**CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MA**

School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, College of Public Affairs & Community Service

**Vision Statement**
The Master of Arts (MA) degree is a 30-hour non-terminal degree designed to emphasize research activity and independent inquiry. This degree is recommended for those students seeking an interim degree prior to pursuing a doctoral degree. To complete the MA degree, students must write and orally defend a thesis. The thesis is an independent research project and an academic exercise that is written to the standards of the faculty members on the thesis committee. A thesis requires a committee of three faculty members and typically takes two semesters to complete.

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**Admissions**

**Application Deadlines**
Applications for this program are accepted on a rolling basis. All materials must be submitted prior to the beginning of the semester in which the student has elected to begin coursework.

**Program-Specific Requirements**
- Applicants are required to have a command of oral and written English. Those who do not hold a baccalaureate or other advanced degree from the U.S., OR a baccalaureate or other advanced degree from a pre-determined country on the waiver list, must meet the minimum language proficiency score requirement in order to be considered for admission.
  - Minimum required scores are as follows:
    - IELTS: 7.5 required; 8.0+ preferred
    - PTE: score of 76 or higher
    - Internet-based TOEFL: minimum of 21 in each of the 4 areas, and a minimum of 95 overall (the paper version of the TOEFL will NOT be accepted).
- All ESL students are required to take a proficiency assessment examination at UNO upon admission, which will be used to determine whether further assistance is required.
- Entrance Exam
  - Graduate Record Exam (GRE): a score of 300 or higher is required for admission to the MA program, or to be considered for an assistantship
  - Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
  - Statement of Purpose
    - One page discussing reasons for pursuing a graduate degree, interests in the field, and career goals for the future
  - Unconditional Admission:
    - Possession of a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution
  - Student has a 3.00 GPA (average of “B”) overall in undergraduate work
  - At least 12 credit hours of criminal justice courses or related courses that meet the requirements of the current School undergraduate curriculum, including a basic statistics course, a research methods course, an introductory criminal justice course, and a criminology course.
- Provisional Admission:
  - Student has not completed all of the undergraduate prerequisite course requirements for unconditional admission to graduate study
  - Student has no less than a 2.75 overall GPA for the last two years of undergraduate work and not less than a 2.75 GPA in the undergraduate major

**Degree Requirements**

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**Optional Course**
Students can also take a diversity class from any field at the 8000 level or higher with adviser approval.

**Electives**
Select nine hours of CRCJ courses at the 8000 level or higher, with adviser approval: 1
- CRCJ 8990 MASTERS THESIS 6

Total Credits 30

1 If CRCJ 8130 or CRCJ 9030 is taken, they will serve as a diversity class, so another class should be selected to fulfill the 9 credit hours of CRCJ electives.

**Exit Requirement**
- Thesis 6 hours CRCJ 8990

All candidates should carefully review the Graduate College requirements for forming a Supervisory Committee, Thesis/Thesis Equivalent Proposal Approval Forms and final approval and submission of a thesis.