

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE MASTER OF SCIENCE

## Offered Online

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice at MSU Billings prepares students for positions of leadership and responsibility in criminal justice organizations, non-profits, and academia. It helps them become effective and ethical leaders in their communities of practice. We do this through coursework and hands-on experiences in classes on criminal justice policy, multiculturalism, ethics, theory, and data collection and analysis.

## Admission Requirements

1. Undergraduate degree with a minimum 3.0 GPA (Official transcripts required)
2. Resume/Vita
3. Personal essay
4. One letter of reference (academic or professional)

## Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Explain the American criminal justice system and its key components
- Apply theory to discuss important topics in criminal justice and criminology
- Collect and analyze data about crime and criminal justice
- Conduct and present findings from independent research on a contemporary criminal justice issue

## Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
<i>Our Social World</i>		
SOCL 501	Our Social World <sup>1</sup>	3
<i>The Criminal Justice System</i>		
CJUS 501	Criminal Justice Perspectives	3
CJUS 505	Criminal Justice Policy	3
CJUS 510	Multicultural Issues in CJUS	3
CJUS 521	Ethics and Public Policy	3
CJUS 598	Graduate Internship	3
<i>Theory, Data, and Research</i>		
CJUS 500	Graduate Research Methods	3
CJUS 550	Data Analysis and Management	3
CJUS 580	Advanced Crime Theory and Data	3
CJUS 599	Graduate Capstone	3
<i>Advanced Study in Criminal Justice</i>		
CJUS 591	Special Topics	3
Three additional credits of coursework at the 400- or 500-level. Must be selected in consultation with an advisor. <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Total Minimum Credits</b>		<b>36</b>

## Suggested Plan of Study

Code	Title	Credits
Fall		
SOCL 501	Our Social World	3
CJUS 501	Criminal Justice Perspectives	3
CJUS 521	Ethics and Public Policy	3
CJUS 580	Advanced Crime Theory and Data	3
Total		12
Spring		
CJUS 500	Graduate Research Methods	3
CJUS 505	Criminal Justice Policy	3
CJUS 510	Multicultural Issues in CJUS	3
CJUS 550	Data Analysis and Management	3
Total		12
Summer		
CJUS 591	Special Topics	3
CJUS 598	Graduate Internship	3
CJUS 599	Graduate Capstone	3
CJUS 4xx or 5xx		3
Total		12

<sup>1</sup> SOCL 501 requirement *will* be waived for MSUB Sociology BS graduates who completed their program with a 3.0 GPA or above.

<sup>2</sup> Requirement *may* be waived for MSUB Criminal Justice BS graduates. Please contact graduate program director for additional information.