

Master of Science in Criminal Justice (M.S.)

Homeland Security Cognate

2024-2025 Degree Completion Plan

CORE COURSES (18 hours) ¹			<u>Sem</u>	Grade				
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	3						
CJUS 601	Criminal Justice Program Evaluation	3						
CJUS 610	Leadership, Ethics & Policing	3						
HOMELAND SECURITY COGNATE (12 hours)								
HLSC 500	Foundations of Homeland Security	3						
HLSC 510	Homeland Security Organization & Administration	3						
HLSC 520	Legal Issues in Homeland Security	3						
HLSC 530	Homeland Security Capstone	3						
THESIS OR	ELECTIVE COURSES (6 hours) ^{2,3}							
CJUS 688	Thesis Proposal	3						
CJUS 689	Thesis Research ⁴	3						
CJUS 690	Thesis Defense ⁵	0						
	TOTAL HOURS	36						

Graduation Requirements

Complete 36 hours

A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level

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

Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Offered in Online Format Revised: 01.23.2024

Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met

¹Public 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 Experiential-Learning credit ²Students may take two elective courses³ instead of CJUS 688, 689, & 690 ³Choose from the following courses: Any 500-600 level course offered by the Helms School of Government. Other 500-600 level courses will be considered on a

⁴While CJUS 689 may be taken more than once, only one enrollment in the course will be permitted to count toward degree requirements

⁵Any thesis 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 Suggested Course Sequence on second page

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SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester			Second Semester	
CJUS 500 [B Term]		3	CJUS 530 [B Term]	3
HLSC 500 [B Term]		3	CJUS 550 [B Term]	3
CJUS 520 [D Term]		<u>3</u>	CJUS 601 ¹ [D Term]	<u>3</u>
	Total	9	Total	9
Third Semester			Fourth Semester	_
CJUS 610 ¹ [B Term]		3	HLSC 520 [B Term]	3
HLSC 510 [B Term]		3	CJUS 688 [B Term]	3
HLSC 530 [D Term]		<u>3</u>	CJUS 689 ^{2,3,4} [B Term]	3
	Total	9	CJUS 690 ^{3,4} [D Term]	0
			Total	9

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¹May register for CJUS 601 and 610 after successfully completing 12 hours of graduate level courses

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