

# ROADMAP TO GRADUATION FOR THE M.S. IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

(for students who do not need any prerequisites)

The on-campus master's program in Criminal Justice is a *full-time* degree program. Students who matriculate in it are expected to take nine (9) units per semester for four semesters, leading to the award of the M.S. degree in two academic years. The following roadmap should guide students through successful completion of the program within this two-year time frame.

## First Year of Full-Time Study for All M.S. Students

Fall (Semester 1)		Spring (Semester 2)	
Course	Units	Course	Units
1. CRJU 504: Criminological Theory	3	1. PPA 500: Public Policy and Administration	3
2. CRJU 520: Advanced CJ Research Methods	3	2. CRJU 525: Advanced Statistics for Criminal Justice	3
3. Any CRJU Elective Approved for Graduate Credit	3	3. CRJU 530: CJ Ethics, Values, and Diversity	3
Total Units	9	Total Units	9

At the end of the first-year of study, all students must take the Qualifying Examination (a/k/a "the Qualifier").

Note: CRJU 504 and CRJU 520 are only offered the fall semester. CRJU 525 is only offered in the spring semester.

It is, therefore, imperative that students take these three required courses in the semesters indicated above.

## Second Year of Full-Time Study for M.S. Students Completing the Degree via Comprehensive Examination

Fall (Semester 3)		Spring (Semester 4)	
Course	Units	Course	Units
1. Any CRJU Elective Approved for Graduate Credit	3	1. CRJU 551: Proseminar and Professional Literature in Criminology and Criminal Justice	3
2. Any CRJU Elective Approved for Graduate Credit	3	2. CRJU 695: Independent Study	3
3. Any CRJU Elective Approved for Graduate Credit	3	3. Any CRJU Elective Approved for Graduate Credit	3
Total Units	9	Total Units	9

At the end of the second year of study, students who opt to complete the M.S. degree by examination must take and pass the comprehensive examination.

## Second Year of Full-Time Study for M.S. Students Completing the Degree by Writing a Thesis

Fall (Semester 3)		Spring (Semester 4)	
Course	Units	Course	Units
1. CRJU 551: Proseminar and Professional Literature in Criminology and Criminal Justice	3	1. CRJU 698: Thesis II	3
2. CRJU 694: Thesis I	3	2. Any CRJU Elective Approved for Graduate Credit	3
3. Any CRJU Elective Approved for Graduate Credit	3	3. Any CRJU Elective Approved for Graduate Credit	3
Total Units	9	Total Units	9

At the end of the second year of study, students who opt to complete the M.S. degree by thesis must submit a thesis approved by all committee members to the Department Chair at least four weeks in advance of the library's thesis-submission deadline.

Notes:

- Elective courses must be selected from CRJU 604, 621, 631, 640, 641, 642, 643, 690, 691, and 697. In addition, students may take a maximum of six (6) units of undergraduate-level elective courses from CRJU 340, 350, 401, 402, 403, 406, 410, 412, 420, 421, 422, 423, 450, and 460.
- Students may take a maximum of nine (9) units of CRJU 690.
- Students may take a maximum of six (6) units of CRJU 695.
- Students may take a maximum of six (6) units of CRJU 691 during the second year of graduate study; the course is not open to first-year M.S. students.
- Students who do not meet all four of the prerequisite courses at the start of their graduate program will need to take additional courses to satisfy the prerequisite requirements. This will delay the completion of the M.S. degree unless the student takes summer courses, when available. Students who lack one or more of the prerequisite courses need to design a plan for degree-completion in consultation with the Graduate Advisor.