

**CORE COURSES (18 hours)**

|          |  | <b><u>Hrs</u></b> | <b><u>Semester</u></b> | <b><u>Grade</u></b> |
|----------|--|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| CJUS 500 | Criminal Justice Integration                       | 3                 | _____                  | _____               |
| CJUS 520 | Administration of Justice Organizations            | 3                 | _____                  | _____               |
| CJUS 530 | H. R. Management in Criminal Justice Organizations | 3                 | _____                  | _____               |
| CJUS 550 | Topics & Trends in Criminal Justice <sup>1</sup>   | 3                 | _____                  | _____               |
| CJUS 601 | Criminal Justice Program Evaluation <sup>2</sup>   | 3                 | _____                  | _____               |
| CJUS 610 | Leadership, Ethics & Policing <sup>1, 2</sup>      | 3                 | _____                  | _____               |

**ELECTIVE COURSES (12 hours)**<sup>3, 4, 5</sup>

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| _____ | _____ | 3 | _____ | _____ |
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**THESIS OR ELECTIVE COURSES (6 hours)**<sup>6</sup>

|          |  |   |       |       |
|----------|--|---|-------|-------|
| CJUS 689 | Thesis Proposal and Research <sup>7, 8</sup> | 3 | _____ | _____ |
| CJUS 690 | Thesis Defense                               | 3 | _____ | _____ |

**TOTAL HOURS 36**

**Graduation Requirements**

Complete 36 hours

A minimum of 30 hours must be completed through Liberty University, not to include credits from a prior degree earned through Liberty

A maximum of 6 hours of transfer credit, including credit from a degree on the same academic level previously earned through Liberty, may be applied to the degree  
3.0 GPA

No more than two grades of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)

No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)

Degree must be completed within 5 years

All Online students admitted on Academic Caution are required to enroll in and pass GRST 500 in their first semester

Please submit a Graduation Application to the Registrar's Office at the beginning of the final semester

**Program Currently Offered in Online Format Only**

**Notes**

<sup>1</sup>Course must be taken through Liberty University

<sup>2</sup>May register for CJUS 601 and 610 after successfully completing 12 hours of graduate level CJUS courses.

<sup>3</sup>Public Safety Professionals who graduate from a National or Regional Command College and who have received graduate credit from a regionally accredited sponsoring university, and who have not previously used such credit for a degree, may transfer up to 12 hours of graduate credit associated with the Command College to the Master of Science in Criminal Justice as Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) credit.

<sup>4</sup>Choose from the following courses for which prerequisites have been met: any 500-600 level PPOG/PPOL/PADM course, BMAL 500, 501, BUSI 502, 503, 504 or LEAD 620.

<sup>5</sup>Other 500-600 level courses will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Helms School of Government.

<sup>6</sup>Students may take two elective courses<sup>4</sup> instead of CJUS 689 & 690

<sup>7</sup>Any student who is not ready for enrollment in CJUS 690 after completing CJUS 689 may be required, as determined by the student's thesis chair, to repeat CJUS 689 until deemed ready for enrollment in CJUS 690.

<sup>8</sup>While CJUS 689 may be taken more than once, only one enrollment in the course will be permitted to count toward degree requirements.

**SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE**

| First Semester              |          | Second Semester                            |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|--|----------|
| CJUS 500                    | 3        | CJUS 530                                   | 3        |
| CJUS 520                    | 3        | CJUS 550 <sup>4</sup>                      | 3        |
| Elective <sup>1, 2, 3</sup> | <u>3</u> | CJUS 689 or Elective <sup>2, 3, 5, 6</sup> | <u>3</u> |
| Total                       | 9        | Total                                      | 9        |

| Third Semester              |          | Fourth Semester                      |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| CJUS 601 <sup>7</sup>       | 3        | CJUS 610 <sup>4, 7</sup>             | 3        |
| Elective <sup>1, 2, 3</sup> | 3        | CJUS 690 or Elective <sup>2, 3</sup> | 3        |
| Elective <sup>1, 2, 3</sup> | <u>3</u> | Elective <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>          | <u>3</u> |
| Total                       | 9        | Total                                | 9        |

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