

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (MS)

Master of Science

This program is offered in a Full-Time Plus-One format.

Program Description

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice degree is designed for students seeking careers in criminal justice and public sector security agencies. This comprehensive program will provide students with the academic background to pursue a rewarding career in wide variety of agencies and enable them to be significant in the lives of others. Potential careers include police officers, investigators, special agents, probation/parole professionals, and emergency management officials. This unique program offers flexibility and insight into the most current topics and challenges facing criminal justice agencies. Students can choose one of two concentrations that will provide more focused knowledge and skill development: Leadership and Administration, or Psychology and the Law.

This graduate program is offered in a Plus-One format. The requirements include successful completion of 30 hours of coursework consisting of six core courses, three concentration courses, and a three credit-hour high impact learning experience.

Program Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Credits
Foundation Courses		
CRJ-5150	Crime Causation Theory	3
CRJ-5180	Seminar in Criminal Justice	3
CRJ-5190	Ethics and Diversity in Criminal Justice	3
CRJ-5200	Applied Data Analysis	3
CRJ-5250	Problem Solving - Planning, Analysis, and Assessment	3
CRJ-5940	High Impact Professional Experience	3
MBA-6030	Leadership and Organizational Behavior	3
Concentration		
Select one of the following concentrations:		9
Leadership and Administration		
CRJ-5025 or CRJ-5055	Cyber Security in the Information Age Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management	
CRJ-5170	Criminal Justice Administration and Leadership	
CRJ-5300	Problem-Solving Courts in an Adversarial System	
Psychology and the Law		
PSY-5010	Advanced Psychopathology	
PSY-5020	Law and Mental Health	
PSY-5030	Trauma and Crisis Intervention	
Total Credits		30

¹ Optional Elective: REC-2XXX: FAA Drone License Exam Prep (1 credit).

Graduate Degree Requirements

1. Completion of all coursework specified by the graduate program.
2. Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or higher if specified by the graduate program.
3. Submission of all pre-graduation materials required by the graduate program.
4. Acceptance of thesis or other required final project by the graduate program.
5. Submission of two copies of approved thesis or project in a specified form together with payment of binding fee where applicable.
6. Submission of Application for Graduation and payment of any graduation fees assessed by the university.
7. In the case of certification programs, submission of all governmental forms.
8. Residency Requirement: A minimum of 25% percent of the total credits required for the completion of the graduate degree or post-baccalaureate certificate or credential must be earned at Aurora University. Individual programs may establish more extensive residency requirements, including requirements that specific coursework be completed at Aurora University.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the criminological causes of crime.
2. Students will demonstrate insight into the most current topics and challenges facing criminal justice agencies.