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# Master of Science in Criminal Justice (MS/CRJU) Executive Master of Science in Criminal Justice (MS/EMCJ)-Online

# NELSON MANDELA COLLEGE OF GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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#### FACULTY

# ADDISON, STEPHONE J.D.

Juris Doctorate M.A. Criminal Justice, Law Specialization: Law& Criminal Justice

#### BEARD, ORSCINI Ph. D.

Ph. D. Public Policy M.A. Criminal Justice Specialization- Law, Criminal Justice, Ethics

## KING, CRAIG HUNTER J.D.

Juris Doctorate M.A. Criminal Justice Specialization: Constitutional law, Criminal Law, Domestic Violence and Abuse, Criminal and Civil investigation, Corrections, Homeland Security, Criminal& Civil Litigation, Courts and Procedure

#### ADJUNCT FACULTY

#### JOHNSON, DON R. Ph. D.

Ph. D. Criminal Justice Specialization: Judicial System

## WILLIAMS, CHRISTOPHER Ed. D.

Ed. D. Educational Administration & Policing M.A. Criminal Justice Specialization: Educational Administration & Policing

#### HART, JOHN (ABD)

ABD Public Policy M.A. Criminal Justice Specialization: Case Prep, Crime Scene, Interview and Interrogation, Homeland Security, Policing, Law Enforcement, Police Administration, Probation, Public Administration

#### TAYLOR-JOHNSON, PAM J.D.

Juris Doctorate Specialization: Court Administration, Juvenile System

# ZANDERS LEANDER (ABD)

ABD Criminal Justice M.A. Criminal Justice Specialization: Retail Security, corporate security

#### **PROGRAM PURPOSE**

The Criminal Justice Master's Program at SUBR offers a Master's degree in Criminal Justice. The Master's Degree is a two-year program designed to develop, enhance and advance professionals and scholars in the Criminal Justice field. The Program targets students interested in the criminal justice system who have a committed interest in enhancing their professional and management skills as well as in advancing their education.

The program is designed to serve the following students: Those who want to enter into the criminal justice professions.

Those employed in the criminal justice agency who wish to broaden their perspective as well as to advance in the system.

Those who would like to teach at the college level. Those who would like to continue their education in a doctoral program in criminal justice or related field. Those who wish to use the degree as further preparation to entering Law School.

#### PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Criminal Justice Master's Program is designed: (a) to provide students with advanced knowledge, research, and analytical skills that should contribute to their educational and professional development and (b) to provide the students the theoretical knowledge, professional, leadership, and management skills that should enable them to function effectively in the criminal justice agencies, such as the police, prisons, juvenile justice, probation, private security, etc.

#### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Students must take the required core courses (18 hours), the concentration courses (12 hours) and elective courses (6 hours) or Thesis (6 hours). A total of thirty-six (36) credit hours of graduate work are required for graduation. Students who choose the Non-Thesis Option must also complete a Capstone Project.

#### **REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION**

To be considered for admission into the Criminal Justice Master's Program, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- 1. Admission into Graduate School;
- 2. Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher learning;
- 3. Minimum G.P.A. of 2.70;
- 4. GRE score (within the last 5 years);
- 5. Three letters of recommendation from academic sources (professors, deans, etc.);
- 6. A typed double spaced personal essay not more than 1,000 words, and
- 7. A TOEFL score for international students.

#### MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Criminal Justice Master's Degree Program has two tracks; (a) The Thesis Option and (b) The Non-Thesis Option. Thesis option students are required to complete 18 hours core, 12 hours concentration and 6 hours thesis. Non-Thesis option students are required to complete 18 hours core, 12 hours concentration, 6 hours of electives and a Capstone Project.

## **PROGRAM CURRICULUM**

#### Core Courses (18 semester hours)

CRJU 510	Criminal Justice Systems
CRJU 511	Criminal Justice Theory, Policy & Practice3 hours
CRJU 512	Criminology3 hours
CRJU 513	Legal & Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice 3 hours
PADM 511	Basic Statistics 3 hours
PADM 512	Research Methods (Applied Statistics)3 hours

#### **Concentration Options**

Students will choose one of the following concentrations:

#### **Criminal Investigation Concentration (12 semester hours)**

CRJU 520	Advance Crime Scene Investigation	3 hours
	Advance Interviewe 8 Interregation	2 hours

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- CRJU 522 Crime Scene Analysis & Reconstruction...3 hours
- CRJU 523 Case Preparation & Testifying ......3 hours

#### Law Enforcement Concentration (12 semester hours)

CRJU 530	Advance Police Administration3 hours

- CRJU 531 Community Policing......3 hours
- CRJU 533 Constitutional & Criminal Law......3 hours

#### **Corrections Concentration (12 semester hours)**

CRJU 540	Advance Seminar in Correction3 hours
CRJU 541	Community-Based Corrections: Probation, Parole, etc
CRJU 542	Correctional Administration3 hours
CRJU 543	Human Resource Management in Corrections and Law Enforcement3 hours

Public Policy Concentration (12 semester hours)

PADM 515	Public Policy in Criminal Justice Organizations	
PADM 540	Methods of Public Policy Analysis	
PADM 541	Management Decision Models	
PADM 544	Program Evaluation3 hours	
CRJU 598	Capstone Project0 hours	
CRJU 600	Thesis6 hours	
Electives (6 hours) or		

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# Thesis (6 hours)

ONLINE EXECUTIVE MASTER IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (EMCJ)

- 1 YEAR/ 36 CREDIT HOURS
- Offered online only

#### Admissions Requirement

- Complete Admissions Application
- Official Transcript(s)
- Application Fee (Waived)
- GRE Score (Waived)\*
- 6 credit hours waived for Criminal Justice Agency-Academy Completion. (Certificate of completion is required)

\*Waivers are subject to Department discretion

#### HOW TO APPLY

- 1. Visit <u>www.subr.edu</u> and click on the Apple Now tab.
- 2. Fill out Online Admissions Application
- 3. Send any additional required documents to:

**GRADUATE ADMISSIONS** Southern University and A&M College The Graduate School P.O. Box 9860 Baton Rouge, La 70813

#### EXECUTIVE MASTERS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (EMCJ)

#### PLAN OF STUDY

## Core Courses

EMCJ 510 Criminal Justice Systems	3 hours
EMCJ 511 C.J. Administration: Theory, Policy&Pract	3 hours
EMCJ 512 Criminology	3 hours
EMCJ 513 Legal & Ethical issues in Criminal Justice	. 3 hours
EMCJ 515 Research Methods in Criminal Justice	3 hours
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EMCJ 542 Correctional Administration	3 hours
EMCJ 543 Human Resource Management	3 hours
EMCJ 530 Advanced Police Administration	3 hours
EMCJ 533 Constitutional and Criminal Law	3 hours
EMCJ 521 Advanced Interview and Interrogation	3 hours
Electives*	
	3 hours

3 hours

\*Elective selection may vary

#### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

The M.S. Degree in Criminal Justice is awarded upon completion of 36 hours of study as stipulated in the coursework plan. Students must maintain a 3.0 G.P.A. during their program participation. In addition, the students must meet the following criteria:

- 1. Admission to a regular status;
- 2. All deficiencies removed;
- Have earned at least a 3.00 overall G.P.A. on courses applied toward the degree with no more than two C grades;
- 4. Have an approved program of study on file and completed all core, concentration and elective classes on their program of study;
- 5. Complete an approved/signed thesis or capstone project.

#### **GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS**

The Department offers graduate assistantships for eligible students who show outstanding potential. These working assistantships are competitively awarded typically for an academic year and is based on availability of funds.

#### COURSE DESCRIPTIONS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE CRJU

**510. CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS (3 credit hours).** This course is designed to provide a foundation and overview of the criminal justice system and processes. It will focus on critical decisions with emphasis on contemporary issues, trends and controversies that pertain to policing, sentencing, and corrections.

**Course Emphasis:** This course will examine the meaning of crime and criminal behavior, and the administration of justice. Emphasis is on police and police operations, prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys, and judges. The pre-trial processes, the Court, trial and post-trial processes, sentencing, corrections and juvenile justice issues will also be examined.

**CRJU 511 C.J. ADMINISTRATION: THEORY, POLICY& PRACTICE (3 credit hours).** An advanced course in justice administration designed to provide an overview of the problems faced by managers of justice-related agencies, including the principles of police, courts, and corrections

**Course Emphasis:** This is an advance course in justice administration designed to examine all the administrative problems and factors that span the entire criminal justice system, primarily police, court, and correctional agencies. This is a course that emphasizes, among other things, organizing (for technological innovation), staffing (personnel administration, the constitutional rights and responsibilities of employees) and budgeting (actually the broader area of financial administration).

**CRJU 512. CRIMINOLOGY (3 credit hours).** This course involves an advance study of the nature and score of delinquency and crime problems, surveys the available theoretical formulations concerning the causes of criminal behavior, and the policy implications for the Criminal Justice System. Students will also be exposed to the myths relating to crime and Criminal Justice. A special emphasis will be placed on the role of race, class, culture, and gender differences, as they relate to the Criminal Justice Systems response to crime in the community

**CRJU 513. LEGAL& ETHICAL ISSUES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (3 credit hours).** This course is designed to examine the basic legal, moral, and ethical issues in policing, prosecution, sentencing, and corrections. Students also will have the opportunity to examine the legal and ethical issues involved in criminal justice research.

**Course Emphasis:** This course aims to provide genuine understanding of course content, the development of key concepts and the ability of the students to think critically about the legal and ethical issues, problems, and concerns that face the criminal justice agencies-police, courts, corrections, and criminal justice researchers.

**CRJU 520. ADVANCE CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION** (3 credit hours). The course will focus on the in-depth study of crime scene procedures including recognition, protection, documentation, and collection of physical evidence, scene documentation, scene search procedures, and reconstruction from evidence and scene patterns.

**Course Emphasis:** This is a didactic (Classroom lecture) and experiential (outdoors) course on the fundamental and advanced features of investigation, duties, and responsibilities of the detective, interviewing,

interrogation, and information-gathering skills, crime scene analysis, collection, preservation, and testing of evidence, surveillance and undercover work, raid and sting operation, modus operandi, use of technology, types of evidence, and the science of criminalistics. Emphasis is placed on the interdisciplinary and forensic use of knowledge from the natural and social sciences, as applied to prevalent crimes such as homicide, burglary, arson, and sex offenses, but there is also some emphasis upon emerging forms of criminality such as computer crime and terrorism. There are a small number of lectures, and some instruction involves video, practical demonstrations, role-playing, laboratory experiments, and simulated crime scene analysis.

**CRJU 521. ADVANCED INTERVIEWS AND INTERROGATION (3 credit hours).** This course is designed to equip students with knowledge to expand their ability not only on how to extract accurate information from witnesses and victims, but also to discern the innocent from the guilty. This course will place emphasis on utilizing scientific methods, physical evidence and deductive reasoning to show how to accurately reconstruct a crime scene and determine the series of events surrounding the crime.

**Course Emphasis:** Emphasis will be on the classical and contemporary theories of definitions, correlates, and causes of crime, and the relationship of criminological theory to the Criminal Justice System policy. This course aims to further genuine understanding of the course content, the development of key concepts, and the ability to think critically about issues, problems, and concerns addressed by the theoretical explanation of crime and criminal behavior.

**CRJU 523. CASE PREPARATION AND TESTIFYING (3 credit hours).** This course is designed to develop a foundation in case preparation and courtroom testimony. Case preparation, court deposition, trial, rules, etc. will be reviewed.

**Course Emphasis:** This course will place emphasis on the functions of law enforcement officers as expert witness in court. Students will be presented with various sources of information and techniques in case preparation, demonstration of evidence, deposition, trial, guide to the law and the court and the challenges to the expert. Students will participate in hands on exercises designed to strengthen their knowledge and skills in case preparation and courtroom testimony.

**CRJU 530. ADVANCE POLICE ADMINISTRATION (3 credit hours).** This course examines basic management theories and procedures, and applies them to the administration of law enforcement agencies. It examines the functions of the police in the Criminal Justice System, the concepts and principles of police organizational structure, the bas law enforcement authority, and the concepts and principles of administration and management, with emphasis on the environment, change, conflict, strategy, and evolution.

Course Emphasis: The course is an in depth examination of modern police administration, management, and operations. While the focus is on current issues, the historical context of police culture is examined. Particular emphasis is placed on organization administration issues, police operations, police leadership, patrol operations and community policing, ethical issues in policing, auxiliary functions, human resources management, police training, proactive policing, and the future of various police management issues. A special focus will be placed on ethical issues and on police drug enforcement.

The course is an examination of modern police human resource management. Particular emphasis is placed on human resource management theories, supervision of employees, employee motivation, professional development, and management of difficult employees. A special focus will also be placed on employee stress, wellness, and assistance programs.

**CRJU 533. CONSTITUTIONAL AND CRIMINAL LAW (3 credit hours).** This course is designed to examine the constitutional and criminal laws. It examines the functions of the courts in the interpretation and application of constitutional and criminal laws.

**Course Emphasis:** The course is an in-depth examination of the constitution and the guarantees secured to citizens. A special focus will be on citizens' civil rights and civil liberties. There will be a review of the constitutional amendments that impact the criminal justice system.

**CRJU 534. HOMELAND SECURITY (3 credit hours).** This course is designed to develop foundation and knowledge in homeland security. It will provide insight on the homeland security and emergency management.

**Course Emphasis:** This course will place emphasis on the major tactical strategies, planning and emergency management in homeland security. Students will be provided the opportunity to understand the history of terrorism, terrorist organizations and planned response to terrorism.

CRJU 540. ADVANCED SEMINAR IN CORRECTIONS (3 credit hours). This course will examine the purpose, Page | 5 theories, and practice of corrections. Topical issues will include: traditional and contemporary correctional practices, security operations, treatment issues, classification and assessment. In addition, issues that affect correctional administration and performance will be examined.

**Course Emphasis:** This course will emphasize correctional goals and objectives. The custody and treatment issues will be addressed, as well as the special issue like- aids in prison, special population, s hock incarceration, after care program, and juvenile corrections.

**CRJU 541. COMMUNITY BASED CORRECTIONS (3 credit hours).** This course will examine the philosophy, concept, goals, and objectives of community-based corrections. Emphasis will be placed on probation, parole, halfway houses, house arrest and other communitybased programs. An overview of treatment and rehabilitative practices of community correction programs and the impact of technology on community corrections will also be examined.

**Course Emphasis:** This course will examine the types, goals, and functions of community-based corrections. Both diversion and pre0trial release programs will be discussed. Other areas to be covered include probation, parole history, functions, supervision, programs and revocation. Economic sanctions such as fines, fees, restitution and community service also will be examined, in addition to theories of offender treatment and juvenile programs.

**CRJU 542. CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATION (3 credit hours).** This course is designed to develop a foundation in correctional administration and management. It will provide insight on management issues faced by correctional institutions.'

**Course Emphasis:** This course will place emphasis on the major organizational and management issues in corrections. Students will be provided the opportunity to understand the corrections organizational structure, the role of management, legal and administrative issues.

**CRJU 543. HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN CORRECTIONS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT (3 credit hours).** This course is designed to examine the basic human resource management theories and apply them to the administration of corrections institutions. It examines the functions of the correctional personnel in relation to employee hiring, training. Motivation, performance, appraisal, discipline, and labor relations **Course Emphasis:** This course is an examination of corrections human resource