
College of Justice and Safety

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The College of Justice and Safety offers three master's degrees: (1) the Master of Science degree in Correctional/Juvenile Justice Studies (2) the Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice and (3) the Master of Science degree in Loss Prevention and Safety.

MASTER OF SCIENCE Correctional/Juvenile Justice Studies

The Department of Correctional and Juvenile Justice Studies offers the Master of Science degree in Correctional/Juvenile Justice Studies. Graduates of the program are expected to demonstrate advanced-level critical and analytical thinking; to apply principles from multiple academic disciplines to problems in corrections and juvenile justice in an effort to formulate creative solutions; to respect, evaluate, and synthesize information from diverse sources; and to communicate effectively with both client and professional audiences. Further, graduates are required to show competency in the following areas: (1) the historical, theoretical, and legal foundations of the field; (2) the methods of gathering and analyzing information for research purposes; (3) knowledge of the major bases of literature; and (4) the ability to assume positions of responsibility and leadership in correctional and juvenile justice agencies.

Special Program Requirements

Admission — Applicants must (a) meet the requirements of the Graduate School; (b) hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution; (c) have achieved an undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 overall or in the last 60 hours of the baccalaureate program; (d) have a combined Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score of at least 1250 under the GRE scoring system in use until October 1, 2002 or a combined verbal and quantitative score of at least 800 and an analytical writing score of at least 3.0 under the scoring system in use after October 1, 2002; and (e) have three persons qualified to assess the applicant's potential for graduate work submit letters of recommendation directly to the Graduate Coordinator in the Department of Correctional and Juvenile Justice Studies (Stratton 105). Applicants who do not meet these GPA or GRE requirements, but who otherwise demonstrate promise for successful graduate study, may be granted probationary admission, but such applicants must comply with all requirements of the Graduate School regarding probationary admission.

Candidacy — Please refer to the General Academic Information section of this *Catalog* for complete information regarding candidacy.

Thesis — A six-hour thesis is optional in this program. If the thesis option is chosen, the topic must be approved by the student's thesis committee, and an oral defense is required.

Comprehensive Examination — Students who do not choose the thesis option must pass a comprehensive examination, with both written and oral components assessed by a comprehensive exam committee. Such students must also complete six additional hours of elective courses.

Graduate Portfolio — All students are required to develop a portfolio as part of their graduate studies. The portfolio is meant to enhance preparation of the thesis or comprehensive examination and to be of use in the student's career following graduation.

Program — A minimum of 30 semester hours of graduate credit is required.

M.S. Program* Correctional/Juvenile Justice Studies

CIP Code: 43.0102

Core Courses 16 hours
COR 801**, 808, 810, 818, 820 or 830, and 835 or 850.
Elective Courses 8 hours
Eight hours of COR or approved electives.
Thesis or Additional COR/Approved Electives 6 hours
Total Curriculum Requirements 30 hours

*No more than 6 hours total may be applied to a degree from COR 806, 839, and 897 (singularly or combined).

**Students must enroll in this course during the first semester it is offered after they register for graduate classes in this program.

MASTER OF SCIENCE Criminal Justice

CIP Code: 43.0103

Criminal justice is viewed as an academic discipline. Objectives of the graduate program are based upon the assumption that social policy, decision-making, and reform in modern society require a broad academic experience, innovative thinking, including theoretical foundations of the discipline, appropriate research methods, and principles applicable to the administration of justice.

A major focus is to demonstrate that problems of both a public and private nature associated with crime and delinquency must be viewed as social problems rather than isolated problems. It is therefore expected that graduates will be:

1. conversant with the theoretical and legal principles implicit in criminal justice;
2. knowledgeable of the essential research contributions in the discipline;
3. capable of research and data analysis appropriate to the discipline; and
4. competent to assume policymaking, research and instructional responsibilities in criminal justice.

Special Program Requirements*

Admission — Students seeking clear admission should hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher learning with a 3.0 grade point average overall or in the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work and a combined score of 1250 on the general section of the Graduate Record Examination. Under the GRE scoring system in use until October 1, 2002 or a combined verbal and quantitative score of at least 800 and an analytical writing score of at least 3.0 under the scoring system in use after October 1, 2002. Probationary admission may be granted to applicants not meeting these conditions but who present additional evidence for successful graduate study. All applicants must submit three letters of recommendation directly to the Criminal Justice Graduate Program Coordinator in the College of Justice and Safety. Students may be required to complete prerequisite course work. Introductory statistics and research methods are prerequisites for CRJ 808 and CRJ 888.

Admission to Candidacy — Refer to the General Academic section of this *Catalog* for complete degree completion requirements.

Program — A minimum of 36 semester hours of graduate credit is required. The following courses are required of all students: Advanced Criminal Justice Studies (CRJ 800), Analysis of Criminal Justice Data (CRJ 808) or Crime and Public Policy (CRJ 875), Theories of Criminology and Delinquency and Research Methods in Criminal Justice (CRJ 888).

GRADUATE COURSE CREDIT

All 700 level courses have undergraduate counterparts bearing the same last two digits. The 700 level courses are offered only for graduate level credit and require additional appropriate experiences for all students enrolled. Students who have previously taken the undergraduate counterpart of these courses at the 500 level will not be permitted to enroll for graduate level credit in the 700 level counterpart. Credit will not be awarded for both the 700 and 500 level of the same course.

Cross Listed Courses — Some courses are offered under different prefixes with the same course content. Students will not be awarded credit for any course for which they have previously received credit under a cross listed prefix.

CURRICULUM FOR THE GENERAL PROGRAM**

Core Courses	12 hours
CRJ 800, 870, 888 and 808 or 875.	
Eight Electives or Six Electives plus Thesis	24 hours
Total Requirements	36 hours

Thesis — A thesis is optional in this program.

Comprehensive Examination — Students in the non-thesis option are required to pass a written comprehensive examination. Students in the thesis option are required to pass an oral comprehensive examination in defense of the thesis.

*Student must also meet the general requirements of the Graduate School.

**Course work for CRJ 897 should be arranged and no more than 9 hours will be applied toward the degree.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
Loss Prevention and Safety**

CIP Code: 43.9999.01

The Department of Loss Prevention and Safety offers the Master of Science degree in Loss Prevention and Safety. The M.S. degree program is designed to provide students with a broad background in loss prevention and safety, plus the option for more in-depth knowledge of at least one area of loss prevention and safety through thesis research. The program is directed to preparing students for responsible careers in loss prevention and safety. Students are prepared to draw logically sound conclusions, to think creatively, to communicate effectively, and to appreciate the role and responsibilities of the loss prevention and safety administration/manager.

Loss Prevention and Safety

The objectives of the graduate Loss Prevention and Safety program are:

- (1) To provide a broad based program that affords the depth of education, the specialized skills, and the sense of creativity that will allow the graduate to practice in and contribute to the field of loss prevention and safety.
- (2) To provide an avenue for a highly mobile and marketable career to individuals wishing to pursue graduate education and remain in Kentucky and/or surrounding areas.
- (3) To add to the body of knowledge through scholarly activity, research, and advanced professional training.
- (4) To provide loss prevention and safety practitioners with leadership skills needed for the planning and delivery of loss prevention and safety services at the state, regional, and national levels.

Special Program Requirements*

Admission — Students seeking clear admission should hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher learning with a 3.0 grade point average overall or in the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work and a combined score of 1250 on the general section of the Graduate Record Examination. All applicants must submit three letters of recommendation directly to the Loss Prevention and Safety Graduate Program Coordinator in the College of Justice and Safety.

Applicants should have academic and/or experiential preparation and background in one of the areas of loss prevention to include: safety, security, fire, and risk management. When deficiencies are deemed to exist applicants will be required to satisfy all designated deficiencies prior to admission to candidacy.

Candidacy — In order to qualify for admission to candidacy for the M.S. degree program, the student must have: (1) achieved a clear admission to the degree program; (2) completed all deficiencies as designated; and, (3) achieved a minimum overall and program graduate grade point average of 3.0.

Thesis — The thesis is optional in this program. If the thesis option is chosen the research topic and area of focus must be agreed upon by the student and the student’s permanent committee. An oral examination in defense of the thesis is required.

Comprehensive Examination — Students in the non-thesis option are required to pass a comprehensive examination covering various components of the candidate’s program.

Distance Learning Option — The M.S. degree program offers classes each semester via distance learning. Please contact the Loss Prevention and Safety Graduate Program Coordinator for schedule and details.

LOSS PREVENTION AND SAFETY PROGRAM**

Course Requirements	18 hours
LPS 815, 822, 826, 833, 865, 880.	
Support Courses	12 hours
Twelve hours selected from the following:	
LPS 827, 828, 829, 839, 841, 845, 890, 897, INS 876, INS 878.	
Thesis or Electives	6 hours
LPS 898 or electives.	
Total Curriculum Requirements	36 hours

*Students must also meet the general requirements of the Graduate School.

**Only nine hours of LPS 839, 841, 897 will count toward the degree. In exceptional cases and with approval from the LPS Graduate Program Coordinator, up to 12 hours from these three courses may be applied toward the degree.