Criminology and Criminal Justice Ph.D. Program
5-Year Post-Bachelor’s Track
Curriculum Plan of Study

Students are expected to follow the curriculum plan (outlined below). Students who deviate from the curriculum plan track must adhere to maximum time permitted for degree completion.

Post-Bachelor's Track maximum time permitted for degree completion: 7 academic years

Students may petition the department to extend this time requirements in exceptional cases.

Program total = 90 credit hours minimum

( ) denotes credit hours

Year 1

Fall
CRJ 700 Proseminar in CRJ (3)
CRJ 701 Proseminar on Theory (3)
CRJ 705 Proseminar on Administration of Justice (3)

Spring
CRJ 702 Proseminar on Research Methods (3)
CRJ 703 Proseminar on Statistics (3)
CRJ 714 Theory Construction (3)

Year 2

Fall
CRJ 715 Criminal Justice Policy (3)
CRJ 724 Applied Research in Criminal Justice (3)
CRJ 797 Masters Thesis in CRJ (3) or CRJ 799 Comp Prep (3)

• Defend thesis proposal or complete comp prep

Spring
CRJ 704 Proseminar on Law & Social Control (3)
CRJ 713X Advanced Statistics (3)
CRJ 797 Masters Thesis in CRJ (3) or CRJ 796 Comprehensive Examination (3)

• Defend thesis or complete comprehensive examination

(Criminal Justice M.A. would be earned after successful completion of first and second year curriculum - Doctoral Comprehensive Exam cannot be taken until successful completion of CRJ 797 or CRJ 796)

Year 3

Fall
CRJ 733X Teaching Practicum or CRJ 798 Applied Project in Criminal Justice (3)
CRJ Approved Elective (3)
CRJ 794X Doctoral Comprehensive Examination Preparation (3)
Spring
  CRJ Approved Elective (3)
  CRJ Approved Elective (3)
  CRJ 794X Doctoral Comprehensive Examination (3)

Summer
  CRJ 716 Graduate Readings (6)

Year 4

Fall
  CRJ 733x Teaching Practicum or CRJ 798 Applied Project in Criminal Justice (3)
  CRJ Approved Elective (3)
  CRJ 795X Dissertation (3)

Spring
  CRJ Approved Elective (3)
  CRJ Approved Elective (3)
  CRJ 795X Dissertation (3)

  • Defend dissertation proposal

Year 5

Fall
  CRJ 795X Dissertation (6)

Spring
  CRJ 795X Dissertation (6)

  • Defend dissertation