CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Ph.D.)

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FACULTY

THE PROGRAM

The Ph.D. Program in Criminal Justice is designed to provide individuals with the theoretical background, practical knowledge, and research capability required for university teaching and research positions and to become leaders in the criminal justice professions. Using the specialized resources of John Jay College of Criminal Justice and the Graduate Center, the program draws on a nationally recognized faculty, a strategic geographic setting, and close working relationships with all components of the criminal justice system. Most seminars are given at John Jay College of Criminal Justice; some are given at the Graduate Center. Classes are offered in the following topic areas: Criminal Justice Policy and Practice; Criminology and Deviance; Forensic Psychology; Policy, Oversight and Administration; and Law and Philosophy.

Resources for Training and Research

The library of John Jay College of Criminal Justice, with over 260,000 items and sophisticated computerized facilities, is the principal research resource. Criminal justice agencies constitute fertile ground for institutional research. Research internships are available.

Financial Aid

Beginning with Fall 2005 admissions, students admitted for full-time doctoral study will receive full support (tuition and a stipend). The stipends require program service in the form of teaching and research assignments. Students admitted for part-time study must have previously completed a master’s degree. Part-time students may receive tuition-only awards. In
addition, doctoral students are encouraged to apply for competitive fellowships and assistantships.

En-route Master’s Programs
On completion of 45 credits with at least an average grade of B, passing the First Examination, and submission of satisfactory research work, a student who does not possess a master’s in criminal justice may apply for the M.A. degree, which will be awarded by John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Students interested in receiving a Master of Public Administration Inspector General degree (M.P.A./I.G.) may take additional classes to achieve the degree. Students in the Forensic Science specialty who meet the requirements of the Graduate Center will be eligible for the doctoral degree in forensic science, successfully complete the First Examination, and have conducted significant research that has been published in a peer reviewed journal or made at least two presentations at technical meetings in place of publication, the student may apply for and receive a master’s of science in forensic science. A student wishing to avail him or herself of this specific option must apply, in writing, to the Executive Officer and Forensic Science Director and obtain their approvals of the publication, presentations, and the awarding of this degree prior to its being granted.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION
The following requirements are in addition to the general University requirements for admission stated earlier in this bulletin. Students are required to have a bachelor’s degree with appropriate foundation work in social science and statistics, as evaluated by the Admissions Committee. Students without necessary basic course work to pursue doctoral work are required to remedy this deficit without credit. Students who hold a master’s degree may be admitted to the doctoral program with appropriate advanced standing credit but will be required to pass all examinations and meet all requirements.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
In addition to the general University requirements, students must meet the following requirements of the program.

A minimum of 60 credits of approved graduate work are required. A maximum of 15 credits of master’s-level course work will be accepted toward the required 60 credits of course work (45 of the required 60 credits must be satisfied through the completion of doctoral-level courses). Up to six credits of independent study may be approved for credit upon petition to the Executive Officer. Elective courses are chosen by the student, under the guidance of a faculty mentor, from a wide range of Criminal Justice graduate courses or approved courses taught in other doctoral programs of the City University.

Students may satisfy the Graduate Center’s language requirement either by demonstrating competency in an advanced methodological technique or statistical method or by demonstrating the ability to read a foreign language appropriate to the field of study.

GENERAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS
Core Curriculum
Except for students in the Policy, Oversight and Administration specialization discussed below, those who enter the program in Fall 2011 or later must take the core curriculum, which is composed of eight four-credit survey courses totaling 32 credits. Four of the required core courses (CRJ 70000; CRJ 70100; CRJ 70200; CRJ 70300) are survey courses in research and quantitative methods. Four of the required core courses (CRJ 70400; CRJ 70500; CRJ 70600; CRJ 70700) are substantive courses that serve as foundational courses in criminology and criminal justice. Policy, Oversight and Administration students will complete CRJ 70700 and CRJ 70800 instead of CRJ 70300, CRJ 70400, and CRJ 70200. All full-time doctoral students are expected to take the required survey courses during the first year of matriculation. Part-time students are expected to complete the core courses before the end of the second year of doctoral study. Additionally, all doctoral students must take an Advanced Research Methods or an Advanced Quantitative Methods course (CRJ 80100 and CRJ 80200) in their second or
third year of doctoral course work. Students who do not receive a grade of B or better in any of the required survey courses may be dropped from the program by action of the Executive Committee. Those receiving a grade of less than B who are permitted to remain in the program may be required to repeat the course or take additional specific work. Students who receive a permanent incomplete grade in any of the eight required core courses must repeat the course.

Policy, Oversight and Administration

The Policy, Oversight and Administration specialization requires the completion of 60 suitable graduate credits. For prospective students who hold a graduate level degree such as an M.A. or M.P.A. up to 29 credits from that degree may be transferred depending on the appropriateness of the courses taken. Students in this specialization are required to take CRJ 70000, CRJ 70200, CRJ 70600, CRJ 70700, CRJ 84100 and CRJ 88100 for their core curriculum.

First Examination

Full-time doctoral students are expected to take the First Examination by the beginning of the second year of doctoral study. Part-time students must complete the First Examination before the end of the second year of doctoral study. This written examination contains four parts that reflect the Criminal Justice makeup of the core curriculum: (1) research methodology, including quantitative and qualitative techniques; (2) statistics; (3) integrated criminology theory; and (4) criminal justice process. The First Examination for students in the Forensic Science specialization has three parts: an examination in criminal justice, law, and forensic science and two examinations in the field of forensic science. All examinations are prepared and evaluated by rotating subcommittees of faculty.

Second Examination

Students are required to take a Second Examination upon completion of 60 credits, consisting of a two-hour oral examination in the student’s specialized area of preparation and a dissertation proposal within that area. The student is examined by a five-person committee comprised of three members of the faculty who will later serve as the dissertation examining committee, one member of the Executive Committee from the student’s area of specialization, and one examiner-at-large appointed by the Executive Officer.

Dissertation

The dissertation is initiated by developing a prospectus describing the topic to be studied, the research questions being asked, the theoretical orientation guiding the study, and the method of inquiry. A dissertation committee, consisting of three faculty members, one of whom is designated as first reader and who must be a member of the doctoral faculty in Criminal Justice, works with the student throughout the research period. Once the final draft or revised dissertation has been approved by the committee, it must be successfully defended by the student in an oral examination open to all doctoral students in Criminal Justice and to all CUNY doctoral faculty.

Applicability

All students entering the Ph.D. Program in Criminal Justice in Fall 2009 or later will be subject to the above regulations. Students who matriculated prior to that date have the option of fulfilling the old requirements in the 2007-2009 Bulletin or the new requirements. All students will be permitted and encouraged to take courses in the new curriculum.

Courses

Unless otherwise stated, all courses are 30 hours plus conferences, 3 credits.

Required Core Courses: 45 hours plus conferences, 4 credits
CRJ 70000 Survey of Quantitative Methods in Criminal Justice I
CRJ 70100 Survey of Quantitative Methods in Criminal Justice II
CRJ 70200 Survey of Research Methods in Criminal Justice I
CRJ 70300 Survey of Research Methods in Criminal Justice II
CRJ 70400 Survey of Criminology I
CRJ 70500 Survey of Criminology II
CRJ 70600 Survey of Criminal Justice Process I
CRJ 70700 Survey of Criminal Justice Process II

Required Courses: Policy, Oversight and Administration specialization
CRJ 84100 Advanced Policy Analysis
CRJ 88100 Criminology and Public Policy
Required Electives
CRJ 80100 Advanced Research Methods
CRJ 80200 Advanced Quantitative Methods

Criminal Justice Policy and Practice Electives
CRJ 81100 Policing
CRJ 81200 The Courts and Criminal Justice
CRJ 81300 Punishment and Corrections
CRJ 88100 Special Topics in Criminal Justice Policy

Criminology and Deviance Electives
CRJ 82100 Advanced Criminology
CRJ 82200 Deviance
CRJ 88200 Special Topics in Criminology

Forensic Psychology Electives
CRJ 83100 Psychopathology and Crime
CRJ 83200 Experimental and Social Psychology and Criminal Justice
CRJ 88300 Special Topics in Psychology

Law and Philosophy of Criminal Justice Electives
CRJ 88400 Special Topics in Law and Philosophy

Inspection and Oversight Electives
CRJ 84000 Problems in Risk Assessment, Investigation, Accounting and Auditing
CRJ 84100 Practicum in Policy Analysis in Inspection and Oversight
CRJ 84200 Economic Analysis of Crime and Corruption
CRJ 88500 Special Topics in Inspection and Oversight

General Electives
CRJ 87000 Race, Crime and the Administration of Justice
CRJ 87100 Women and Criminal Justice
CRJ 87300 Comparative Systems of Criminal Justice
CRJ 88900 Special Topics in Criminal Justice

Examples of Special Topics classes offered in the last four years include: Consequences of Child Abuse and Neglect; Drugs, Crime and the Law; History of Criminological Thought; Interrogations and Confessions; Juvenile Delinquency; Organized and White Collar Crime; Profiling; Sex Crimes; Terrorism; Theories of Punishment; Victimology

Other Courses
CRJ 79600 Independent Study (EO permission required – limit of 2)
CRJ 90000 Dissertation Supervision 1 credit

*Required of all Level III students who are completing dissertation and other degree requirements.

Forensic Science
CRJ 84701, 84702, and 84703 Seminar Program in Forensic Sciences
1 credit per semester
CRJ 86000 Advanced Criminalistics I
5 credits
CRJ 86100 Advanced Criminalistics II
5 credits
CRJ 86200 Advanced Forensic Instrumentation I
5 credits
Prerequisite: Quantitative Analysis
CRJ 86300 Advanced Instrumentation II
5 credits

CRJ 86400 Survey of Molecular Biology

CRJ 86500 Basic Research Methods for Forensic Science Projects
4 credits

CRJ 86600 Statistics for Forensic Scientists

**Forensic Science Elective**

CRJ 85400 Electron Microscopy, X-ray Micro-analysis, and Diffraction in Forensic Analysis
45 hours, 3 credits
Prerequisites/corequisites: Advanced Criminalistics I and II or permission of the instructor.

CRJ 85500 Advanced Analysis Methods and Topics for Physical Evidence
45 hours, 3 credits
Prerequisites/corequisites: Advanced Criminalistics I and II, Advanced Forensic Instrumentation I and II or permission of the instructor.

CRJ 86800 Forensic Examination of Firearms and Toolmarks

CRJ 87800 Forensic Science in the Criminal Justice System

CRJ 87900 Science, Experts and Evidence in the Criminal Justice System

CRJ 84900 Expert Testimony, and Ethical Issues in Forensic Science

CRJ 86700 Impression and Pattern Evidence

**Required Chemistry**

CHEM 84930 Chemical Separations

CHEM 84950 Analytical Spectroscopy

**Required Core Courses for Policy, Oversight and Administration**

CRJ 70100 Survey of Research Methods in Criminal Justice

CRJ 70500 Survey of Criminal Justice Process and Policy I

CRJ 70000 Survey of Quantitative Methods in Criminal Justice I

CRJ 70600 Survey of Criminal Justice Process and Policy II

CRJ 70800 Criminology and Public Policy

CRJ 70700 Advanced Policy Analysis