

University of Colorado Colorado Springs

College of Public Service

MCJ Degree Plan

REQUIRES COMPLETION OF A MINIMUM OF 36 CREDIT HOURS

Name: _____ **Student ID:** _____ **Beginning Term** _____

Advisor Name: _____ **Advisor Email:** _____

Core Courses (12 HOURS)

Course	Title	Hours	Semester	Grade
CRJU 5001	Criminal Justice Systems, Policy and Practice	3		
CRJU 5002	Criminological Theory	3		
CRJU 5003*	Research Methods	3		
CRJU 5410	Victim Studies	3		

*CRJU 5003 should not be taken in the first semester of study.

Elective Courses (15-21 HOURS DEPENDING ON CHOICE OF CAPSTONE OR THESIS)

Course	Title	Hours	Semester	Grade
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ANY courses applied to the degree outside of UCCS CRJU courses MUST receive prior written approval from the Program Director.

Field Study (3 HOURS)

Course	Title	Hours	Semester	Grade
CRJU 6910*	Field Study	3		

*Required for pre-service students with less than one year of professional work experience in a criminal justice field.

Capstone OR Thesis (3-6 HOURS)

Course	Title	Hours	Semester	Grade
CRJU 5361* OR CRJU 6950	Capstone Seminar or Master's Thesis	3-6		

*This will be your final course and should be taken alone, if possible. All core courses must be complete before enrolling in Capstone or Thesis. Contact your faculty advisor for more information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ACCEPTABLE GRADES

Grades of B- or better are required in all courses applied to the program for those students beginning in Fall 2016 catalog or later. In order to remain in good academic standing and to receive their degree, a student is required to maintain at least a B (3.0) GPA, which includes all work required for the MCJ degree while taken at UCCS (classified and unclassified) and may differ from the University GPA.

REPEATING COURSES

A student who earns a grade of B- or below in a course may repeat that course once, with the approval of the program director, provided the course has not been previously applied toward a degree. The grade received in a repeated course may substitute for the original grade and only the latter grade will be used in calculating the graduate program grade point average required for graduation; however, all grades received during the student graduate school experience will appear on the student's transcript and will be used in calculating the student's University grade point average.

CERTIFICATES

Students may choose to focus electives so as to earn one or more graduate certificates concurrently with the MCJ degree. Graduate certificates available for MCJ students through UCCS include: Nonprofit Management; Public Administration Leadership and Management; Criminal Justice; Homeland Security and Emergency Management; National Security Intelligence; and Grant Writing, Management, and Program Evaluation. You must submit a Certificate Declaration form to the Graduate Student Services Specialist in the College of Public Service in order to pursue a certificate(s).

FIELD STUDY

Students who have not had at least one year of full-time paid criminal justice or national security work-related experience are required to complete CRJU 6910 Field Study in Criminal Justice. A minimum of 240 hours of supervised work is required to earn 3 hours of credit. Students must have completed at least 9 credit hours of coursework to enroll in Field Study.

Should a student gain at least one year of full-time paid professional criminal justice experience during their tenure in the program, the student may complete an Internship Waiver Request Form that will be reviewed by the MCJ Program Director. When an internship waiver is approved, the student must make up the 3 credit hours with a criminal justice elective course.

CAPSTONE VS THESIS

Please discuss your options with your faculty advisor early in your program. A Capstone/Thesis orientation is held in both the fall and spring and is open to all College of Public Service MCJ graduate students. All core courses must be completed before enrolling in Capstone or Thesis.

GRADUATION

Students should meet with their faculty advisor or the Graduate Student Services Specialist periodically to ensure they are meeting the requirements for graduation. Please apply for graduation at the beginning of the semester in which you intend to graduate. Deadlines and forms are found on the Graduate School website.