



Master of Public Administration: Criminal Justice Requirements

From violent crime to public order offenses, the Master of Public Administration with a concentration in Criminal Justice focuses on applied problem-solving skills. Through course work and an emphasis on student research, students receive specialized knowledge and technical skills in budgeting, planning, personnel administration, legal issues in criminal justice, police strategies, and social policymaking.

Note that all students must achieve 36 graduate credits and a minimum 3.0 overall GPA to graduate. Undergraduate admissions to the BA/MPA accelerated program require junior status (60 or more credits), at least 24 POLI course credits, 3.0 GPA or higher, and positive recommendation from the department chairperson and MPA coordinator.

Required Master of Public Administration Core Courses – 21 credits

POLI 465 Administrative Law (3 credits)

POLI 509 Approaches and Methods in Political Science (3 credits)

POLI 515 Principles and Problems of Public Administration (3 credits)

POLI 516 Administrative and Organizational Theory (3 credits)

POLI 517 Public Personnel and Strategic Human Resources Management (3 credits)

POLI 518 Budgeting and Decision Making (3 credits)

POLI 538 Program and Policy Evaluation (3 credits)

Master of Public Administration Research Courses – 3 to 6 credits

Students select one of the following courses with approval of the MPA coordinator. If selecting POLI 503, the thesis is undertaken upon successful completion of all course work. The 6 semester hours may be split into two 3 semester hour segments for registration over two semesters or sessions. One letter grade is assigned for the 6 semester hours of POLI 503.

POLI 503 Thesis (6 credits)

POLI 581 Professional Seminar (3 credits)

Criminal Justice Elective Courses – 9 to 12 credits

CRJU 420 Seminar in Criminology (3 credits)

CRJU 430 Legal Issues in Criminal Justice (3 credits)

CRJU 522 Police Strategies and Programs (3 credits)

CRJU 540 Crime and Public Policy (3 credits)

CRJU 570 Selected Topics in Criminal Justice (3 credits)

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Master of Public Administration: Criminal Justice Major Check Sheet

Student Name:

Student ID Number:

This check sheet provides a mechanism for students and advisors to keep track of a student's progress in the program. Please refer to the program requirements for more details regarding options.

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POLI 517 Public Personnel and Strategic Human Resources Management	3 credits	Grade:
POLI 518 Budgeting and Decision Making	3 credits	Grade:
POLI 538 Program and Policy Evaluation	3 credits	Grade:
Total Credits	21 total credits	

Master of Public Administration Research Courses – 3-6 credits

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