PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The Department of Criminal Justice at UNT Dallas offers a Master of Science in Criminal Justice (MSCJ) degree that is specifically designed for working professionals and other highly motivated students who are looking for the challenge of a quality graduate education and the convenience and flexibility of distance learning. The MSCJ degree program aims to prepare students for leadership positions in law enforcement, corrections, juvenile justice, and other areas of the criminal justice system. The program has been developed in consultation with a broad range of local criminal justice professionals and academic specialists. Our core courses offer students a strong foundation in the fundamentals of the field and our electives offer students the opportunity to explore specific areas of interest. We seek to provide students with sound knowledge and understanding of the criminological tradition and to make that tradition relevant to the real-world needs of working professionals. The MSCJ degree is a 36-credit hour degree and the program is offered to full-time and part-time students. Students may enroll in up to two 8-week courses at a time, with a maximum of four courses per semester. Students may also enroll in summer courses.

CAREER OPTIONS
Police Officer
Corporate Security Officer
Park Ranger
Correctional Officer
Loss Prevention Specialist
Victim Services Coordinator
Asset Protection Specialist
Customs and Border Patrol Officer
Criminal Investigator
Document Examiner
Policy Advisor
Probation Officer
CPS Case Worker
Fraud Investigator
Fish and Game Warden
…and many more

GRADUATE FACULTY
J. Eric Coleman, Ed.D., Lecturer of Criminal Justice
Richard Holden, Ph.D., Professor of Criminal Justice
Michael Noyes, Ph.D, Lecturer of Criminal Justice
Paul Reynolds, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice
Julie Siddique, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice
Mark Stallo, Ph.D., Lecturer of Criminal Justice

DELIVERY MODE
Online

CONCENTRATION OPTIONS
CURRICULUM

Core Courses (12 credits)
CJUS 5300 - Criminological Theory
CJUS 5301 - Criminal Justice Policy
CJUS 5302 - Criminal Justice Administration
CJUS 5303 - Research Methods

Criminal Justice Concentration – Thesis Track
(Select 15 CJUS credits, plus the following 9 credits)
CJUS 5304 - Data Analysis
CJUS 5601 - Master’s Thesis (6 credits)

Criminal Justice Concentration – Non-Thesis Track
(24 credits) Select 8 courses.
CJUS 5305 - Contemporary Policing
CJUS 5306 - Legal Aspects of the Criminal Justice System
CJUS 5307 - Correctional Practices and Programs
CJUS 5308 - Administrative Law and Justice
CJUS 5309 - Victimology
CJUS 5310 - Punishment and Social Policy
CJUS 5311 - Addiction and Criminal Behavior
CJUS 5312 - Information Warfare, Security and Risk Analysis
CJUS 5313 - Cybercrime and Digital Forensics
CJUS 5314 - Information Policy, Law and Justice
CJUS 5315 - Criminal Evidence
CJUS 5316 - Juvenile Delinquency
CJUS 5317 - Law and Behavioral Science
CJUS 5318 - Green Criminology and Environmental Policy
CJUS 5319 - Class, Race, Gender and Crime
CJUS 5320 - Terrorism and the War on Terror
CJUS 5321 - Sex Offenses and Offenders
CJUS 5397 - Special Problems
CJUS 5398 - Topics in Criminal Justice
CJUS 5399 - Directed Studies

Public Leadership Concentration
(12 credits of CJUS plus 12 credits of Public Leadership electives)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM DOCUMENTS

One Page Essay
Three Reference Letters
Submit to:
UNT Dallas School of Liberal Arts & Sciences
7300 University Hills Blvd, Dallas, TX 75241

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

• Application – ApplyTexas.org
• Official transcripts (all schools attended)
  Submit to:
  UNT Dallas Graduate Admissions Office
  7300 University Hills Blvd.
  Dallas, Texas 75241
• GPA – overall 2.80 GPA or 3.00 GPA on last 60 credits on bachelor’s degree

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BLAZE YOUR TRAIL
Master of Science (MS)  
Criminal Justice  

Priority Dates: Fall – July 15 (August 15 deadline); Spring – November 15 (January 6 deadline)  
Applications accepted on a rolling admission basis

Program Coordinator:  Julie Siddique, PhD.  Julie.Siddique@untdallas.edu  972-338-1835

*Applicants seeking admission to the MS in Criminal Justice will need to meet the UNT Dallas minimum admissions requirements before being considered for admission to the program. Applicants must be fully admitted prior to orientation and be able to attend orientation. Applications received on or after the date of orientation may be required to defer their applications to a subsequent semester.

(Please use this checklist as a guide to assist you in completing the three-step application process.)

Step 1 Admission to UNT Dallas through the Office of Graduate Admissions

_____ Complete the graduate admission application (online at www.applytexas.org)
_____ Pay Application Fee (non-refundable) - $50 for U.S. citizens and permanent residents
_____ Submit official transcripts from all schools attended

*GPA of 2.80 overall or 3.00 in last 60 hours (lower may be considered during individual review)

Step 2 Admission to the School of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Please submit the following information to the School of Liberal Arts & Sciences. Please include your name and student ID on all pages of documentation.

_____ Essay:  Describe in your own words why you have chosen UNT Dallas to pursue the MS in Criminal Justice degree and how will you use your experiences to help mold you into a better professional in your career field. This essay needs to be one page, typewritten, and single-spaced.

_____ Letters of Reference – 3 letters of reference are required (former professor(s) and/or current employer)

Unconditional Admission:  minimum of 3.00 on last 60 hours of coursework leading to bachelor’s degree
Conditioned Admission: applicants not meeting the requirements for unconditional admission will be considered for conditional admission on the basis of the strength of all of the listed admission factors. Under this admission status, special course requirements and/or other conditions such as GPA requirements may be imposed.

Step 3 – Check the Status of your application

The Departmental Admissions Committee reviews your application. You will be sent a letter via postal mail notifying you of your admission decision. You may also check online for a quicker notification.

1. To check if your transcripts have been submitted:  you will receive an email that includes your login credentials and a temporary PIN number to check online. You will need to activate your EUID with the PIN number and click on Admissions Status.

2. To check if your supporting documents (essay, letters of reference) have been submitted, email your full name and student ID number to GradSchool@untdallas.edu.

Mail all application documents to:  
University of North Texas at Dallas  
Office of Graduate Admissions  
7300 University Hills Blvd.  
Dallas, TX 75241-4600

Email:  
GradSchool@untdallas.edu

Phone:  972.338-1700

Fax:  972.780.3010
Supervisor Recommendation Form

Applicant’s Name: _________________________________ Date: _________________________________

The applicant above is seeking a Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of North Texas at Dallas. Please provide on this form or in a separate letter your assessment of the applicant. Return this form or your letter to: UNT Dallas, Office of Graduate Admissions, 7300 University Hills Blvd, Dallas, TX 75241 or FAX to 972-780-3636. Do not return this form to the applicant. If you have any questions about the master’s program, please contact us at 972-338-1746.

Supervisor Name: ____________________________________________________________________________

Title: ___________________________ Position: ______________________________________________________

Phone Number: ___________________________ Email Address: ________________________________________
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## MSCJ COURSE ROTATION
### SCHEDULE

**Required Core Courses:**

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*Please note that most courses in the rotation are offered once per year. We strongly recommend following the proposed course rotation schedule to ensure timely graduation.*

*3 credit hour courses are offered in an 8-week format. A student may take up to 2 courses per 8 week semester; a total of 4 courses per full 16 week semester.*
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### ELECTIVE AND CORE COURSES:

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*This course rotation schedule is subject to change based on enrollment changes and faculty availability.*  
*Please note that most elective courses in the rotation are offered every other year. We strongly recommend following the proposed course rotation schedule to insure timely graduation.*  
*All Courses are offered in an 8-week online format.*  
*Additional Special Topics courses may be offered periodically as contemporary criminal justice issues arise.*  
*Note that any student that wishes to take a 12 hour concentration area outside of criminal justice will be required to adhere to the outside areas course rotation schedule.*