


Master of Arts - Criminal Justice

2 Graduate Program Change 2021-22

I. General Information

The faculty member originating this proposal is to complete sections I and II.

TURN ON help text before starting this proposal by clicking  in the top right corner of the heading. You will need to turn on help text again after any actions that refresh the page including after saving proposals, importing information, or running impact reports.

IMPORT curriculum data from the Catalog by clicking  in the top left corner.

Do not make any changes to any information until the proposal has been launched in Step 4.

Department (s) (if Dual or Interdisciplinary please add all departments)*

Criminal Justice

Degree/ Certificate Name* Master of Arts - Criminal Justice

Plan Code

Degree Type*

Master of Arts

Program Type*

Master's

II. Program Changes

FILL IN ONLY fields required marked with an * after importing data. You will not be able to launch the proposal without completing required fields. Do not make proposed changes to the information that was imported until after the proposal has been launched in Step 4. Changes will only be tracked after the proposal is launched

Are you changing admission

Yes No

requirements?*

Are you changing course requirements? Yes No

Are you changing degree completion requirements? Yes No

Are you changing the primary instructional mode? Yes No

Are you changing program learning objectives? Yes No

Are you changing the culminating experience? Yes No

If not a Dual itself, is this program also available as part of a Dual-Degree offering? Yes No

If yes, describe changes to learning objectives:

Provide a Brief Summary of Proposed Changes




- Removal of subplan 2 Professional Track
- Adjustment of structure to reflect one single track
- Adjustment of course requirements to reflect an option of culminating experience and elective course credit requirement differences
- Adjustments to program description and degree requirements to reflect new program structure

Provide a rationale for each proposed change

Having two separate subplans for the program was found to not be a need for students, who essentially had the same requirements except for the choice of culminating experience. Hence the simplification of the program structure into one unique track in which students can choose their culminating experience. This will reduce departmental workload related to the program, will avoid confusion and any negative effects on the student's experience, and will better prepare the program for any eventually more substantively different subplans in the future.

Do not make any changes to any information until the proposal has been launched in Step 4.

Follow these steps to change the program curriculum:

1. Click on  "View Curriculum Schema." Edit existing cores or click 'Add Core' and name your core (please use a comparable degree program in the current graduate catalog as a template). Edit or add any descriptive text (do not add courses until Step 2). Descriptive text is generally used in the following cores: Plan Description, Plan Admission Requirements, Plan Requirements, Plan Graduation Requirements.
2. There are two options for adding courses (see Step 3 to remove courses): "Add Course" and "Import Course." For courses already in the catalog, click on "Import Course" and find the courses needed. For new classes going through a Curriculog Approval Process click on "Add Course"-- a box will open asking you for the Prefix, Course Number and Course Title.
3. Click on  "View Curriculum Schema." Click on the area/header of the program where you would like to add courses. When you click on "Add Courses" it will bring up the list of courses available from Step 2. Select the courses you wish to add. For removing courses click on the  and proceed.

After you have launched proposal, update prospective curriculum here*

Plan Description

The Master of Arts degree program in Criminal Justice is designed to improve a student's understanding of the nature, causes, and consequences of crime and crime control. The program provides students with advanced knowledge of criminal justice institutions and processes, current criminal justice policy, and training in research methods, statistics, and program evaluation. Based on the tradition of the liberal arts, the program emphasizes the symbiotic relationship between crime and the structure of society and the interplay between criminal justice theory and practice. These relationships are explored through course work in criminological theory, law and social control, the administration of justice, and crime and public policy. By completing the requirements for this program, students will be prepared for teaching at the community college level, conducting evaluations of policies and programs within various agencies in the justice system, and applying for doctoral study in crime and criminal justice. For more information about your program, including your graduate program handbook and learning outcomes, please visit the Degree Directory.

Plan Admission Requirements

Application deadlines Applications available on the UNLV Graduate College website. An undergraduate degree from an institution with regional accreditation is required. Students are encouraged to complete some undergraduate course work related to criminal justice/criminology, and statistics in social sciences. A minimum GPA of 2.75 for all undergraduate work and a 3.00 for the last two years of undergraduate work is required for admission to the program. The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required for admission. A Criminal Justice Graduate Program Application Cover Page must be completed. A statement of purpose for pursuing the Master of Arts Degree, addressing the student's particular interests in the field of criminal justice and their future academic and/or professional goals, must be provided at the time of application. Two letters of recommendation are required. It is preferred that both letters be from professors from whom the applicant took the classes. If the applicant completed the undergraduate degree work within the past five years, it is required that at least one letter be from a professor, unless the applicant can document the reasons why a letter from a former professor is difficult to obtain. If the applicant completed the undergraduate degree work more than five years ago and is currently working in a criminal justice-related field, two letters may be obtained from the applicant's direct supervisor or co-workers. References from other sources will not be reviewed. The admissions process requires submitting all information and materials through the UNLV Graduate College Online Application. See the Criminal Justice Department website for more details. During the application process, applicants will select a thesis or non-thesis option as their culminating experience for the program. All domestic and international applicants must review and follow the Graduate College Admission and Registration

Requirements. Students are accepted into a degree program as described in

the Graduate Catalog. The faculty and corresponding sub-disciplines and sub-plans within the described programs are subject to change at any time.

Plan Requirements

Total Credits Required: 36

Course Requirements

Required Courses – Credits: 21

Complete 21 credits by completing all of the following courses:

CRJ 700 Proseminar in Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 701 Proseminar on Theory	3
CRJ 702 Proseminar on Research Methods	3
CRJ 703 Proseminar on Statistics	3
CRJ 704 Proseminar on Law and Social Control	3
CRJ 705 Proseminar on the Administration of Justice	3
CRJ 715 Criminal Justice Policy	3

Criminal Justice Elective Courses – Credits: 6

Complete 6 credits of 600- or 700-level Criminal Justice courses. CRJ 716 and CRJ 799 may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

General Elective Courses – Credits: 3 or 6

Students completing a thesis as a culminating experience must complete 3 credits of 600- or 700-level courses. Students completing a comprehensive examination as a culminating experience must complete 6 credits of 600- or 700-level courses. Courses may be from Criminal Justice, from the following approved list of electives, or by advisor-approval:

ENV 703 Environmental Law and Policy Seminar

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LAW 639 Feminist Jurisprudence	2 – 3
LAW 642 Law and Social Justice	2 – 3
LAW 644 Juvenile Law	2 – 3
LAW 646 Cyberlaw	2 – 4
LAW 653 Criminal Procedure I	3
LAW 658 Immigration Law	1 – 3
LAW 666 Domestic Violence and the Law	3
PSC 710R Proseminar in American Politics	3
PSC 713 American National Government: Principles	3
PSC 714 American National Government: Structure and Processes	3
PSC 719 Advanced Studies in American Politics	3
PSC 721 Public Policy Process	3
PSC 723 Policy Analysis	3
PSC 729 Advanced Studies in Public Policy	3
PSC 732 Constitutional Law	3
PSC 739 Advanced Studies in Public Law	3
PSC 740 Proseminar in International Relations	3
PSC 754 Global Governance	3
PSC 755 International Security	3
PSC 759 Advanced Studies in International Relations	3
PSC 760R Proseminar in Comparative Politics	3
PSY 704 Social Psychology	3
PSY 736 Psychopathology	3
SOC 701 Logic of Social Inquiry	3
SOC 704 Advanced Analytical Techniques	4
SOC 705 Qualitative Methods	3
SOC 719 Seminar in Deviance and Disorganization	3
SOC 723 Classical Sociological Theory	3
SOC 724 Issues in Contemporary Sociological Theory	3
SOC 741 Graduate Seminar in Social Stratification	3
SOC 742 Sociology of Gambling	3
SOC 748 Gender, Sex, Society	3
SOC 773 Seminar in Drug Use and Abuse	3
SOC 774 Seminar in Feminist Theories and Research	3
SW 701 Social Welfare Policy I	3
SW 715 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3
WMST 700 Introduction to Women's Studies	3
WMST 701 Feminist Theory	3

Culminating Experience – Credits: 3 or 6

During initial admission and enrollment to the program, students must choose

between completing a thesis or comprehensive examination as a culminating experience. Students completing a thesis must complete 6 credits of CRJ 797.

Students completing a comprehensive examination must complete 3 credits of CRJ 796.

CRJ 797 Master's Thesis in Criminal Justice

3 or 6

CRJ 796 Comprehensive Examination

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Degree Requirements

Complete a minimum of 36 credits at the 600- and 700-level with a minimum GPA of 3.00. A maximum of 9 credits of 600-level course work is allowed. Students may select up to 6 credits of approved graduate study in other social or behavioral sciences or in graduate programs formally approved by the department. An approved list of outside electives is available at the Criminal Justice website. Students must obtain an approval from Graduate Coordinator to take an outside elective course that is not on the approved list. All students are required to complete a culminating experience: pass a comprehensive examination or complete a thesis. Theses will be written under the direction of a committee of three graduate faculty and chaired by a member of the faculty in Criminal Justice. One 4th member of the thesis committee is a graduate faculty member from outside the Department of Criminal Justice. An additional committee member may be added at the student and department's discretion. Please see Graduate College policy for committee appointment guidelines. Upon completion of the course work and thesis, an oral examination related to the general field and thesis topic is required of all students completing a thesis. The examination will be administered by the student's thesis committee and a representative from outside the department chosen by the Graduate College. The oral examination will assess: a. The student's competency in defending the substantive, theoretical, and methodological topics covered by the thesis. b. The student's general knowledge, including the ability to integrate topics covered by core and elective criminal justice classes and to apply core fundamentals to important issues.

Plan Graduation Requirements

The student must submit all required forms to the Graduate College as well as apply for graduation up to two semesters prior to completing their degree requirements. The student must successfully pass a comprehensive exam or complete a thesis.

The [Degrees Directory](#) provides current and consistent degree information. Submission of this form indicates acknowledgment and understanding that every department is responsible creating and maintaining accurate and updated program information on the UNLV Degrees Directory.

If the changes included on this form impact the program handbook attach the updated handbook before submitting this form. If you need a Word version of the most recent handbook please email GradCurriculum@unlv.edu.

If new courses are added as placeholders within this proposal, new courses must be created using a Course Create form simultaneously to the process of this proposal.

Degrees Directory Program Entry* Check this box to acknowledge the above statement.

Changes will be applicable to*

Current Students

New Students

Both Current and New Students


If applicable to current students, changes are


Mandatory Optional

Effective Date*

4. LAUNCH proposal by clicking  in the top left corner.

5. After launching the proposal, make all changes and fill in all additional fields.


6. Finish the launch of your proposal by clicking the icon  located in the Proposal Toolbox on left side at top. Make your decision, comment is optional, and click on "Make decision".

You can check the status of the proposal by clicking  in Proposal Toolbox to verify that the proposal has gone to the next step.

III. Department Vote Information

Note: This section is to be filled out by the Department Chair on behalf of the committee.

(The role has been assigned to the corresponding person on this step. If incorrect, please notify GradCurriculum@unlv.edu)

1. Review the proposal. Discuss and make appropriate revisions.
2. Fill in vote information.
3. Then go to the proposal toolbox at the top right side. Click on  and select the corresponding decision for the committee. This will enable the proposal to go to the next person on the workflow.

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If Dual or Interdisciplinary: add votes from all departments/colleges involved

(e.g. "Dpt A: / Dpt. B")

Date faculty voted on proposal 3/20/20


Result of vote 13-0-0

Manner of vote online

IV. Unit Vote Information

Note: This section is to be filled out by the College Committee Chair on behalf of the committee.

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(e.g. "College A: / College B")

Date faculty voted on proposal 1-21-2021

Result of vote 5-0 "Yes"

Manner of vote Online

V. Processing Notes (Graduate College/Registrar Use Only)

Program Alerts (E.g. This program is no longer accepting applications)

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Comments for Master of Arts - Criminal Justice

Curriculog	2/3/2021 3:21 pm Reply
Emily Lin has approved this proposal on Graduate College Dean.	
Gregory Moody	2/3/2021 2:15 pm Reply
Vote unanimous in favor: 15-0	
Curriculog	2/3/2021 2:15 pm Reply
Gregory Moody has approved this proposal on Graduate Programs Committee.	
Curriculog	2/2/2021 3:52 pm Reply
Graduate Curriculum has approved this proposal on Graduate Programs Committee.	
Curriculog	1/22/2021 8:32 am Reply
Tara Emmers-Sommer has approved this proposal on School/College Associate Dean/Dean.	
Tara Emmers-Sommer	1/22/2021 8:31 am Reply
GCUA Grad Committee Votes 5-0 "Yes" in favor. Please ask department to enter department vote, did not see on the form. Thank you.	
Curriculog	1/22/2021 8:31 am Reply
Tara Emmers-Sommer has approved this proposal on School/College Committee.	
Curriculog	1/13/2021 12:43 pm Reply
CRJ Chair has approved this proposal on Department Chair.	
Curriculog	1/13/2021 9:18 am Reply
Criminal Justice Graduate Coordinator has approved this proposal on Graduate Coordinator.	
Curriculog	1/13/2021 8:42 am Reply
Graduate Curriculum has approved this proposal on Technical Review.	

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1/11/2021 3:01 pm [Reply](#)

Tamara Herold has approved this proposal on Originator.

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1/11/2021 2:13 pm [Reply](#)

Tamara Herold has launched this proposal.

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1/11/2021 2:07 pm [Reply](#)

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