

MA in Criminal Justice

The Master of Arts in criminal justice (MACJ) at Wichita State University is housed in the School of Criminal Justice. It is one of the nation's oldest criminal justice graduate degree programs. Intended to advance learning beyond the more general undergraduate educational curriculum, the MACJ expands the knowledge base of both graduating seniors and the administrative capacity of working professionals to optimally perform in their chosen careers in criminal justice.

Admission

In addition to the Graduate School admission requirements, applicants must submit:

1. Contact information for two people acquainted with the applicant's background and potential to serve as references; and
2. A brief autobiographical statement describing particular interests, experiences and goals related to academic and professional work in criminal justice.

Applicants are evaluated with respect to:

1. Undergraduate grade point average (a minimum GPA of 3.000 overall is required for consideration of admission to degree status);
2. Amount, type and scope of undergraduate preparation; and
3. Reference letters.

Final recommendation on a candidate's admission to the MACJ program is made to the Graduate School by the graduate coordinator of the criminal justice program.

The Master of Arts in criminal justice has the option of being completed entirely online. For more information visit the criminal justice program's website (<http://wichita.edu/cjonline/>).

Program Requirements

Students pursuing the MA degree in criminal justice may follow either a thesis or nonthesis option. Both program options require a minimum of 36 credit hours.

Course	Title	Hours
Core Curriculum ¹		
CJ 802	Quantitative Methods for Public Sector Professionals	3
CJ 893	Seminar on the Application of Criminological Theory	3
CJ 894	Proseminar in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 897	Advanced Research Methods	3
Electives		
CJ 510	Crime and Transportation	
CJ 513	Violent Crime	
CJ 515	Sex Crimes	
CJ 516	Profiling	
CJ 517	Homicide Investigation	
CJ 518	Criminal Justice and Crime in Film	
CJ 521	Forensic Social Work	
CJ 522	Domestic Violence	
CJ 540	Racial Profiling	
CJ 551A-Z	Workshop	
CJ 581A-Z	Advanced Special Topics in Criminal Justice	
CJ 581B	Correctional Administration	
CJ 581C	Crime Analysis	

CJ 581F	Serial Killers
CJ 581I	Forensic Photography
CJ 581K	Crime Scene Reconstruction
CJ 581P	Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis
CJ 581Q	Forensic Victimology
CJ 581R	Aspects of Interview and Interrogation Techniques
CJ 581S	Victims and Victim Services
CJ 581U	Gangs: Trafficking in Violence
CJ 581W	Terrorism
CJ 581X	The Psychology of Homicide
CJ 581Z	Cold Case Investigations-BTK C
CJ 600	Forensic Anthropology
CJ 601	Digital Investigations
CJ 620	Technology in Criminal Justice
CJ 625	Fundamentals of Criminal Intelligence
CJ 630	Open-Source Intelligence
CJ 635	Crime Intelligence Analytics
CJ 640	Crime Gun Intelligence: Intervening and Investigating Violent Crime
CJ 641	Forensic Psychiatry
CJ 692	Community Policing
CJ 781	Cooperative Education
CJ 783A-Z	Advanced Special Topics in Criminal Justice
CJ 784A-Z	Advanced Special Topic in Criminal Justice
CJ 785	Advanced Professional Responsibility in Criminal Justice
CJ 796	Criminal Typologies
CJ 861	Police Administration
CJ 873	Advanced Criminal Law
CJ 874	Qualitative Methods
CJ 881	Internship
CJ 882	Individual Directed Study in Criminal Justice
CJ 896	Seminar in Corrections
CJ 898	Applied Research Paper
Nonthesis/Thesis Option	
Select one of the following options: 24	
Nonthesis Option	
Select 24 credit hours of electives.	
Thesis Option	
Select 18 credit hours of electives, including 6 credit hours of Thesis.	
CJ 874	Qualitative Methods (recommended)
CJ 900	Thesis

Total Credit Hours 36

¹ All degree candidates are required to complete the core curriculum with a grade of B- or better in each course. All core courses should be completed in the first two semesters of study.

Examinations

Students selecting the thesis option must pass an oral defense of the thesis.

Applied Learning

Students in the MA in criminal justice program are required to complete an applied learning or research experience to graduate from this program. The requirement can be met by successfully completing CJ 897 Advanced Research Methods. Students are required to complete several modules that incorporate an experiential/learning module exercise.