

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

Public Administration Cognate

2024-2025 Degree Completion Plan

CORE COURSES (18 hours)		<u>Hrs</u>	<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 ¹	3		
CJUS 610	Leadership, Ethics & Policing ¹	3		
PUBLIC AD	MINISTRATION COGNATE (12 hours)			
PADM 501	Fundamentals of Public Administration	3		
PADM 530	Politics, Strategies & Initiatives of Com. Econ. Dev.	3		
PADM 550	Public Policy Analysis	3		
PADM 610	Management of Public Sector Organizations	3		
THESIS OR	ELECTIVE COURSES (6 hours) ^{2,3,4}			
CJUS 688	Thesis Proposal	3		
CJUS 689	Thesis Research ^{5,6}	3		
CJUS 690	Thesis Defense	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+ &

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

Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met

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

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 case-by-case basis

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Suggested Course Sequence on second page

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SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester			Second Semester		
CJUS 500		3	CJUS 550		3
CJUS 520		3	PADM 501		3
CJUS 530		<u>3</u>	PADM 530		3
	Total	9		Total	9
Third Semester			Fourth Semester		
CJUS 601 ¹		3	CJUS 688		3
PADM 550		3	CJUS 689 ^{2,3,4,5}		3
CJUS 610 ¹		<u>3</u>	CJUS 690 ^{2,4,5}		0
	Total	9	PADM 610		3

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