

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE, HOMELAND SECURITY CONCENTRATION (MS)

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The online Homeland Security Concentration is a 12-credit hour concentration (part of the 30 credit hour MS in CJ program) designed for practitioners and researchers in the criminal justice field. It provides courses to assist students with career advancement, while continuing to work in the criminal justice field and/or towards a PhD. The concentration integrates the theory and framework for improved comprehension of issues in homeland security including current legal practices, history, organization, and border issues. This program includes options for electives that cater to individual student interests.

All application materials for the Master of Science in Criminal Justice are due by the date prescribed by the Graduate School to be considered for admission. Students may apply and begin the graduate program in the Fall, Spring, or Summer if fully admitted into the program.

To be considered for admission to the Master of Science in Criminal Justice, you must meet the following requirements prior to the application deadline:

- Submit an application for graduate studies by the due dates provided by the Graduate Office. Deadlines can be found at: <http://www.tamtu.edu/gradschool/>
- Pay the application fee
- Submit transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
- Submit a professional resume

Automatic Admission will be granted to students with a bachelor's degree (in any major or field) with an overall GPA of 2.8 or above OR a 2.5 overall GPA with 3 or more years of work experience in Criminal Justice or related fields. Applicants with an overall GPA below 2.8 with no work experience in Criminal Justice or related fields will be reviewed by program Faculty.

Applicants with an overall GPA below 2.5 will also be required to submit a 200-word Personal Statement describing their academic or professional background characteristics that will assist them in successfully completing the online degree program and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by Program Faculty.

The admissions committee may request a personal interview

Degree Plan

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Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Required Courses		
CRIJ 5300	Found in Criminal Justice	3
CRIJ 5301	Adv Smnr in Crij System	3
CRIJ 5320	Advanced Methods of Social Res	3
CRIJ 5321	Terrorism	3

CRIJ 5322	Homeland Security	3
CRIJ 5330	Seminar in Criminological Theo	3
Restricted Electives		
Select 6 hours from the following:		6
CRIJ 5355	Cybercrime	
CRIJ 5371	Organized Crime	
PADM 5382	Public Policy Dev&Implem	
Thesis		
CRIJ 5398	Thesis I	3
CRIJ 5399	Thesis II	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		30