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Admission Requirements For Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Unconditional Admission

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Transfer Credit

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Requirements for Admission to Candidacy

To be admitted to candidacy, students must have a 3.0 GPA on all work attempted.

Unconditionally admitted graduate students must apply for admission to candidacy after completing nine semester hours of requirements as outlined for the specific degree program. The Admission to Candidacy form must be completed within the first 18 semester hours of the program. If the Admission to Candidacy form is not completed by the conclusion of 18 semester hours, a hold will be placed on the student’s registration until Admission to Candidacy process is completed.

Degree Requirements

Any student completing the course work with a 3.0 GPA or better, fulfilling candidacy requirements, successfully completing the required comprehensive examinations (for CJ 6610, 6620, 6622 and 6624) and the research requirement (CJ 6650), will be awarded the master’s degree. (If a student makes a “D” or “F” in a core course, the course must be retaken. If a student makes a “D” or “F” in an elective course, the course may be retaken or another elective taken in its place.)

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Thesis option:

(Note: The Thesis option is available only to on-campus students at the Troy campus.)

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Thesis Practicum 3 hours

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Electives 15 hours

Total 36 Hours

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

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1. To demonstrate the pivotal role of the environmental and biological sciences in understanding and addressing environmental, ecological, medical, agricultural, and political issues;
2. To promote the professional development of students for entry and advancement in the private and public sectors as scientists, educators, administrators, or managers;
3. To provide students with the necessary skills for performing research, reviewing and evaluating regulatory guidelines, and writing professional documents;
4. To foster an understanding and appreciation of the role of values and ethics in research, management, and institutional performance;