



KENTUCKY STATE
UNIVERSITY

MASTER OF ARTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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The Master of Arts in Criminal Justice program is unique among other graduate programs in Kentucky due to its focus on social justice and reform, community engagement, social learning, and cultural competency, integrating technology and professional services. This program is valuable for undergraduate students seeking to advance their education and prepare for entry-level and mid-level positions, as well as for teaching positions as adjunct instructors. It is also of value to criminal justice practitioners seeking positions in management or leadership, preparing them to address the unique challenges relating to social justice and reform, and integrated technology within today's criminal justice system. This program is unique in that it provides three cognate options:

- Social Justice and Reform
- Cybersecurity
- Professional Services

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

Kentucky State University's MCJE program is designed to prepare students for leadership roles in criminal justice with a focus on social justice and reform, community engagement, social learning, and cultural competency, or integrating technology or professional services.

Other benefits of earning a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration include career advancement, specialized knowledge, leadership skills, critical thinking and problem-solving abilities, networking opportunities, and increased earning potential within the criminal justice sector.

“Today's criminal justice professionals need more than practical knowledge to overcome societal challenges. Data-driven decision making and critical thinking are essential for effective problem-solving. This is the point where practical experience and advanced studies connect, and why higher education is vitally important for leaders.”

Dr. Frederick A. Williams Jr., Ph.D., MAJ KSP (ret.)

REGULAR ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

General requirements for regular (unconditional) admission to Graduate Studies are:

A baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution in the United States or from an equivalent foreign institution.

An overall undergraduate minimum grade-point-average of 2.50 (on a 4.00 scale). Each degree program may set higher minimum grade-point-average. The GPA requirement cannot be rounded up.

Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work indicating all degrees awarded and courses taken. The baccalaureate degree must be verified with an official transcript.

Students must meet the minimum scores set by the program for any graduate admission test(s) required for admission to a program. See the specific program for test that may be required and the minimum score.

Plan of Study

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Fall		
Term 1 (Fall)		
CJE 500	Sem. in Adv. Crimin. Procedure	3
CJE 505	Sem. in Law Enforce. Admin.	3
Term 2 (Fall)		
CJE 510	Seminar in Correctional Admini	3
CJE 600	Adv. Crimin. & Crimino. Theory	3
Term 3 (Summer)		
CJE 540	Criminal Justice Reform	3
CJE 541	Restorative Justice Practices	3
Term 4 (Spring)		
CJE 610	Adv. Res. Meth. in Crim. Justic	3
CJE 605	Adv. App. Stat for Crim. Justi	3
Term 5 (Spring)		
CJE 542	Community Engagement, Learning	3
CJE 699	Capstone Option	3
Hours		30
Total Hours		30

Remaining Cognates

Code	Title	Hours
CJE 520	Sem in Juven. Justice Admin.	3
CJE 521	Sem. in Private Sec. Admin.	3
CJE 522	Sem. in Prob. & Paro. Admin.	3

Code	Title	Hours
CJE 530	Cyber Crimes	3
CJE 531	Principles of Cybersecurity	3
CJE 532	Sem. in Cyber Crime & Cyberter	3