

# 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 provide 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
<b>MPA Core Courses</b>		
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
<b>MPA Specialization Courses</b>		<b>12</b>

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

<b>Organizational Management and Leadership</b>		
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	
<b>Organizational Security Management</b>		
POL 687	Illicit Trade in the Global Economy	
<b>Equity, Ethics, and Legal Issues in Public Administration</b>		
POL 626	Administrative Law	
POL 657	Ethical and Managerial Issues in Government, Business, and Non-Profit Organizations	
POL 696	Special Topics in Public Administration, Policy, and Law	
<b>Equity and Diversity in Public Administration</b>		
<b>Issues in Judicial Politics</b>		
<b>Issues in Public Policy and Administration</b>		
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	
<b>Bureaucratic Politics</b>		
<b>Money, Power, and Politics in American Cities</b>		
<b>MPA Internship</b>		
POL 656	Public Service Internship	3
<b>MSCCJ Core Courses</b>		
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
<b>MSCCJ Completion Track: Non-Thesis or Thesis Option</b>		
SOC 791	Graduate Internship and Paper (Comprehensive exam and preparation OR MS Thesis)	6
SOC 810	Master's Thesis	
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>60</b>

## Sample Plan of Study

<b>Year One</b>		<b>Credit Hours</b>
<b>Fall</b>		
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
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
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
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

<b>Summer</b>			
POL 651	Productivity in the Public and Non-Profit Sectors		3
POL Specialization Course			3
POL Specialization Course			3
<b>Credit Hours</b>			<b>9</b>
<b>Year Two</b>			
<b>Fall</b>			
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
<b>Credit Hours</b>			<b>12</b>
<b>Spring</b>			
POL 606	Organizational Dynamics and Management		3
POL 656	Public Service Internship		3
SOC 677	Criminology and Public Policy		3
<b>Credit Hours</b>			<b>9</b>
<b>Summer</b>			
POL Specialization Course			3
POL Specialization Course			3
<b>Credit Hours</b>			<b>6</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			<b>60</b>