

M.P.A. / M.S. IN CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE DUAL DEGREE

Overview

The College of Arts & Sciences' Department of Political Science and Department of Sociology offer a dual Master of Public Administration (MPA)/ Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice (MSCCJ) degree. This program provides students with an interest in both criminal justice and public administration an opportunity to obtain two degrees in an accelerated fashion.

Masters of Public Administration (MPA) program prepares public service officials in government and nonprofit organizations, as well as develops management skills essential to public and nonprofit organizations oriented towards a diverse metropolitan environment.

The M.S. in Criminology and Criminal Justice provides training in fundamentals of the criminal justice system and criminological theory, as well as foundational training in research methods and statistics.

Admission Requirements

Admission requirements include:

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution
- Demonstration through undergraduate academic record the academic competence to complete a rigorous graduate program
- A cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 and/or a GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 credits of upper division undergraduate coursework and/or 3.0 in graduate coursework
- Three letters of recommendation

International Students (in addition to the above requirements): A passing score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or IELTS or successful completion of the Intensive English Program offered by DCIE.

Curriculum Requirements

The dual MPA/MSCCJ program requires a total of 60 credits, comprised of MPA and MSCCJ core courses, the 3-credit MPA Internship and the 6-credit MSCCJ Completion Track (either an internship with an accompanying paper, or a comprehensive exam and preparation, or Master's thesis).

Students may elect to combine their MPA Internship (400 hours) and MSCCJ Internship (300 hours, plus writing an internship research paper) into one year-long experience that combines elements of both programs with faculty approval.

MPA Requirements:

- Core Courses 24 credits
- Specialization Courses 12 credits
- Internship 3 credits.

MSCCJ Requirements:

- Core Courses 15 credits
- Completion Track 6 credits

Course Requirements for the MPA/MSCCJ Dual Degree:

Code	Title	Credit Hours
MPA Core Courses		
POL 601	Budget and Financial Management and Administration	3
POL 606	Organizational Dynamics and Management	3
POL 610	Statistics for Politics and Public Administration	3
POL 622	Introduction to Graduate Public Administration	3
POL 646	Public Policy Process and Implementation	3
POL 647	Human Resource Management in Public Service	3
POL 651	Productivity in the Public and Non-Profit Sectors	3
POL 671	Government and Business	3
MPA Specialization Courses		12

Students select an additional four courses from those listed below, with at least one course from each of the subfields:

Organizational Management and Leadership		
POL 619	Introduction to Game Theory for Political Science	
POL 624	Non-Profit Organizations: Law, Policy, and Management	
POL 635	Comparative Legal Systems	
POL 654	Politics and Ethics	
POL 696	Special Topics in Public Administration, Policy, and Law	
Organizational Security Management		
POL 687	Illicit Trade in the Global Economy	
Equity, Ethics, and Legal Issues in Public Administration		
POL 626	Administrative Law	
POL 657	Ethical and Managerial Issues in Government, Business and Non-Profit Organization.	
POL 696	Special Topics in Public Administration, Policy, and Law	
Equity and Diversity in Public Administration		
Issues in Judicial Politics		
Issues in Public Policy and Administration		
POL 625	Comparative Public Policy and Administration	
POL 634	Applied Policy Analysis	
POL 658	From Electronic Government to Digital Governance	
POL 696	Special Topics in Public Administration, Policy, and Law	
Bureaucratic Politics		
Money, Power, and Politics in American Cities		
MPA Internship		
POL 656	Public Service Internship	3
MSSCJ Core Courses		
SOC 670	Theories in Criminology and Criminal Justice	3
SOC 673	The Criminal Justice System	3
SOC 677	Criminology and Public Policy	3
SOC 609	Social Statistics	3
SOC 610	Advanced Research Methods	3
MSSCJ Completion Track: Non-Thesis or Thesis Option		
SOC 791	Graduate Internship and Paper (Comprehensive exam and preparation OR MS Thesis)	6
SOC 810	Master's Thesis	
Total Credit Hours		60

Sample Plan of Study

Year One		Credit Hours
Fall		
POL 601	Budget and Financial Management and Administration	3
POL 622	Introduction to Graduate Public Administration	3
SOC 609	Social Statistics	3
SOC 673	The Criminal Justice System	3
Credit Hours		12
Spring		
POL 610	Statistics for Politics and Public Administration	3
POL 646	Public Policy Process and Implementation	3
SOC 670	Theories in Criminology and Criminal Justice	3
SOC 610	Advanced Research Methods	3
Credit Hours		12

Summer			
POL 651	Productivity in the Public and Non-Profit Sectors		3
POL Specialization Course			3
POL Specialization Course			3
	Credit Hours		9
Year Two			
Fall			
POL 647	Human Resource Management in Public Service		3
POL 671	Government and Business		3
SOC 791 or 810	Graduate Internship and Paper or Master's Thesis		6
	Credit Hours		12
Spring			
POL 606	Organizational Dynamics and Management		3
POL 656	Public Service Internship		3
SOC 677	Criminology and Public Policy		3
	Credit Hours		9
Summer			
POL Specialization Course			3
POL Specialization Course			3
	Credit Hours		6
	Total Credit Hours		60