CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Degree Requirements

Master of Arts (M.A.)

Requirements listed here are in addition to Graduate Council
policies listed under GCAC-600 Research Degree Policies. (http://
gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/)

The thesis track requires 30 credits. Six of the credits (CRIMJ 600) will be
for the thesis.

The master's paper track requires 30 credits. Three of these credits will
be awarded for successful completion of a master's paper, for which a
student will register for three credits of CRIMJ 594.

All credits must be at the 400, 500, 600, or 800 level, with a minimum of
18 credits at the 500 or 600 level. A minimum of 24 credits must be at the
500, 600, or 800 level.

A minimum grade-point average of a 3.0 must be earned for course work
taken as a graduate student.

Students are required to take the following courses: CRIMJ 500,
CRIMJ 501, CRIMJ 502, CRIMJ 503, and CRIMJ 504. Students must
complete a 9 credit concentration. Students in the non-thesis track will
also be required to complete an additional 3-credit elective. A list of
courses required for each concentration and additional approved elective
courses is maintained by the graduate program office.

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Thesis Track: 6 credits of CRIMJ 600
Master's Paper Track: 3 credits of CRIMJ 594 and a 3-credit elective 1

Total Credits 30

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approved elective courses is maintained by the graduate program
office.

Students who believe they have completed a course substantially
similar to one of the specific course requirements may apply to have
their previous work evaluated for the purposes of exemption to that
requirement. If approved, another course will be taken in place of that
requirement.

Credits earned at other institutions but not used to earn a degree may
be applied toward the requirements for a graduate degree, subject
to restrictions outlined in GCAC-309 Transfer Credit (http://
gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/
transfer-credit/).