

Master of Science in CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Concentrations in
Criminal Justice Administration | Criminal Justice Practice

12-MONTH PROGRAM. 8-WEEK TERMS. 100% ONLINE.

Justice Starts Here.

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice (MSCJ) program educates new practitioners and provides professional education necessary for those seeking career advancement in both administration and practice. The administrative area emphasizes the formulation and implementation of policies, laws, and management issues such as decision making, fiscal responsibility, program evaluation and performance evaluation. The practice area focuses on understanding specific methods, techniques, and skills utilized in the criminal and juvenile justice systems when interacting with victims, offenders, and other professionals. This **12-month program** is a pivotal link in the region, as currently there are no other private higher education non-profit schools that offer a **100% online** MSCJ degree.



CONVENIENT

Take classes from anywhere! Balance work, home and school with this 100% online, accelerated 8-week term program.



FLEXIBLE

Complete your degree at your pace with a full-time or part-time schedule. Featuring multiple start times per year, begin when you are ready.



AFFORDABLE

NC Wesleyan's graduate tuition rates are extremely competitive compared to other graduate schools in the U.S.



EXPERIENCED

Our faculty has real-world professional experience to ensure you are challenged and supported through practical coursework.

CAREER AREAS:

- Correctional Officer Supervisor
- Police Supervisor
- Detective Supervisor
- Lead Criminal Investigator
- District Attorney Investigator
- Director of Court Services

AVERAGE GROWTH:

4% Police & Detectives
(as fast as average)

14% Forensic Science Technicians
(faster than average)



HIGH DEMAND



PAY TRENDS:

The median annual wage* for the **Criminal Justice** field of degree is:



*Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook. Not entry level - varies based on location, education and experience. Recent graduates would need to earn experience and advance in career to earn a higher salary.

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MS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE



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Courses

General Graduation Guidelines:

- Total of 33 semester hours of MSCJ coursework
- Completion of all MSCJ coursework within five years of enrolling
- A cumulative GPA average of B (3.00)
- Minimum final grade of C in any course, no more than two grades of a C

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- An understanding of the systemic nature of current crime control efforts in the criminal justice system
- A working competence of the functions, processes and structures of the criminal justice system and the interrelationship of the system's various components
- Apply criminological theories to case studies
- Analyze crime victims and the relationship between the victims, offenders, society and social media
- Demonstrate knowledge of research methods appropriate to criminal justice research
- Analyze current challenges that confront the criminal justice system and its personnel and finding strategies to address them

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA:

- An undergraduate degree in subject or related field*
- Resume with two references (must be able to provide reference letters upon request)
- Complete a statement of purpose
- Minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.5

Note: Graduate school applicants with a cumulative GPA below 2.5 may still be considered based upon other factors submitted in the application.

**MSCJ students require two years of experience in criminal justice or related field. Students not meeting this criteria will be required to complete an internship once admitted to the program.*



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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE CURRICULUM PLAN

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS			
Courses	Credits	Courses	Credits
JUS-600: Overview of Criminal Justice	3	JUS-640: Current & Legal Issues in CJ	3
JUS-610: Victimology	3	JUS-690: Capstone	3
JUS-620: Criminological Theories	3	PLUS: A Required Concentration in Administration or Practice	15
JUS-630: Research Methods	3		

Total Program Credit Hours: 33

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