management	
URPL 6645	Disaster/ClimateChangePlanning	

Electives

Select two pre-approved elective courses. For a list of pre-approved electives, please consult your Academic Advisor.	6
Total Hours	12

Emergency Management and Homeland Security Concentration

The concentration in Emergency Management and Homeland Security (EMHS) provides advanced education in the management of emergencies, hazards, disasters, and homeland security. The EMHS program is designed to meet the needs of students who wish to work, or are currently working, in the field of emergency management and homeland security.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Coursework		
CRJU 5650	Public Service in Emergency Management and Homeland Security	3
Select at least one of the following:		3
CRJU 5655	Principles of Emergency Management	
CRJU 5720	Public Policies for Hazards and Disasters	
URPL 6645	Disaster/ClimateChangePlanning	
Select two pre-approved elective courses. For a list pre-approved electives, please consult your Academic Advisor.		6
Total Hours		12

Gender-Based Violence Concentration

The concentration in Gender-Based Violence (GBV) focuses on the management and policies surrounding gender-based violence, as well as grass-roots social justice work and best practices in this emerging field. Each fall, 10 to 20 students are accepted into the GBV cohort, allowing the participants to build a strong community of advocates and learners.

This program combines online courses with four intensive on-campus seminars spaced throughout the two-year program.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Coursework		
CRJU 5910	Nature and Scope of Interpersonal Violence	3
CRJU 5920	The Psychology of Interpersonal Violence	3
CRJU 5930	Interpersonal Violence Law and Public Policy	3
CRJU 5940	Interpersonal Violence Leadership, Advocacy, and Social Change	3
Total Hours		12