

The Masters of Science Degree Program

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The Master of Science in Criminal Justice **requires 31 credit hours of graduate course work – six core course and five elective courses, which may include concentrations in Corrections and Criminal Justice Administration.** The program is consistent with the dual mission of Bridgewater State College to educate the residents of southeastern Massachusetts and the Commonwealth and to use the College's intellectual, scientific, and technological resources to support and advance the well-being of the region and the state. Specifically, the program *educates* students about the dynamics of crime, criminal behavior, the criminal justice system and how these complex factors interact in recursive relationships with social institutions and public realities.

I. Graduate Program Requirements

Students must complete these required courses:

Core Curriculum (16 creds.)

CRJU	500	Foundations of Scholarship	(1 cred.)
CRJU	504	Crime, Justice, and Society <i>(prq. 500 can be taken c/c)</i>	(3 creds.)
CRJU	505	Applications in Crime Theory <i>(prq. 500 can be taken c/c)</i>	(3 creds.)
CRJU	510	Research Methods in Criminal Justice <i>(prq. 500)</i>	(3 creds.)
CRJU	511	Analyzing Criminal Justice Data <i>(prq. 500 & 510)</i>	(3 creds.)
CRJU	512	Ethics and Policy in Criminal Justice <i>(prq. 500 can be taken c/c, prq. 504 & 505)</i>	(3 creds.)

II. Concentrations (optional)

IIa. Corrections Concentration requires the following courses:

CRJU	540	Corrections and Crime <i>(prq. 500)</i>	(3 creds.)
CRJU	541	Community-Based Corrections <i>(prq. 500)</i>	(3 creds.)
CRJU	542	Research Seminar in Corrections <i>(prq. 510 & 511)</i>	(3 creds.)

IIb. Criminal Justice Administration Concentration requires three of the following Criminal Justice of Political Science Courses:

CRJU	515	Criminal Justice Administration <i>(prq. 500 can be taken c/c, & prq. 505)</i>	(3 creds.)
CRJU	516	Research Seminar in the Administration of Criminal Justice Organizations	(3 creds.)
POLI	501	Introduction to Public Institutions & Administrations	(3 creds.)
POLI	505	Public Management	(3 creds.)

III. Electives (15 credits)

CRJU	501	Structure and Process of the Criminal Justice System (<i>prq. 500</i>)	(3 creds.)
CRJU	502	Thesis research	(3 to 6 creds.)
CRJU	503	Directed Study (<i>prq. 500</i>)	(3 creds.)
CRJU	514	Theories of Deviance (<i>prq. 504</i>)	(3 creds.)
CRJU	515	Criminal Justice Administration (<i>prq. 500 can be taken c/c, & prq. 505</i>)	(3 creds.)
CRJU	517	Studies in Crime Prevention (<i>prq. 504 & 505</i>)	(3 creds.)
CRJU	518	Hate Crimes and Hate Groups (<i>prq. 500 can be taken c/c, & prq. 504 & 505 or consent of the instructor</i>)	(3 creds.)
CRJU	520	Violence, Crime and Society (<i>prq. 500 can be taken c/c</i>)	(3 creds.)
CRJU	521	Domestic Violence (<i>prq. 500 can be taken c/c</i>)	(3 creds.)
CRJU	522	Women and Criminal Justice (<i>prq. 500 can be taken c/c</i>)	(3 creds.)
CRJU	525	Comparative Crime and Justice (<i>prq. 500 can be taken c/c</i>)	(3 creds.)
CRJU	526	Communities, Cities, and Crime (<i>prq. 500 can be taken c/c</i>)	(3 creds.)
CRJU	527	Policing in a Democratic Society (<i>prq. 500 can be taken c/c</i>)	(3 creds.)
CRJU	530	Introduction to Police Culture (<i>prq. 500 can be taken c/c, prq. 504 & 505</i>)	(3 creds.)
CRJU	540	Corrections, Crime, and Society (<i>prq. 500 can be taken c/c</i>)	(3 creds.)
CRJU	541	Community-Based Corrections (<i>prq. 500 can be taken c/c</i>)	(3 creds.)
CRJU	542	Research Seminar in Corrections (<i>prq. 510, 511</i>)	(3 creds.)
CRJU	546	Class, Race, Gender and Crime (<i>prq. 500 can be taken c/c</i>)	(3 creds.)
CRJU	550	Juvenile Justice and Society (<i>prq. 500 can be taken c/c</i>)	(3 creds.)
CRJU	551	Law and Society (<i>prq. 500 can be taken c/c</i>)	(3 creds.)
CRJU	555	Information Technology for Criminal Justice (<i>prq. 500 can be taken c/c</i>)	(3 creds.)
CRJU	557	Advanced Research Methods in Criminal Justice	(3 creds.)
CRJU	597	Research Seminar in Criminal Justice (<i>prq. 510, 511</i>) (<i>rotating topics</i>)	(3 creds.)
CRJU	598	Internship in Criminal Justice	(3 creds.)
CRJU	599	Special Topics in Criminal Justice (<i>prq. 500 can be taken c/c</i>)	(3 creds.)

Other Courses: With the approval of the Graduate Coordinator, students may take up to two of these courses or other approved graduate courses.)

POLI	501	Introduction to Public Institutions and Administration	(3 creds.)
POLI	505	Public Management	(3 creds.)
POLI	511	Program Evaluation and Policy Analysis	(3 creds.)

NOTE: Students have the option of completing the thesis option or the comprehensive examination. The thesis requires enrollment in CRJU 502 for up to 6 credits which are then applied toward the 15 credit electives requirement.