



**Today, criminal justice officials are *required* to have visionary administrative and**

**leadership abilities to meet the diverse needs of our 21<sup>ST</sup> century world.**

Averett's Master of Science in Criminal Justice : Administration and Leadership provides Criminal Justice practitioners looking to be promoted to an upper management level and rank with the skills, abilities and knowledge necessary to excel in these new roles.

Our unique focus on administration and leadership prepares students to meet today's amplified expectations to lead professionally and solve problems progressively.

### Goals and Course Topics

The MSCJ program is an interdisciplinary degree designed to provide an enhanced level of graduate education for criminal justice practitioners who are entering or progressing into administration and leadership positions. This program will produce professionals who are capable of taking leadership roles in community building, community problem solving and further developing the profession of criminal justice in the 21<sup>ST</sup> century.

Students graduating with the MSCJ degree will:

- demonstrate a thorough understanding of administrative and leadership issues impacting criminal justice agencies
- acquire theoretical and applied knowledge of crime, crime analysis, criminal behavior and solutions to community crime
- demonstrate skills for conducting and assessing research and program evaluation
- develop improved competence in understanding and applying criminal justice administration and leadership principles
- progress significantly in the workplace in regards to promotion and transferability within criminal justice vocational settings

**THE TIME TO APPLY**  
**IS NOW**

## CORE COURSES & CREDITS

The thesis and comprehensive exam option both require 36 credit hours of course work and the completion of a Master's Thesis or Comprehensive Exam, including an oral defense. Students are required to complete the 1 credit IDS501 Introduction to Graduate Studies prior to beginning their core courses. The thesis option requires 36 credit hours of course work, including 18 credit hours of core courses, 12 credit hours of electives, and a Master's Thesis (6 credit hours). The comprehensive exam option requires 36 credit hours of course work, including 18 credit hours of core courses, 18 credit hours of electives, and a Comprehensive Exam (0 credit hours).

### REQUIRED CORE COURSES:

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
CRJ 501	Theories of Crime and Criminology	3
CRJ 502	Contemporary Criminal Justice Services	3
CRJ 503	Research Methods	3
CRJ 504	Crime and Communities - Crime Data Analysis	3
CRJ 505	Administration and Leadership in Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 506	Policy Analyses and Evaluation in Criminal Justice	3
<b>TOTAL CORE COURSES:</b>		<b>18</b>



## Format

This program is formatted for intense study and accelerated completion online. You will take one six week course at a time, two per term with three terms per year – which allows for degree completion in less than 20 months. Small classes allow for productive discussions and personal attention from your instructor.

## Who Will Benefit From This Program

The degree program is developed for both experienced and novice criminal justice practitioners who are moving through the promotional hierarchy within their law enforcement agency.

We prefer working professionals whose official transcripts show a 3.0+ GPA in their last 60 credits of bachelor degree study. However, the Graduate Admissions Committee may provisionally admit students who earned less than a 3.0 as undergraduates after requesting additional documents and letters of recommendation from current or former professors and employers.



## ELECTIVES

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
CRJ 507	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 508	Advanced Seminar in Diversity Centered Administration and Leadership	3
BSA 504	Contemporary Issues of Human Resource Management	3
BSA 532	Organizational Behavior	3
CRJ 509	Computer Applications and Criminal Justice Administration	3
CRJ 510	Program Assessment and Evaluation in Criminal Justice Administration	3
BSA 510	Comprehensive Managerial Accounting	3
BSA 538	Contemporary Issues in Leadership	3
BSA 557	Advanced Managerial Economics	3
CRJ 511	Customer Service Strategies for Criminal Justice Administration	3
CRJ 512	Problem Solving and Criminal Justice Administration	3
CRJ 513	Administration of Social Media, and Public/Media Relations	3
BSA 562	Compensation and Benefits Management	3
BSA 564	Recruitment and Selection	3
CRJ 514	Master's Comprehensive Exam Project	3
CRJ 515	Master's Thesis	3 - 6

### TOTAL ELECTIVE COURSES REQUIRED:

**Thesis Option: 12 Credit Hours**

**Comprehensive Option: 18 Credit Hours**

### TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION: 36

*Courses and requirements subject to change*



# Cougar Checklist

**1**

## Apply

Your next step on your educational journey starts NOW! Apply to Averett Graduate & Professional Studies [here!](#)



**2**

## Make an Appointment with Our Admissions Team

To get you started on your path to success, please make an appointment with our Admissions team. Our counselors will guide you through the application process. Make an appointment [here!](#)



**3**

## Submit Official Transcripts

Averett GPS will order and pay for all transcripts. All you need to do is fill out the Transcript Request Form. To do so, please go [here](#) and complete Step 1B.



**4**

## Submit Photo of Driver License or Govt Issued ID

To ensure your personal security, please submit a valid photocopy of your Driver License or Government Issued ID to [ready2beacougar@averett.edu](mailto:ready2beacougar@averett.edu)



**5**

## Pay Enrollment Deposit

Submit your \$50 tuition deposit online through our [secure payment center](#). For 'Select a Deposit Type', please choose 'Non-Traditional Enrollment Deposit'.



**6**

## Complete the Financial Agreement Form

This form will let us know how you intend to pay for the program. Please go [here](#) and follow Step 2B to fill out the electronic Financial Agreement Form.



**7**

## Financial Aid Forms

Please fill out the Financial Aid Information form, the Title IV Authorization Form and the FERPA form. To fill out these forms, please go [here](#) and follow Step 3C.



**B**

## Make an Appointment with our New Start Coordinator

With all steps completed, please make a [Schedule Review & Preparation for Success](#) and [Welcome Call](#) meeting. During these meetings, you will learn more about your program and Averett GPS.



If you choose to submit paper forms for any of the steps above, documents should be mailed or faxed to:



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