

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Effective 2009

Major Code: CRJUMS01: 36 Total Units Required

## 18 Units of Criminal Justice Core Courses (Note: Courses should be completed in the numbered sequence presented)

- CRJU 504:**<sup>+</sup> Criminological Theory (3 units) [required to advance to candidacy]
- CRJU 520:**<sup>+</sup> Criminal Justice Research Methods (3 units) [required to advance to candidacy]
- CRJU 525:**<sup>+</sup> Statistics for Criminal Justice (3 units) [required to advance to candidacy]
- CRJU 530:**<sup>+</sup> Criminal Justice Ethics, Values, & Diversity (3 units) [required to advance to candidacy]
- PPA 500:**<sup>+</sup> Foundations of Public Policy & Administration (3 units) [required to advance to candidacy]
- CRJU 551:**<sup>^</sup> Proseminar in Criminology and Criminal Justice (3 units)

<sup>+</sup> Note: To advance to candidacy, students must: (1) take CRJU 504, 520, 525, 530, and PPA 500; and (2) pass the qualifying exam. The qualifier is an objective exam that tests criminological theory, research methods, and statistics.

<sup>^</sup> Note: After advancing to candidacy, students should take CRJU 551 to prepare for writing a thesis or taking the comprehensive exam.

## 18 Units from One of the Following Two Options

### *Thesis Option:*

- CRJU \* \_\_\_ or 6 \_\_\_:** \_\_\_\_\_ (3 units);
- CRJU \* \_\_\_ or 6 \_\_\_:** \_\_\_\_\_ (3 units);
- CRJU 6 \_\_\_:** \_\_\_\_\_ (3 units);
- CRJU 6 \_\_\_:** \_\_\_\_\_ (3 units);
- CRJU 694:** Thesis I; and
- CRJU 698:** Thesis II.

### *Comprehensive Examination Option:*

- CRJU \* \_\_\_ or 6 \_\_\_:** \_\_\_\_\_ (3 units);
- CRJU \* \_\_\_ or 6 \_\_\_:** \_\_\_\_\_ (3 units);
- CRJU 6 \_\_\_:** \_\_\_\_\_ (3 units);
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- CRJU 6 \_\_\_:** \_\_\_\_\_ (3 units); and
- CRJU Comprehensive Examination** (an essay test graded on a pass/fail basis).

## Additional Information:

- A grade of B or higher is required in all core courses.
- All students must take and pass the qualifying exam regardless of whether they complete their degree requirements by writing a thesis or by passing the comprehensive exam.
- All 500-level and 600-level courses are restricted to Criminal Justice and Emergency Management graduate students; all other students must have consent from the Graduate Advisor.
- In order to register for either CRJU 520 or 525, students must have taken both CRJU 320 and 325 or equivalent undergraduate-level social scientific research methods and statistics courses.
- A maximum of two (2) upper-division, undergraduate courses designated with an asterisk (\*) may be taken for graduate credit.
- Students may take CRJU 690 (Advanced Special Topics in Criminology and Criminal Justice) for up to 9 units provided that each topic is different.
- A maximum of six (6) units of criminal justice graduate courses from another university may be substituted for CRJU requirements with the approval of the Graduate Advisor or Department Chair.
- Consult the *University Catalogue* for the year in which you matriculated for a detailed explanation of all requirements, as well as descriptions of all courses.
- Consult the *Schedule of Classes* and the Department's web site for additional helpful information, such as course conversions/equivalencies from former departmental offerings with the CRIM prefix:

<http://www.csulb.edu/cj>

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