



## Alignment of Degree Programs

**CIP Code & Title:** 43.0103 Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Administration

**Level:** Master's

**Area of Strategic Emphasis:** None

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

**Criminal Justice Administration:**

The M.A. in Criminal Justice Administration is a specialized and concentrated program of study designed specifically for current or former practitioners within the criminal justice system. Generally, it targets individuals who do not anticipate continuing on to doctoral studies. This major concentrates on issues related to the organization and operation of criminal justice agencies and related organizations.

**Criminal Justice:**

The Master of Arts in Criminal Justice online program develops in qualified students the skills to apply principles, theories, and research in the field of criminal justice to "real world" issues.

### CURRICULUM:

#### A. Student Learning Outcomes:

**Criminal Justice Administration:**

Goal 1: Discipline Specific Content

- 1a. Outcome: Students will be able to demonstrate professional presentation skills necessary for leaders in the criminal justice field.

**Criminal Justice:**

Goal 1: Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

- 1a. Outcome: Students in the Criminal Justice program will demonstrate a critical understanding of principles, methods, and theories informing an advanced analysis of the crime and the criminal justice system.
- 1b. Outcome: Students in the Criminal Justice program will produce clear, theoretically informed and evidence-based solutions to problems related to crime and the criminal justice system.
- 1c. Outcome: Students in the Criminal Justice program will evaluate the extent and causes of crime.

Goal 2: Communication Skills

- 2a. Outcome: Students in the Criminal Justice program will develop effective written research papers or presentations.

### Goal 3: Critical Thinking Skills

- 3a. Outcome: Students in the Criminal Justice program will be able to demonstrate awareness of appropriate analysis techniques, qualitative and/or quantitative, by synthesizing and evaluating previous research and making recommendations for future research and policy.

## B. Admission Standards for the Program:

**B1. University Admissions:** Admission to the program is based on the University's Graduate Admission Requirements that may be found by clicking on the following url:

- **Graduate:** <https://www.usf.edu/admissions/graduate/admission-information/requirements-deadlines.aspx>

## B2. Program Admission Requirements:

Criminal Justice Administration:

Students with an undergraduate GPA of below 3.00 in their upper-level coursework may still be eligible if they take the GRE and achieve a combined verbal and quantitative score of 300 or higher. The GRE can be taken multiple times to achieve the required score.

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## C. Graduation Requirements for the Program:

- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Successful completion of the following:
  - All degree requirements and the required minimum degree program credit hours;
  - Completion of the requirements associated with the thesis or non-thesis requirement.

## D. M.A. Criminal Justice Administration Curricular Framework:

### D1. Required Courses: (12 credit hours)

**D1a. Major Core Courses:** 3 courses; 12 credit hours

- CCJ 6118 Introduction to Criminology Theory (4)
- CCJ 6705 Research Methods in Criminology (4)
- CCJ 6706 Quantitative Analysis in Criminology I (4)

### D2. Major (Restricted) Electives: (18 credit hours)

**D2a. Major (Restricted) Electives:** 6 courses; 18 credit hours

- CCJ 6406 Theory, Practice, and Research in Law Enforcement (3)
- CJE 6025 Policy Organization, Behavior, and Administration (3)
- CJE 6029 Advanced Seminar in Law Enforcement (3)

- CCJ 6936 Current Issues in Law Enforcement (3)
- PAD 6041 Ethics and Public Service (3)\*
- PAD 6934 Selected Topics in Public Administration (3)\*

\*The Department recommends these or similar courses with a PAD prefix, as approved by the Program Director in coordination with the School of Public Affairs' Graduate Director.

**D3. Comprehensive Exam:** (3 credit hours)

**D3a. Comprehensive Exam:** 1 course; 3 credit hours

- CJE 6716 Criminal Justice Graduate Capstone Seminar (3)

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- CCJ 6406 Theory, Practice, and Research in Law Enforcement (3)
- CJE 6268 Minorities and Crime (3)
- CCJ 6935 Topics in Criminology and Criminal Justice (3)
- DSC 6020 Terrorism and Homeland Security (3)
- CCJ 6930 Current Issues in Corrections (3)
- CCJ 6932 Issues in Criminal Justice Administration (3)

**D3. Comprehensive Exam:** (3 credit hours)

**D3a. Comprehensive Exam:** 1 course; 3 credit hours

- CJE 6716 Criminal Justice Graduate Capstone Seminar (3)

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- None

**NOTES:**

- Do not anticipate any significant increase in enrollment and the student to faculty ratio post-consolidation is expected to be stable.