

Master of Criminal Justice

Project Option – 33 Total Credits

Core Courses

Semester Course
Taken Grade

Analysis: Methods & Policy Sequence (6 credits)

Take one of the following courses:

CJ 501 – Research Methods in Criminal Justice, 3 credits, or
CJ 502 – Criminal Justice Statistics, 3 credits or
CJ 503 – Seminar in Criminal Justice Research Methods, 3 credits, or
CJ 555 – Feminist Research Methods, 3 credits, or
GOVT 502 – Research Methods in Government, 3 credits, or
GOVT 503 – Qualitative Research Methods, 3 credits, or
MSW 560 – Social Work Research, 3 credits, or
SOC 553 – Seminar in Sociological Research, 3 credits, or
WS 555 – Advanced Feminist Research Methods, 3 credits

Take one of the following courses:

CJ 510 – Advanced Criminal Justice Administrative
Systems, 3 credits, or
CJ 541 – Seminar in Criminal Justice Policy Analysis
and Planning, 3 credits, or
CJ 542 – Seminar in Applied Criminal Justice Analysis,
3 credits, or
GOVT 530 – Seminar in Public Policy, 3 credits, or
MSW 500 – Social Problems and Social Welfare Policy, 3 credits

Theory: Criminology, Diversity & Ethics (9 credits)

Take one of the following two courses:

CJ 511 – Nature of Crime, 3 credits, or
SOC 491 – Criminological Theory

Take one of the following two courses:

CJ 514 – Race, Crime and Justice, 3 credits, or
CJ 521 – Law & Social Control, 3 credits

Complete the following course:

CJ 525 – Issues in Ethics, Law and Criminal Justice, 3 credits

CJ Electives - Total Credits Required = 6

Directed Readings (CJ 591), Internship (CJ 593), or Independent Research (CJ 592) may NOT be used as CJ electives.

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Course: _____	_____	_____
Course: _____	_____	_____

General Electives/Minor - Total Credits Required = 9;

These credits may be selected entirely from the Criminal Justice curriculum or may be selected from the graduate curriculum of any other department at NMSU.

Up to six (6) credits of Directed Readings (CJ 591), Internship (CJ 593), or Independent Research (CJ 592) may be used as general electives.

A minor is optional and is earned by completing nine credit hours in any one department outside of Criminal Justice that offers a minor at the graduate level. Information about the availability and requirements of a specific minor can be obtained by inquiring with the academic department where you are interested in pursuing a minor.

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Course: _____	_____	_____
Course: _____	_____	_____
Course: _____	_____	_____

Minor Designation (Optional): _____

Required Course CJ 592, Independent Research, 3 credits

Semester Taken _____ **Course Grade** _____

Completing the Project

Each student must assemble a committee composed of two members of the Criminal Justice faculty, one of who is a member of the NMSU Graduate Faculty and is designated to serve as the chair of your project, and a member of the NMSU Graduate Faculty from outside the Department of Criminal Justice.

Project students must submit a project proposal to their faculty committee for approval and subsequently complete the approved project. An approved project proposal is one wherein the faculty committee determines that the student demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of the nexus of theory, method, and policy as it applies to the proposed project. At the discretion of the faculty committee the proposal may be considered inadequate and the student will be required to revise and resubmit the project proposal until the committee determines the proposal is satisfactory. The final examination will minimally include a presentation of the completed project, but may also include a general examination based upon the candidate's program of study. In consultation with the Chair of your Project committee a decision will be made that it is time for the final examination and you will complete all the required forms for scheduling the final examination (<http://gradschool.nmsu.edu/forms-index.html>). Students must be enrolled in 1 credit hour or pay an examination fee to the Graduate School during the semester or summer session you wish to graduate.

Students must register for three (3) credits of *CJ 592 Independent Research* with her/his Project Committee chair to complete the course requirements for the Project Option.

Students may not schedule a final examination without the permission of the Chair of the Project Committee.

CJ Committee Member: _____

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Outside Committee Member: _____

Final Presentation (oral examination) Date: _____