

Master of Public Administration with specialization in Criminal Justice

Credits: 39

Program Description

Graduates of the Master of Public Administration with specialization in Criminal Justice will be trained to administer, design and evaluate service programs within the components of the Criminal Justice System related to prevention, security, protection and investigation of crime and delinquency.

Program Outcomes

1. Communicate effectively with people and resources in the organizations within a complex and diverse criminal justice or public safety environment.
2. Analyze current criminal justice policies, using available research, and discuss the strengths and limitations of various approaches.
3. Interpret administrative laws and regulations for program implementation in public organizations.
4. Analyze criminal justice and public safety policies using a variety of tools, including quantitative and qualitative research methods and statistical techniques.
5. Apply financial concepts, data, and assumptions to develop an accurate, flexible, and professional quality budget for a public or not-for-profit organization.
6. Apply critical knowledge, techniques and leadership and management skills, in the development and implementation of public administration in field of criminal justice addressing its challenge and opportunities in public and private sector and the community.
7. Assess the effectiveness of public service programs and policies within government agencies.

Program sequence will be available at the time of enrollment.

The language of instruction and program delivery modality are subject to availability.



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Core/ Professional Courses			
Course	Title	Credits	Prerequisites
MSPA 500	Theory, Practice and Change in the Administration of Public Policy	3	
MSPA 505	Computer Education for Public Administrators	3	
MSPA 510	Research and Quantitative Methods in Public Administration	3	
MSPA 520	Administrative Law and Ethics	3	
MSPA 530	Planning and Evaluation: Theories, Methods, and Techniques	3	MSPA 510
MSPA 540	Seminar: Planning, Development and Evaluation of Human Resources	3	MSPA 520
MSPA 550	Fiscal Resources Management	3	MSPA 530
TOTAL		21	
Specialization Courses			
Course	Title	Credits	Prerequisites
CRJU 500	Foundations, Practice and Changes in the Administration of the Criminal Justice System	3	MSPA 500
CRJU 520	Philosophy of Punishment	3	MSPA 500
CRJU 565	Seminar: Program Design and Evaluation in the Criminal Justice System	3	MSPA 530
CRJU 715	Seminar: Special Situations in the Administration of Correctional Programs	3	CRJU 500
MSPA 710	Research Seminar for Public Administration	3	ALL MAJOR COURSES
TOTAL		15	
Electives (Select one course- 3 credits)			
Course	Title	Credits	Prerequisites
CRJU 575	Criminal Treatment and Rehabilitation Programs	3	MSPA 500
CRJU 600	Seminar: Crime, Victims and Society	3	MSPA 500
CRJU 630	Organization and Administrative Techniques of the Police System	3	MSPA 500
CRJU 640	Addiction: Legal and Psycho-Social Aspects	3	MSPA 500
CRJU 730	Criminality, Crime Control and Criminal Justice	3	MSPA 500
TOTAL		3	
TOTAL CREDITS		33	

Notes:

1. This program may be offered in English, Bilingual mode (English-Spanish), or Spanish according to the demand. COMPLETING A COURSE OR PROGRAM IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH MAY REDUCE EMPLOYABILITY WHERE ENGLISH IS REQUIRED.
2. Graduation GPA: 3.00