
College of Justice and Safety

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The College of Justice and Safety offers three master's degrees: (1) the Master of Science degree in Correctional/Juvenile Justice Studies, (2) the Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice, and (3) the Master of Science degree in Safety, Security and Emergency Management.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE STUDIES

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MASTER OF SCIENCE
Correctional/Juvenile Justice Studies
CIP Code: 43.0102

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Department of Correctional and Juvenile Justice Studies offers the Master of Science degree in Correctional/Juvenile Justice Studies. Graduates of the program are expected to demonstrate advanced-level critical and analytical thinking; to apply principles from multiple academic disciplines to problems in corrections and juvenile justice in an effort to formulate creative solutions; to respect, evaluate, and synthesize information from diverse sources; and to communicate effectively with both client and professional audiences. Further, graduates are required to show competency in the following areas: (1) the historical, theoretical, and legal foundations of the field; (2) the methods of gathering and analyzing information for research purposes; (3) knowledge of the major bases of literature; and (4) the ability to assume positions of responsibility and leadership in correctional and juvenile justice agencies.

II. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must (a) meet the requirements of the Graduate School; (b) hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution; (c) have achieved an undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 overall or in the last 60 hours of the baccalaureate program; (d) have a combined Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score of at least 1250 under the GRE scoring system in use until October 1, 2002 or a combined verbal and quantitative score of at least 800 and an analytical writing score of at least 3.0 under the scoring system in use after October 1, 2002; and (e) have three persons qualified to assess the applicant's potential for graduate

work submit letters of recommendation directly to the Graduate Coordinator in the Department of Correctional and Juvenile Justice Studies (Stratton 105). Applicants who do not meet these GPA or GRE requirements, but who otherwise demonstrate promise for successful graduate study, may be granted probationary admission, but such applicants must comply with all requirements of the Graduate School regarding probationary admission.

Online Course Work — The Master of Science in Correctional/Juvenile Justice Studies may be completed online. In addition to satisfying all other admission requirements (see above), admission to the online program requires that students reside at least 60 miles from campus or, if they reside closer, to demonstrate a rationale that is satisfactory to the department for pursuing requirements online. Contact the Correctional/Juvenile Justice Graduate Studies Program Coordinator for additional details.

III. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Prerequisites — Students lacking undergraduate coursework or practical field experience will be required to take the following undergraduate coursework either prior to or simultaneously with enrollment in the corresponding graduate course(s): COR 311 required for COR 820 and COR 201 required for COR 830, 835, 840, 850, and 856.

A minimum of 30 semester hours of graduate credit is required. A maximum of nine hours of approved, outside credit may be transferred to this degree program. All outside credit must be approved by the Department Graduate Committee.

Core Courses24 hours
COR 808, 810, 818, 820 (or 840), 830, 835, 850, and 856.
Thesis or Additional COR/Approved Electives6 hours
Total Curriculum Requirements30 hours

NOTE: No more than 6 hours total may be applied to a degree from COR 806, 839, and 897 (singularly or combined).

IV. EXIT REQUIREMENTS

Thesis — A six-hour thesis is optional in this program. If the thesis option is chosen, the topic must be approved by the student's thesis committee, and a proposal defense and an oral defense are required.

Comprehensive Examination — Students who do not choose the thesis option must pass a comprehensive examination, with both written and oral components assessed by a comprehensive exam committee. Such students must also complete six additional hours of elective courses.

CERTIFICATE

Correctional/Juvenile Justice Leadership

Persons with a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution may earn a 12-hour non-degree graduate certificate in Correctional/Juvenile Justice Leadership granted by the Department of Correctional and Juvenile Justice Studies and the College of Justice and Safety. The certificate may be completed online. While the GRE is not required to pursue the certificate, students who earn an overall GPA of less than 3.0 in certificate courses will not be accepted into the M.S. program. Students who complete certificate courses with a GPA above 3.0 may apply to the M.S. degree program and apply credit from the certificate toward the degree. The certificate will consist of four courses and offer either a juvenile justice or adult corrections option.

- Adult Corrections Option.....12 hours**
COR 835, 840, 850, and 856.
- Juvenile Justice Option.....12 hours**
COR 820, 835, 850, and 856.

DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND POLICE STUDIES

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**MASTER OF SCIENCE
Criminal Justice**

CIP Code: 43.0103

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Criminal justice is viewed as an academic discipline. Objectives of the graduate program are based upon the assumption that social policy, decision-making, and reform in modern society require a broad academic experience and innovative thinking, including theoretical foundations of the discipline, appropriate research methods, and principles applicable to the administration of justice.

A major focus is to demonstrate that problems of both a public and private nature associated with crime and delinquency must be viewed as social problems rather than isolated problems. It is therefore expected that graduates will be:

1. conversant with the theoretical and legal principles implicit in criminal justice;
2. knowledgeable of the essential research contributions in the discipline;
3. capable of research and data analysis appropriate to the discipline; and
4. competent to assume policy-making, research and instructional responsibilities in criminal justice.

II. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students seeking clear admission should hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher learning with a 3.0 grade point average overall or in the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work and a combined score of 1250 on the general section of the Graduate Record Examination under the GRE scoring system in use until October 1, 2002 or a combined verbal and quantitative score of at least 800 and an analytical writing score of at least 3.0 under the scoring system in use after October 1, 2002. Probationary admission may be granted to applicants not meeting these conditions but who present additional evidence for successful graduate study. All applicants must submit three letters of recommendation directly to the Criminal Justice Graduate Program Coordinator in the College of Justice and Safety. Students may be required to complete prerequisite course work. Introductory statistics and research methods are prerequisites for CRJ 808 and CRJ 888.

Student must also meet the general requirements of the Graduate School.

III. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 36 semester hours of graduate credit is required. The following courses are required of all students: Advanced Criminal Justice Studies (CRJ 800), Analysis of Criminal Justice Data (CRJ 808) or Crime and Public Policy (CRJ 875), Theories of Criminology and Delinquency and Research Methods in Criminal Justice (CRJ 888).

Graduate Course Credit — All 700 level courses have undergraduate counterparts bearing the same last two digits. The 700 level courses are offered only for graduate level credit and require additional appropriate experiences for all students enrolled. Students who have previously taken the undergraduate counterpart of these courses at the 500 level will not be permitted to enroll for graduate level credit in the 700 level counterpart. Credit will not be awarded for both the 700 and 500 level of the same course.

Cross Listed Courses — Some courses are offered under different prefixes with the same course content. Students will not be awarded credit for any course for which they have previously received credit under a cross listed prefix.

Curriculum for the General Program**

- Core Courses12 hours**
CRJ 800, 870, 888 and 808 or 875.
- Eight Electives or Six Electives plus Thesis24 hours**
- Total Requirements.....36 hours**

**Course work for CRJ 987 should be arranged and no more than 9 hours will be applied toward the degree.

IV. EXIT REQUIREMENTS

Thesis — A thesis is optional in this program.

Comprehensive Examination — Students in the non-thesis option are required to pass a written comprehensive examination. Students in the thesis option are required to pass an oral comprehensive examination in defense of the thesis.

**DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY,
SECURITY, AND EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT**

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MASTER OF SCIENCE
Safety, Security, and Emergency Management
CIP Code: 43.9999.01

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Department of Safety, Security, and Emergency Management offers the Master of Science degree in Safety, Security, and Emergency Management. The M.S. degree program is designed to provide students with a broad background in safety, security, and disaster management safety, plus the option for more in-depth knowledge of at least one area of security, emergency management, and safety through thesis research. The program is directed to preparing students for responsible careers in safety, security, and emergency management. Students are prepared to draw logically sound conclusions, to think creatively, to communicate effectively, and to appreciate the role and responsibilities of the loss prevention and safety administration/manager.

The Master of Science in Safety, Security, and Emergency Management (SSEM), which includes the three options in Homeland Security, Fire Administration, and Occupational Safety, may be completed online. In addition to satisfying Eastern Kentucky University's requirements for admission or provisional admission, admission to an online program requires either that students reside at least 60 miles from campus, or if they reside closer, demonstrate a rationale that is satisfactory to the department for pursuing requirements online. Contact the SSEM Graduate Coordinator for additional details. A twelve credit hour certificate option is available in Homeland Security, Occupational Safety, and Fire and Emergency Services.

The objectives of the graduate Safety, Security, and Emergency Management program are:

- (1) To provide a broad based program that affords the depth of education, the specialized skills, and the sense of creativity that will allow the graduate to practice in and contribute to the field of safety, security, and emergency management.
- (2) To provide an avenue for a highly mobile and marketable career to individuals wishing to pursue graduate education and remain in Kentucky and/or surrounding areas.
- (3) To add to the body of knowledge through scholarly activity, research, and advanced professional training.
- (4) To provide safety, security, and emergency management practitioners with leadership skills needed for the planning and delivery of loss prevention and safety services at the state, regional, and national levels.

Distance Learning Option — The M.S. degree program offers classes each semester via distance learning. Please contact the Safety, Security, and Emergency Management Graduate Program Coordinator for schedule and details.

II. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students seeking clear admission should hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher learning with a 3.0 grade point average overall or in the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work and a combined score of 1250 on the general section of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) under the GRE scoring system in use until October 1, 2002 or a minimum GRE score in three categories: Verbal 425, Quantitative 425, Analytical 3.0 or above under the scoring system in use after October 1, 2002; or Miller Analogies Test (MAT) score of 375 and a 3.0 GPA. All applicants must submit three letters of recommendation directly to the Safety, Security, and Emergency Management Graduate Program Coordinator in the College of Justice and Safety.

Applicants should have academic and/or experiential preparation and background in one of the areas of loss prevention to include: safety, security, fire, homeland security, fire administration, and risk management. When deficiencies are deemed to exist applicants will be required to satisfy all designated deficiencies prior to admission to candidacy.

Students must also meet the general requirements of the Graduate School.

III. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Safety, Security, and Emergency Management**

Core Requirements	18 hours
SSE 815, 822, 826, 833, 865, 880.	
Support Courses.....	12 hours
Twelve hours selected from the following:	
SSE 827, 828, 829, 839, 841, 845, 890, INS 876, 878.	
OR	
Option in Homeland Security	12 hours
HLS 800, 810, 820, 830.	
Option in Fire and Emergency Services	12 hours
SSE 820, 824, 825, 829.	
Option in Occupational Safety.....	12 hours
SSE 828, 832, 834, 845.	
Thesis or Electives.....	6 hours
SSE 898 or electives.	
Total Curriculum Requirements	36 hours

**Only nine hours of SSE 839, 841, 897 will count toward the degree. In exceptional cases and with approval from the SSE Graduate Program Coordinator, up to 12 hours from these three courses may be applied toward the degree.

IV. EXIT REQUIREMENTS

Thesis — The thesis is optional in this program. If the thesis option is chosen the research topic and area of focus must be agreed upon by the student and the student's permanent committee. An oral examination in defense of the thesis is required.

Comprehensive Examination — Students in the non-thesis option are required to pass a comprehensive examination covering various components of the candidate's program (0-6 hours).

CERTIFICATES

Certificate in Homeland Security

Certificate Requirements.....12 hours

HLS 800, 810, 820, 830.

Total Curriculum Requirements12 hours

Certificate in Fire and Emergency Services

Certificate Requirements.....12 hours

SSE 820, 824, 825, 829.

Total Curriculum Requirements12 hours

Certificate in Occupational Safety

Certificate Requirements.....12 hours

SSE 828, 832, 834, 835.

Total Curriculum Requirements12 hours