

# 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.

Effective fall semester 2015, the Master of Arts in criminal justice may be completed as an option entirely online. For more information visit the criminal justice program’s website (<http://wichita.edu/cjonline/>)<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Link opens new window.

## 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
<b>Core Curriculum</b> <sup>1</sup>		
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
<b>Electives</b>		
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 551	Workshop	

CJ 581	Advanced Special Topics in Criminal Justice
CJ 581A	Women, Crime and Criminal Justice
CJ 581AA	Gun Crime in America: Ballistics, NIBIN and Criminal Investigations
CJ 581B	Correctional Administration
CJ 581C	Crime Analysis
CJ 581D	Crime Mapping and ArcGIS
CJ 581E	Combating Human Trafficking
CJ 581F	Serial Killers
CJ 581I	Forensic Photography
CJ 581K	Crime Scene Reconstruction
CJ 581M	Criminal Mind and Behavior
CJ 581N	3D Scanning: From Crime Scene to Court Room
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 593	Crime Causation and Criminal Justice Policy
CJ 600	Forensic Anthropology
CJ 601	Digital Investigations
CJ 641	Forensic Psychiatry
CJ 652	Juvenile Justice and Social Policy
CJ 692	Community Policing
CJ 781	Cooperative Education
CJ 783	Advanced Special Topics in Criminal Justice
CJ 784	Advanced Special Topic in Criminal Justice
CJ 796	Criminal Typologies
CJ 855	Seminar on Juvenile Justice
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
<b>Nonthesis/Thesis Option</b>	
Select one of the following options: 24	
<i>Nonthesis Option</i>	
Select 24 credit hours of electives.	
<i>Thesis Option</i>	
Select 18 credit hours of electives, including 6 credit hours of Thesis.	
CJ 874	Qualitative Methods (recommended)
CJ 900	Thesis

**Total Credit Hours**

**36**

<sup>1</sup> 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.