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THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Master of Science in Criminal Justice (M.S.)
Homeland Security Cognate
2021-2022 Degree Completion Plan

CORE COURSES (18 hours)[1]

		Hrs	Sem	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

Notes
All applicable prerequisites must be met
[1]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 Experiential-Learning credit
[2]Students may take two elective courses[3] instead of CJUS 688, 689, & 690
[3]Choose 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
[4]While CJUS 689 may be taken more than once, only one enrollment in the course will be permitted to count toward degree requirements
[5]Any 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

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SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

First Semester

CJUS 500 [B Term]	3
HLSC 500 [B Term]	3
CJUS 520 [D Term]	3
Total	9

Second Semester

CJUS 530 [B Term]	3
CJUS 550[1] [B Term]	3
CJUS 601[2] [D Term]	3
Total	9

Third Semester

CJUS 610[1, 2] [B Term]	3
HLSC 510 [B Term]	3
HLSC 530 [D Term]	3
Total	9

Fourth Semester

HLSC 520 [B Term]	3
CJUS 688 [B Term]	3
CJUS 689[3,4,5] [B Term]	3
CJUS 690[4,5] [D Term]	0
Total	9

Notes

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

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