

Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Bridgewater State College
Department of Criminal Justice
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This program gives students the knowledge and skills to succeed and advance their careers in a variety of professional positions in the criminal justice system and in closely allied fields. Program graduates will also gain the academic proficiency and background necessary for admission into doctoral programs in criminal justice and other related disciplines.

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice requires completion of 31 credit hours, including six required core courses (16 credits). Students take their remaining courses from departmental graduate courses as well as up to two approved graduate courses from outside of the department. The current curriculum reflects the standards for criminal justice programs announced by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education for criminal justice educational programs. Students in the graduate program will develop mastery in the following areas: (1) the Administration of Justice, (2) Criminology, (3) Law Enforcement, (4) Law Adjudication, (5) Corrections, (6) Research and Analytic Methods and (7) Ethics. Students also have the option of taking courses in two areas of concentration: the Administration of Justice or Crime and Corrections. Each concentration requires three courses. The program includes a capstone requirement that may be satisfied with either a master's thesis (6 credit hours) or a combination of a comprehensive examination and a master's project completed in a research seminar in criminal justice (CJ542 or CJ597). The department will offer one research seminar each year.

MS in Criminal Justice: Course Requirements

Core Courses (required of all students): 16 credit hours

CJ 500	Foundations of Scholarship (1 cred.)
CJ 504	Seminar: Crime, Justice, and Society
CJ 505	Seminar in Criminology
CJ 510	Graduate Research Seminar in Criminal Justice (prq. 500*)
CJ 511	Analyzing Criminal Justice Data (prq. 500* & 510)
CJ 512	Ethics and Policy in Criminal Justice (prq. 504 & 505)

Additional Courses: 15 credits

CJ 501	The Structure and Process of the Criminal Justice System (strongly recommended for students who do not hold a bachelor's degree in criminal justice)
CJ 502	Research (prq. 500*)
CJ 503	Directed Study (prq. 500*)
CJ/SO 514	Theories of Deviance (prq. 504)
CJ 515	Criminal Justice Administration
CJ 520	Violence, Crime, and Society
CJ 521	Domestic Violence
CJ 522	Women and Criminal Justice
CJ 525	Comparative Criminal Justice
CJ 526	Communities, Cities, and Crime
CJ 527	Policing in a Democratic Society
CJ 540	Corrections and Crime
CJ 541	Community-Based Corrections
CJ 542	Research Seminar in Corrections (rotating topics) (prq. 500*, 510 & 511)
CJ 546	Class, Race, Gender, and Crime
CJ 550	Juvenile Justice and Society
CJ 551	Law and Society
CJ 555	Information Technology for Criminal Justice
CJ 557	Advanced Research Methods in Criminal Justice (prq. 500*, 510 & 511)
CJ 597	Research Seminar in Criminal Justice (rotating topics) (prq. 500*, 510 & 511)
CJ 598	Internship in Criminal Justice
CJ 599	Special Topics

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

PO 501 Introduction to Public Institutions & Administration
PO 505 Public Management
PO 511 Program Evaluation and Policy Analysis

Optional Concentrations: Students must take at least **three courses** in the concentration (9 credit hours).

Administration of Justice	Crime and Corrections
CJ 515 Criminal Justice Administration	CJ 540 Corrections, Crime, and Society
PO 501 Introduction to Public Institutions & Administration	CJ 541 Community-Based Corrections
PO 505 Public Management	CJ 542 Research Seminar in Corrections) (prq. 500*, 510 & 511)

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