University of Phoenix®

College of Criminal Justice and Security

Master of Science/Administration of Justice and Security

The mission of the Master of Science/Administration of Justice and Security degree program is to provide criminal justice practitioners, pre-service students and second career students with administrative skills required in both public and private sector criminal justice organizations. While distinctions between the roles of justice and security organizations are understood, the degree emphasizes an understanding of administrative responsibilities common to both disciplines. Consistent with the University of Phoenix Mission Statement, and focuses on organizational productivity, leadership, and providing quality service in criminal justice organizations and the community are stressed. The degree provides students with administrative program and policy development and problem solving skills that blend industry theory with best practices and practical application. This degree should be of particular interest to criminal justice practitioners, pre-service students and second career students seeking executive, management, promotional or transitional opportunities in the management of police, corrections, court operations, and security organizations.

MS/AJS 004 Requirements

The Master of Science/Administration of Justice and Security requires a minimum of 37 credits, which may come from a combination of required and elective courses.

AJS503 Intro To Graduate Study In Criminal Justice And Security
This course provides new graduate students in the college with an introduction to strategies for success within the university's adult learning model. Topics include program standards and objectives; graduate-level oral and written communication; locating, evaluating, and citing scholarly resources; and purposes and use of portfolios. (1 credits)

AJS504 Survey Of Justice And Security
This is a survey course that introduces policing, the court systems, corrections, and private security and how they relate to each other. Challenges in these relationships are also presented. (3 credits)

AJS514 Criminological Theory
This is an advanced course in theories and crime causation, including classical, biological, psychological, sociological, and social-psychological approaches. Victimology, to include victimization statistics, victimogenesis, and the prevention of victimization, is included. (3 credits)

AJS524 Cybercrime And Information Systems Security
This course provides an overview of the nature of criminal activity that is facilitated through, or that targets, information systems. The course also reviews security measures that are designed to protect the software, hardware, and data associated with information systems. (3 credits)

AJS534 Organizational Administration In Justice And Security
This course explores the various elements of organizational administration, behavior, and management in criminal justice organizations and provides the student with an understanding of individual and group dynamics, problem solving concepts, and administrative processes associated with organizational behavior and structures that exist in the criminal justice system. (3 credits)

AJS544 Ethics In Justice And Security
This course will examine the theoretical and philosophical basis of ethics and the standards of professional conduct and leadership applicable to justice and security agencies. Applicable case studies will be used, as well as contemporary situations in ethics. (3 credits)

AJS554 Concepts Of Physical And Personal Security
This course provides the student with an understanding of contemporary concepts of physical facility security and personal protection. (3 credits)

AJS564 Management Of Institutional Risk And Critical Incident Mgnt
This course provides an overview of the relationship between risk assessment and consequence management within the context of justice and security organizations. Specifically, we will examine the factors that go into mitigating risk and when these measures fail, how critical incident response can maintain order. Topics include defining risk, planning factors for critical incident response, lessons learned. (3 credits)

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AJS574 Finance And Budgeting In Justice And Security
This course introduces fundamental concepts of using financial tools and analysis for effective managerial decision making in criminal justice and security. Topics include the role of the financial management in the criminal justice and security organization, concepts and principles underlying financial practices, and operational planning and budgeting. (3 credits)

AJS583 Legal Issues In Justice And Security
This course examines the competing legal and social issues that influence the actions of public officials, security personnel, and private citizens with respect to the provision of law enforcement, safety, and security services for various elements of society. The potential conflicts between public policy and civil rights will be discussed. (3 credits)

AJS584 Forensic Science And Psychological Profiling
This course provides the student with a fundamental understanding of forensic science and technology, psychological profiling, and the application of scientific methodologies to the investigative process. (3 credits)

AJS586 Public Policy Issues
This course addresses the development and influence of public policy with respect to specific justice and security issues facing the American society. (3 credits)

AJS594 Program Development And Evaluation
This course prepares the student to identify operational goals and to develop or evaluate programs designed to mitigate issues of societal order. This course will provide an understanding of the application of key concepts, methods, and approaches in the field of program evaluation within the criminal justice and security profession. (3 credits)

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Please note: A typical schedule, including progression and title of courses, may vary by location and modality. Please contact an Enrollment Representative for more information.