

Criminal Justice Administration • Master of Science in CJ Administration

Why Choose Criminal Justice Administration?

The Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration is designed to offer post-baccalaureate education to criminal justice professionals, administrators and traditional students seeking criminal justice graduate education. The curriculum offers coursework and skills necessary for successful administration in police, corrections and court agencies, as well as private criminal justice agencies; such as residential treatment centers, halfway houses and private security firms. Students seeking admission to law school and doctoral studies in criminal justice will find this program appealing.

For full-time students, the degree will take one academic year (fall, winter and summer semesters). If the student elects to take two classes per semester, the degree can be completed in two years, or if the student attends one class per semester, the degree can be completed in four years.

The classes are offered at two locations, the main campus in Big Rapids, or in Grand Rapids. Classes are offered in the evenings, Monday - Thursday.

Get a Great Job

The program is designed to prepare students for the demand of administrative or managerial positions within public or private criminal justice agencies. The degree emphasizes four core areas:

- Administrative and Leadership Skills
 - Personnel and Budgeting Management
 - Research and Evaluation
 - Crime and Violence

Admission Requirements

Baccalaureate degree (preferably in criminal justice or a related field) from an accredited institution with an earned cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher is required for this program. Students who do not meet this requirement may be admitted provisionally, but must have a 3.00 GPA at the end of their first 12 semester hours. Also necessary are three professional letters of recommendation from faculty or agency employers and a personal statement indicating why the individual is interested in pursuing the Master of Science degree. The applicant must submit an official transcript (if not a Ferris State University graduate), along with an application fee of \$30.00.

Graduation Requirements:

- Complete 30 semester hours with a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- Up to six (6) credit hours may be transferred from another accredited graduate program in criminal justice. These credits are awarded at the discretion of the School of Criminal Justice.
- No grade under a C is permitted. All work below a C must be repeated to fulfill graduation requirements. Upon any second grade below C, the student may be removed from enrollment at the discretion of the School of Criminal Justice.
- Students must complete all degree requirements within five (5) years of starting classes at Ferris State University. An extension may be granted for extenuating circumstances, upon recommendation of the student's major program advisor and written approval of the director of the School of Criminal Justice.

Required Courses

	Credit Hours
Program Core (15 hours)	
CRIM 605 Legal Issues in CJ	3
CRIM 615 Nature of Crime	3
CRIM 620 CJ Agency Evaluation	3
CRIM 630 Seminar in Law Enforcement	3
OR	
CRIM 640 Seminar in Corrections	3
CRIM 650 CJ Research Methodology	3
Administrative (9 hours)	
CRIM 608 Organizational Leadership	3
CRIM 665 Financial Management	3
CRIM 673 Human Resource Management	3
Culminating Experience (6 hours)	
Option 1	
CRIM 660 Criminal Justice Thesis	6
Option 2	
CRIM 670 Graduate Topics in CJ	3
CRIM 699 Comprehensive Critique	3
Minimum semester credit hours required for criminal justice administration M.S. degree:	30



More Information

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