

The logo for Lincoln Memorial University features the letters 'LMU' in a large, light blue, sans-serif font. Overlaid on this is the text 'LINCOLN MEMORIAL' in a smaller, dark blue, serif font, with 'UNIVERSITY' in a similar dark blue, serif font below it.

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# Master of Science in Criminal Justice

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**Welcome to LMU!**

Congratulations on your acceptance to Lincoln Memorial University's (LMU) Master of Science in Criminal Justice degree program!

The following information has been compiled to help make the path to completing your degree efficient and meaningful. It is important that you read these materials and thoroughly understand them. In particular, pay close attention to the Curriculum and Requirements sections. It is your responsibility as a student to make yourself familiar with all of the requirements and procedures for your program and to follow them accordingly.

You have an academically challenging time ahead of you. It is our hope that the MSCJ program will serve you well and allow you to become prepared for the future you desire as a graduate of Lincoln Memorial University.

**We look forward to welcoming you to campus!**

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## **LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY'S ACCREDITATION**

Lincoln Memorial University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate, baccalaureate, masters, specialist, and doctorate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Lincoln Memorial University.

## **MISSION STATEMENTS AND GOALS**

### **LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY'S MISSION**

Lincoln Memorial University is a values-based learning community dedicated to providing educational experiences in the liberal arts and professional studies. The University strives to give students a foundation for a more productive life by upholding the principles of Abraham Lincoln's life: a dedication to individual liberty, responsibility, and improvement; a respect for citizenship; recognition of the intrinsic value of high moral and ethical standards; and a belief in a personal God.

The University is committed to teaching, research, and service. The University's curriculum and commitment to quality instruction at every level are based on the beliefs that graduates must be able to communicate clearly and effectively in an era of rapidly and continuously expanding communication technology, must have an appreciable depth of learning in a field of knowledge, must appreciate and understand the various ways by which we come to know ourselves and the world around us, and must be able to exercise informed judgments.

The University believes that one of the major cornerstones of meaningful existence is service to humanity. By making educational and research opportunities available to students, Lincoln Memorial University seeks to advance life throughout the Appalachian region and beyond through teaching, research, and service.

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### **LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY'S INSTITUTIONAL GOALS**

Lincoln Memorial University is a private, independent, non-sectarian University with a clearly defined mission that distinguishes it from other educational institutions. While the University cherishes its heritage and rich traditions, it recognizes that dynamic growth and change are required to meet the needs of today's students. The University has identified the following goals, which are derived from its mission and reflect its vision for the future:

1. Make educational opportunities available to all persons without reference to social status. The University seeks to maximize enrollment by strengthening recruitment efforts and increasing student retention through the creation of an academic and social environment that facilitates success and rewards achievement.
2. Maintain fiscal integrity in all its activities, programs, and operations through concerted efforts to continuously increase its endowment and financial standing.

3. Provide quality educational experiences that have their foundation in the liberal arts and professional studies, promote high personal standards, and produce graduates with relevant career skills to compete in an ever-changing, increasingly global market.
4. Advance the Cumberland Gap and Appalachian region through community service programs in continuing education, leadership development, recreation, and the fine and performing arts.
5. Serve as a critical educational, cultural, and recreational center for the area, and to develop and maintain facilities, which are safe, accessible, and conducive to the development of body, mind, and spirit.
6. Attract and retain a diverse and highly qualified faculty and staff, committed to teaching, research, and service.
7. Commit resources to support the teaching, research, and service role of the Institution.
8. Support faculty and staff development programs with priority for allocation of resources determined by institutional needs.
9. Increase technology for all educational sites. Specifically, the University seeks to continuously improve its computer and other technological resources for faculty, staff, and students.
10. Develop and implement academic programs in response to anticipated or demonstrated educational need, and to continuously evaluate and improve the effectiveness of current programs.
11. Provide a caring and nurturing environment where students, faculty, and staff with varied talents, experiences, and aspirations come together to form a diverse community that encourages students to grow intellectually and personally to meet their academic and career goals.
12. Provide quality educational opportunities through selected degree programs for students who live or work a significant distance from the Lincoln Memorial University main campus, and for whom other options are not as accessible or satisfactory.

### **SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences is to provide distinguished academic programs and General Education courses that cultivate the skills and perspectives essential for preparing all university students for productive participation and leadership in a rapidly changing world. Inspired by the enduring principles of Abraham Lincoln's life and legacy, the School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences strives to promote the development of innovative research, scholarship, and creative expression. At the heart of the LMU experience is a commitment to a tradition and standard of excellence that fosters students' intellectual, moral, civic, and creative capacities and aspirations in service to humanity through the advancement of life in the Appalachian region and beyond.

## **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES MISSION STATEMENT**

The Department of Social Sciences is committed to providing quality educational opportunities that incorporate a balanced emphasis on theory, research, practice, community service, social justice, and personal growth.

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Lincoln Memorial University's Master of Criminal Justice Program (MSCJ) is to provide students with a high-quality education that inspires life-long learning, supports student and faculty development, encourages scholarly exploration and debate, and provides students with an understanding of the foundational principles of American justice.

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

- A. To understand curriculum content areas recommended by the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Masters level program
- B. To understand ethical and philosophical foundations of the American criminal justice system.
- C. To possess analytical thinking, research, and communication skills
- D. To develop skills necessary to pursue professional careers or further graduate study following graduation.

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- A. **Completed bachelor degree from an institution with regional accreditation or equivalent verification in the case of international degrees.** An international degree must follow university policies in existence for certifying international degrees and/or credit.
  - 1. **Minimum undergraduate course work:** Introduction to Criminal Justice and Criminology.
  - 2. **Recommended undergraduate course work:** policing, corrections, and juvenile justice.
- B. **Standard Test Scores and Grades**
  - Undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or higher on a four (4)-point scale
  - Suggested combined quantitative and qualitative GRE score of 250
  - Submission of GRE scores is required
  - Information about the GRE can be found here: <http://www.ets.org/gre>
  - Entrance interview may be requested if one or more requirements are not met.
- C. **Letters of Reference**
  - Two letters of reference from the applicant's undergraduate instructors or one letter from an instructor and one from a professional source are required.

**D. Personal Statement**

Submit an essay detailing the student's purpose for attending the LMU MSCJ program, relevant skills, qualification, preparation, and a statement of goals after completing the program.

**E. Transfer credit**

A maximum of nine (9) graduate credit hours or the equivalent of graduate work closely related to the MSCJ degree will be allowed in transfer by approval of the program's Admissions Committee.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

- A. A minimum of 36 credit hours of graduate course work and satisfactory completion of all core courses is required for graduation with the Master of Science in Criminal Justice degree.
- B. The student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or be placed on academic probation. Failure to meet or exceed this standard of academic progress in the subsequent semester will result in dismissal from the program.
- C. Thesis or MSCJ project must be completed and receive a grade of "B" or better. See thesis/project handbook for more details.
- D. Completion of all program and university assessments and surveys.

**ORIENTATION**

MSCJ students will be required to attend an initial program orientation. The MSCJ Orientation will include program familiarization, establishing a schedule, finalizing financial aid, and completing the registration process. The orientation session also provides students with critical information for progressing through the degree program. Information includes admission, program, and exit requirements. Information about registration will be made available when the student's application has been accepted and can be completed during the orientation. An orientation regarding library resources will be provided early in the first semester.

New graduate students are assigned an academic advisor who will guide and assist the student throughout the graduate program. Faculty advisors assist in the formulation and implementation of a thesis. In the case of the non-thesis option, the faculty advisor will help configure the project/paper based on an internship or an agency assignment. Advisors are available throughout the program for academic advisement. Advisor contact information and office hours are posted on each syllabus.

## **GRADUATE PROGRAMS COMMITTEES**

### **Admissions Committee**

This Graduate Programs Admissions committee consists of faculty and administration members from the collaborating programs. This committee will determine acceptance into the program, and will resolve all matters or questions regarding admissions.

### **Thesis/Project Supervisory Committee**

This committee functions to provide course work and thesis/project direction and approval for each graduate student in either program. The committee approves the thesis/project proposal, and when submitted, reviews and approves the completed thesis/project document, and conducts a final oral defense of the thesis/project. The chair of this committee is the person who directly supervises the thesis/research project. A second committee member is selected from the graduate faculty and should have reasonably related knowledge of the thesis/project topic. A third member may be selected to complement the knowledge of the other members and may be chosen from outside of the relevant departments. The appointment of this committee is made by the program's school Dean upon recommendation of the Program Director and submission of names by the student.

### **Appeals Committee**

This three-member committee exists to resolve academic matters that may arise. The Dean of the school will nominate members of this committee. They will serve three years with the possibility of reappointment. One faculty member from the program will serve with the program director with an alternate member appointed in the case of conflict of interests.

### **Graduate Council**

Graduate education is a significant function of the Department of Social Sciences within the School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at LMU. It constitutes a dominant force in maintaining and developing scholarly inquiry and intellectual achievement in the School and University community. Ultimate responsibility for all matters pertaining to graduate education and graduate research rests with the graduate faculty through the discussions and decision making of the Graduate Council. The Graduate Council is the policy making (and in some cases the decision making) body of the Department of Social Sciences for graduate programs located there. Members consist of the Dean of the School, the program directors, and the department chair (meetings are open to all graduate faculty).

## **GENERAL POLICIES AND STANDARDS**

### **Student Work and Class Attendance**

Students are expected to attend classes regularly and meet all requirements of the course in order to receive a passing grade. All course examinations must be completed. Final examinations are administered the last week of the term when required. Attendance requirements will be stated in the course syllabi.

### **Grade Point Average**

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or more on a 4.0 scale. Falling below a 3.0 GPA will place the student on probation until a 3.0 GPA is reached.

The 3.0 GPA performance level includes graduate and undergraduate courses if the student is completing deficiency courses. No more than one grade of “C” will be allowed. A second grade of “C” or below will remove the student from the program.

### **Grading Scale**

A candidate receives a grade for most registered coursework. Letters indicate grades and are assigned quality points as shown below. Credit toward a degree program will be granted only for courses in which a grade of “C” or better is earned.

<b><u>Grade</u></b>	<b><u>Definition</u></b>	<b><u>Quality Points Per Semester Hour</u></b>
A	Superior (Quality of work exceptional)	4.00
A-	Excellent (Quality of work above course expectation)	3.67
B+	Very Good (Quality of work better than satisfactory)	3.33
B	Good (Quality of work satisfactory)	3.00
B-	Average (Quality of work meets minimum requirements)	2.67
C+	Below Average (Quality of work less than satisfactory)	2.33
C	Minimum passing grade (Quality of work unsatisfactory for graduate-level)	2.00
F	Fail	0.00
I	Incomplete (Work must be completed within the first six weeks of the next semester; otherwise, the grade automatically becomes an “F” unless an extension is granted by the Dean of Arts and Humanities)	-
IP	In Progress (This grade is restricted to specific courses in the curriculum)	-
NC	No Credit (Allows for a later grade with no penalty to the candidate)	-
AU	Audit	-
WD	Withdrawal	-
		-

Some graduate courses are graded P-Pass/F-Fail and are identified under “Course Descriptions.”

The candidate’s grade point average (GPA) is determined by dividing the total number of grade points earned by the total number of letter-graded (A-F) credit hours attempted (not the number of credit hours passed).

### **Appeals**

Students in the program or applying to the program may submit an appeal in writing directly to the Appeals Committee. The committee is expected to collect information from all parties to the matter in question, hold a hearing in which parties to the appeal will be invited and notified with at least 48 hours advanced notice, and reach a decision on the matter within 24 hours of the hearing. In the event

that more investigation is needed after the hearing, all parties to the matter will be notified of the timeline for reaching a conclusion for the matter. A decision must be reached by no more than one week after the initial hearing. Decisions of this committee will be communicated to the party making the appeal as well as any individuals named in the appeal along with the relevant Deans and the Vice President of Academic Affairs. A log of matters and copies of all communication related to an appeal will be maintained by the specific Program Director's office in which the appealing student is enrolled or hoping to enroll.

### **Medical Leave of Absence**

A student may petition to their Program Director for a medical leave of absence from a major program of study in event of a medical condition, which prevents normal participation in the required activities of the degree. No approved medical absence can remove a student from his or her coursework for more than two years or the student will be dismissed from the program.

### **Maximum Program Completion**

Students who enter the MSCJ graduate program must complete their studies for their graduate degree within six years after initial registration. An extension may be requested of the Program Director for personal or professional reasons.

### **Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is the presentation of someone else's words or ideas as one's own. One of the most common forms of plagiarism is the paraphrasing of several phrases, sentences, or ideas in a paragraph with only one citation at the end of the paragraph resulting in confusion between the cited content and the researcher's own words or ideas. Another common form is the practice of substituting words or phrases while retaining the original author's form and structure.

Use citation practices as described in the APA Manual 6th edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (2009), or the most recent version of Chicago Manual of Style or other citation guidelines as instructed by course professor.

For questions regarding citations or plagiarism, contact LMUs Library Center for Teaching and Learning at the library website.

### **Program Acceptance**

Upon acceptance into the MSCJ program, applicants will receive an official packet of materials including an acceptance letter, a program catalog, registration information, and other program items and information. All students are required to have all transcripts, letters of support, and fees submitted by one month in advance of the start of the new semester.

It is of the utmost importance that the deposit is paid to LMU in a timely manner. The deposit secures the student's position in the upcoming limited capacity class.

Deposits may be submitted by mail or by telephone. If paying by phone, please contact the Cashier's Office at 423.869.6315. Students who are not living on or near campus and need to pay their deposit via mail may send a check or money order to the following address:

Lincoln Memorial University  
Department of Social Sciences  
Avery Hall  
6965 Cumberland Gap Parkway  
Harrogate, TN 37752

### **Change of Schedule Policy**

All schedule changes made by the program will be addressed before the start of classes. Any changes to student class schedules must be discussed and approved by the advisor and program director.

## **FINANCIALS**

### **Tuition and Fees**

- A. Tuition is \$456 per semester hour.
- B. Tuition may change at any time so please contact the Financial Aid Office if you have questions.

### **Financial Aid**

Financial Aid in the form of loan support is available to graduate students. The LMU Financial Aid website is [www.lmunet.edu/admissions/finaid.shtml](http://www.lmunet.edu/admissions/finaid.shtml) or the office may be reached directly at 423.869.6336. The Financial Aid Office is located in the DAR building on main LMU campus.

Federal Financial aid is available to students who enroll in at least 6 credit hours each semester, which is considered to be half time. Any student with less than 6 hours is considered less than half time and is not eligible for loan support.

Federal Financial Aid available for graduate students and consists of Stafford Loans (up to a maximum of \$20,500 per year) and Grad Plus loans. Eligibility determination for loan amounts will be determined by the student's federal application for aid (FAFSA).

Please note important information below released by the U.S. Department of Education and effective July 1, 2012.

“Effective with all loans processed after July 1, 2012, due to the Federal Government cost cutting measures, there will be no more Federal Direct Subsidized Stafford Loans available to Graduate Students. While Graduate Students will still have FULL eligibility for Federal Direct Stafford Loans, only the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan will be available. Once students have met Federal Direct Stafford Loan limits, Graduate Plus Loans will also be available just as they have in the past. You may read more about Federal Direct Stafford Loans on LMU's homepage under Financial Aid for Graduate Students.”

## **Payment Plans**

### Interest-Free Monthly Payment Plan through Tuition Management Systems (TMS)

---Fall and Spring Semesters ONLY---

There are NO Deferred Payment Plans available for the summer semester. Payment must be paid in full prior to the first day of classes.

#### TMS Payment Plan Options

OPTION ONE: Annual Plan – (Both fall and spring semesters)

Able to divide tuition total for both semesters into 10, 9, or 8 monthly payments

\$65 Enrollment Fee - Due at the time of enrollment in plan.

OPTION TWO: Semester Plan (For either the fall or spring semester)

Able to divide the cost of tuition for that semester into 5, 4, or 3 monthly payments

\$45 Enrollment Fee per semester – Due at the time of enrollment in plan.

#### Other Information about the Plan

- No interest

- All payments are due to TMS by the 15th of each month. A late fee of \$40 is applied to the account if a payment is received late.

- Life insurance covering the Interest-Free Monthly Payment Plan is included, at no additional cost.

For further information, call Tuition Management Systems at 1-888-572-8985.

#### Additional Fees:

Graduate Tuition - MSCJ (per credit hour) .....	\$456
Drop/Add Fee (per class).....	\$15
Directed/Independent Study Fee (plus tuition for each course). .....	\$25
Late Registration Fee.....	\$100
Comprehensive Fee (spring and fall semester) .....	\$15
Graduation Fee.....	\$100
Draft Reject Fee or NSF fee.....	\$30
Vehicle Registration Fee- Vehicle fee is included in the comprehensive fee (above).	

## **Refund Policy**

In the event a student drops one or more classes, withdraws, or is administratively dismissed from the University for disciplinary or for financial reasons after registration is completed and prior to the end of a semester of enrollment, the student's eligibility for a refund of appropriate institutional tuition, room and board charges will be prorated as indicated. A student must complete a Change of Schedule form (obtained from the Office of the Registrar) for dropping one or more classes. Any situation in which all classes are dropped is considered as withdrawal from the University. Should the student fail to complete this process, all semester charges will become immediately due and payable (refer to "Withdrawal from the University"). The University official date of withdrawal used to compute the refund is determined by the Office of Finance. Applicable institutional charges for fall and spring semesters will be refunded according to the following schedule:

Through the first official day of classes: 100%  
 After the first official day of classes and during the first week of the semester: 90%  
 During the second week of the semester: 75%  
 During the third week of the semester: 50%  
 During the fourth week of the semester: 25%  
 After the fourth week of the semester: 0%

No refund of institutional charges will be made after the fourth week of the semester. Specific dates affecting the schedule of refunds appear on the Registration Policies page of the electronic class schedule, WebAdvisor, which is available on the LMU web site by selecting the Current Students and Faculty link; and/or the Office of Student Services, the Office of the Registrar and the Office of Finance. Refund schedules pertaining to summer and mini terms are adjusted to the varying length of the terms. They are also available in WebAdvisor by selecting the given term. Specific dates affecting the schedule of refunds appear in the Registration Policies, which is available on the LMU web site by selecting the Site Index then WebAdvisor, then Registration Policies.

## **GRADUATE STUDENT SERVICES & CAMPUS LIFE**

### **Housing**

Students are responsible for acquiring housing and meals. Helpful information is available from the LMU Office of Admissions or Student Services.

### **Parking**

All student vehicles must be registered with the Office of Enrollment Management & Student Services (EM & SS). Vehicle registration covers one academic year from first day of fall classes to the last day of the summer session. The registration fee for the year is \$30.00 per vehicle. Should the need for a temporary sticker arise, the office of EM & SS should be contacted. Parking stickers are issued after the student has registered for semester classes. Stickers are issued according to status (faculty/staff, LMU student, or JFWA student) and students are categorized by residential or commuter. Parking tickets are issued to those who do not park in the appropriate spaces or disregard other vehicular policies. Vehicle registration form may be found at:

<https://pathway.lmunet.edu/info/parking/default.aspx>

### **WebAdvisor**

WebAdvisor is a web-based information management tool that allows candidates to access Lincoln Memorial University's administrative database. Information/functions available through WebAdvisor include Search for Classes, Student Profile, Class Schedule, Grades, Student Account, and Financial Aid. The candidate's account with the Finance Office must be paid in full and Perkins student loans must be in a current, non-defaulted status in order for the candidate to access his/her academic grades on WebAdvisor. To access WebAdvisor from LMU's web site, go to <https://webadvisor.lmunet.edu>. Each candidate is assigned a unique username and temporary password (which must be changed upon first log-in to WebAdvisor). **It is the responsibility of each candidate to ensure that his/her password remains confidential. Lincoln Memorial University does not accept responsibility for any password-related breach of security.**

### **Library Services**

Library services are provided for all graduate candidates through the campus library, at the library terminals located at all off-campus sites, and/or through Internet access to on campus databases. Library personnel and instructors will give candidates access codes and procedures at the beginning of each semester.

### **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)**

The University complies with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 1974, as amended. This law maintains that the institution will provide for the confidentiality of candidate's education records. No one outside the institution shall have access to nor will LMU disclose any information from candidates' educational records without the written consent of candidates except to personnel within the institution, to officials of other institutions in which candidates seek to enroll, to persons or organizations providing candidates financial aid, to accrediting agencies carrying out their accreditation function, to persons in compliance with a judicial order, and to persons in an emergency in order to protect the health or safety of candidates or other persons. All these exceptions are permitted under the Act.

At its discretion, LMU may provide Directory Information in accordance with the provision of the Act to include: candidate name, address, telephone number, major field of study, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the candidate, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, and weight and height of members of athletic teams. Currently enrolled candidates may withhold disclosure in writing to the attention of the Registrar. Candidates may not inspect and review financial information submitted by their parents; confidential letters and recommendations associated with admissions, employment or job placement, or honors to which they have waived their rights of inspection and review; or educational records containing information about more than one candidate, in which case LMU will permit access only to that part of the record which pertains to the inquiring candidate. Lincoln Memorial University maintains a list of all persons except other college officials who have received a copy of the candidate's educational record. A copy of the LMU institutional policy on the release of educational records is on file in the President's Office and the Registrar's Office.

### **ADA Statement**

As a rule, all candidates must read and comply with standards of the LMU Student Handbook and LMU catalog. Any candidate seeking assistance in accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act (1990 as amended) should contact his/her instructor and the LMU ADA Compliance Officer, Jason Kishpaugh, with regard to required documentation and in order to make appropriate arrangements. Contact information: jason.kishpaugh@lmunet.edu and/or 423-869-6251 (800-325-0900, ext. 6251). The office is located on the third floor of the Student Center, room 319, on the main campus in Harrogate.

### **CURRICULUM & STANDARDS**

The curriculum of the MSCJ programs at LMU is designed to enhance a student's academic qualifications. All classes are preparatory coursework for post-graduate goals in programs leading to a terminal degree. **Please note that the semester's schedules and/or coursework and timeframes are subject to change based upon individual student needs or as determined by the MSCJ Admissions Committees and Program Directors.**

**Core Courses (15 hours):**

CRIM 505 Theories of Crime and Criminal Justice  
 CRIM 506 Ethics and Issues in Criminal Justice  
 CRIM 510 Crime and Public Policy Analysis  
 CRIM 511 Criminal Justice Research Methods  
 CRIM 512 Justice Administration and Leadership

**Elective Courses (15 hours):**

CRIM 605 Homeland Security and Emergency Management  
 CRIM 615 International Crime and Policy  
 CRIM 620 Victimology  
 CRIM 625 Juvenile Justice  
 CRIM 630 Community Corrections and Offender Reentry  
 CRIM 635 Crimes of the Powerful  
 CRIM 640 Race, Gender, Class, and Crime  
 CRIM 645 Rural Criminal Justice  
 CRIM 650 Qualitative Research Methods  
 CRIM 695 Special Topics Seminar  
 CRIM 696 Independent Study  
 CRIM 697 Thesis (6 hours)

**Total hours: 36 hours**

**Course Descriptions****15 hours core requirements:**

- **CRIM 505 Theories of Crime and Criminal Justice (3)**  
 This course is a comprehensive examination of prevalent theoretical perspectives in criminology and criminal justice with an emphasis on contemporary innovations in theoretical perspectives, policy implications, and scholarly research.
- **CRIM 506 Ethics and Issues in Criminal Justice (3)**  
 This course would be an in-depth examination of critical issues within criminal justice. The class would also require students to explore the key ideologies and ethical foundations of the justice system.
- **CRIM 510 Crime and Public Policy Analysis (3)**  
 This course is an in-depth examination of critical issues within criminal justice. The course requires students to explore the key ideologies and ethical foundations of the justice system with an emphasis on critically evaluating the effectiveness of criminal justice policies and the impact of these policies on citizens in society.
- **CRIM 511 Criminal Justice Research Methods (3):**  
 This course is a comprehensive examination of the scientific research process including research ethics, research design, and various research techniques with a focus on

quantitative research methods including survey research, regression analysis, and use of quantitative research software. This course requires students to complete a research proposal that includes a comprehensive literature review and a research design that can be used for the student's thesis project.

- **CRIM 512 Justice Administration and Leadership (3)**  
This course will prepare students for leadership roles within a criminal justice agency (police, courts, corrections) or similar organization. Topics include organizational management, personnel issues, and leadership ethics.

**15 hours elective credit:**

- **CRIM 605 Homeland Security and Emergency Management (3)**  
Since September 11, 2001 public safety professionals have seen a qualitative shift in the scope of their work that places a great emphasis on addressing threats posed by terrorism and natural disasters. This course will examine the changing face of public safety in the United States with an emphasis on the legal, ethical, and policy-related issues associated with the focus on "homeland security" and the "war on terror".
- **CRIM 615 International Crime and Policy (3)**  
This course will explore international crime and international policy related to criminal activity that extends beyond the boundaries of the United States. Topics will include international crime trends, international law, and comparative analysis of criminal justice policy.
- **CRIM 620 Victimology (3)**  
This course is an examination of victimization, including the role of victims in the criminal event, challenges faced by crime victims in relation to social institutions, and criminal justice policies related to helping crime victims. Focus will be placed on policy alternatives related to aiding crime victims including restorative justice.
- **CRIM 625 Juvenile Justice (3)**  
This course is an examination of juvenile crime, the juvenile justice system, and theories of juvenile offending including life-course perspectives, developmental theories, and childhood intervention programs.
- **CRIM 630 Community Corrections and Offender Reentry (3)**  
This course is a critical examination of community corrections policy and offender reentry programs. Special focus will be given to examining factors related to offender recidivism and alternative public policy options that may improve successful offender reentry.
- **CRIM 635 Crimes of the Powerful (3)**  
This course is an examination of crimes committed by the powerful, including corporate crime, white-collar crime, governments, and other types of elite deviance. The course

will examine theoretical explanations with a particular focus on critical perspectives and how the influence of powerful agents in society contributes to this category of crime.

- **CRIM 640 Race, Gender, Class and Crime (3)**  
This course provides an in-depth examination of crime with a focus on the role of race, gender, and social class and critical evaluation of criminal justice policy. Special emphasis will be placed on critical theories of race, gender, and social class.
- **CRIM 645 Rural Criminal Justice (3)**  
This course will examine the challenges faced by criminal justice agencies in rural areas including personnel issues, resource management, crime trends in rural areas, and other special concerns related to the administration of justice in a rural community. Special attention will be given to Appalachia.
- **CRIM 650 Qualitative Research Methods (3)**  
This course is a comprehensive examination of the scientific research process including research ethics and research design with a focus on qualitative research methods including content analysis, narrative criminology, archival research, and use of qualitative research software. This course requires the student to complete a qualitative research project that demonstrates the ability to use qualitative methods.
- **CRIM 695 Special Topics Seminar (3)**  
This seminar will be used to provide students and faculty the opportunity to devote in-depth study toward a particular topic of interest that is not available through other coursework. The individual faculty member conducting the seminar will determine the course content.
- **CRIM 696 Independent Study (3)**  
The independent study is an opportunity for the student to conduct in-depth study on a topic of particular interest for the student and/or to provide the opportunity to work closely with a faculty member on a research project. Students must have successfully completed provisional admission requirements and obtain instructor approval. Students are limited to 6 credit hours of Independent Study credit towards elective requirements.
- **CRIM 697 Thesis Research (6)**  
Students must complete a thesis research project that demonstrates an exceptional level of knowledge and expertise in their chosen topic of study including scholarly research skill. The project must include a substantial literature review component and analysis of a research question chosen by the student and approved by the thesis advisor and committee. Student must successfully defend the research to the thesis committee.

## **FACULTY/STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION**

A directory of all LMU employees is present on our website, [www.lmunet.edu](http://www.lmunet.edu). The most frequently needed contacts for MS students are listed below.

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LMU Bookstore	423.869. 6306	Student Center
Cashier's Office	423.869.6315	DAR Building
Counseling Services	423.869.6401	Grant-Lee Hall
Disability Services	423.869.6401	Duke Hall
Financial Aid	423.869.6336	DAR Building
Information Services	423.869.6333	Duke Hall
LMU Medical Clinic	423.869.7193	165 Westmoreland Street, Harrogate
LMU Post Office	423.869.6301	Student Center
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LMU Security	423.869.6338	Tex Turner Arena
Student Services	423.869.6201	Student Center

**2015 – 2016 ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

Official University Holidays (Offices closed/no classes):

2015: September 7; November 26-27; December 25-31

2016: January 1; April 3; May 25 and July 4

Faculty/Staff Conference Week: August 10 - 14, 2015

**Fall Semester 2014**

Final Registration for before classes begin.....	August 14
<b>MSCJ Orientation Meeting</b> .....	August 17
<b>MSCJ Classes begin</b> .....	August 17
Labor Day (no classes, residence halls remain open).....	September 7
Last day to drop course without “WD” .....	September 15
Homecoming (classes held as scheduled) .....	October 8-10
Mid-term .....	October 12-16
<b>Last day to drop course without “F”</b> .....	October 23
Early registration begins.....	October 26
Thanksgiving holiday (no classes) .....	November 26-27
Residence halls open (1 p.m.) .....	November 29

Classes end.....	December 4
Final exams .....	December 7-11
Commencement (11 a.m.) .....	December 12
Residence halls close (2 p.m.) .....	December 12

### **Spring Semester 2016**

Final Registration before classes begin .....	January 8
Residence halls open (8a.m.).....	January 10
Classes begin.....	January 11
Martin Luther King Day (special activities).....	January 18
Last day to complete registration/add classes.....	January 20
<b>Last day to drop course without “WD” .....</b>	<b>February 9</b>
Lincoln Day/Founders Day (special activities) .....	February 12
Convocation (9:30 a.m. in session classes & resident students) .....	February 17
Mid-term .....	February 29 – March 4
Residence halls close (5p.m.).....	March 18
<b>Last day to drop course without “F” .....</b>	<b>March 19</b>
Early registration begins.....	March 23
Residence halls close (5 p.m.).....	March 27
Spring break (no classes).....	March 21-25
Good Friday.....	March 25
Residence halls open (1 p.m.) .....	March 27
Early registration begins.....	April 4
Classes end.....	April 29
Final exams .....	May 2-6
Commencement (6 p.m.).....	May 7
Residence halls close (2 p.m.) .....	May 7

### **CANCELLATION NOTIFICATION DUE TO WEATHER OR OTHER EMERGENCIES**

LMU offices generally will remain open during periods of inclement weather, even though classes may be canceled. Staff members should refer to the “Response to Inclement Weather Policy” in the Faculty-Staff Policy Manual for additional information.

The main sources of information regarding cancellation/delay of classes due to weather-related emergencies are the LMU Website, Pathway and the telephone weather information lines provided below. Also, when possible, radio and television stations (listed below) will be contacted to announce cancellations/delays. Every effort will be made to have morning or daytime cancellation/delay notices posted by 6 a.m. and notices for evening classes (those beginning at 6 p.m. or later) posted by 4:30 p.m.

NOTE: Extended learning sites utilizing local school facilities are closed when those facilities close due to weather conditions. If the Harrogate campus or an extended learning site is closed, an announcement will be made in the same way, i.e., LMU Website, Pathway and site-specific weather-related information line. Also, when possible, radio and television stations (listed below) will be contacted to announce cancellations/delays/closings.

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