THE MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN JUVENILE JUSTICE
College of Juvenile Justice & Psychology
Prairie View A & M University

THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN JUVENILE JUSTICE PROGRAM

The College of Juvenile Justice at Prairie View A & M University offers graduate courses leading to a Master of Science Degree in Juvenile Justice (MSJJ).

Specifically, the primary objectives of the Master of Science in Juvenile Justice are to:

- Enhance students’ knowledge, skills, and resourcefulness related to detained and institutionalized juveniles in the Juvenile Justice System
- Increase student’s knowledge of theoretical explanations and etiologies of delinquency and juvenile crime
- Assure that students engage in the humanistic, technical, and scientific aspects of delinquency and juvenile crime
- Increase students’ knowledge concerning effective methods to intervene and prevent delinquency
- Increase students’ skills in how to conduct research and evaluate programs related to delinquency
- Expand students’ knowledge of programs and policies related to delinquency

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The MSJJ Program requires the completion of 36 semester credit hours. Two options are available for students: thesis and non-thesis. Students opting for the thesis curriculum must successfully complete 30 hours of course work in addition to 6 hours of thesis. The non-thesis option requires the successful completion of 36 hours of course work and passing a comprehensive examination. Students enrolled on a full-time basis can complete the program in one year.

Credit Hours for Thesis and Non-Thesis

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Total Credit Hours | 36 | 36 |

MSJJ Courses

- 5113 Foundations of Criminal Justice
- 5123 Foundations of Juvenile Justice
- 5223 Substance Abuse
- 5233 Community Structure & Problems
- 5243 Community Building and Organizing
- 5253 Domestic and Family Violence
- 5413 Economic Life and Juvenile Crime
- 5423 Conflict Mediation/Resolution
- 5433 Counseling
- 5523 Management in Juvenile Justice Organizations
- 5763 Theories of Delinquency
- 5783 Ethics
- 5913 Special Topics
- 5943 Research Methods
- 5963 Applied Statistical Methods and Computing
- 5973 Policy Analysis
- 5986 Thesis

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