

ACADEMIC LEARNING PLAN

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Content

- Identify and discuss various theoretical explanations of crime and delinquency
- Identify and discuss theoretical explanations of criminal justice
- Articulate the challenges inherent in criminology and criminal justice
- Describe common methods for conducting research in criminal justice

Critical Thinking

- Analyze and critique the operation, functions, and developments of the criminal justice system and its components.
- Analyze and interpret quantitative and qualitative data pertinent to research in criminology and criminal justice
- Outline racial, ethnic, and gender issues in criminology and criminal justice
- Hypothesize relationships among various factors in criminology and criminal justice
- Apply criminological and/or criminal justice theories to contemporary issues

Communication

- Write logical, articulate, and structurally sound papers
- Describe and critique findings from criminology and criminal justice research and literature

Integrity/Values

- Demonstrate approved ethical behaviors in criminology and criminal justice research and practice
- Describe, evaluate, and analyze ethical controversies in criminology and criminal justice

Project Management

- Effectively utilize research strategies to examine issues in criminology and criminal justice

Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes

Assessment of the learning outcomes will occur throughout the student's program of study in each of the courses in the curriculum. Assessment will involve completion of the core courses and elective courses in the program. Examinations, writing assignments, and projects related to the program of study will capture the various domains of student learning. The area paper option will also be utilized to evaluate the student's synthesis of the domains of student learning.

Job Prospects for Masters of Science in Criminal Justice

Federal law enforcement
Court administration
State and local law enforcement
State and community college instruction
Private security and risk management
Juvenile justice
Victim advocacy
Crime scene analysis
Research and policy analysis

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