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**Master of Administration of Justice**

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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The purpose of the Master of Administration of Justice (MAJ) Program is to educate a cadre of justice academicians as change agents prepared to teach, conduct research and assume administrative and policy positions at all levels of government, and in the private sector both nationally and globally. The MAJ Program will prepare professionals to address traditional and emerging administrative and management issues in criminal justice agencies.

The program is designed to fill the current void in graduate studies in administration of justice and attract African Americans and other minorities that are underrepresented in graduate administration of justice education. The educational objectives of the MAJ are:

1. To provide students with a foundation of knowledge that includes the history and theory of the administration of justice.
2. To provide students with knowledge of research methods in administration of justice.
3. To develop students' data analysis skills for administration of justice.
4. To develop students' awareness of race, class, and gender related issues in administration of justice.
5. To sensitize students to ethical issues in administration of justice.
6. To provide students with specialized knowledge about justice agency administration.
7. To provide students with the knowledge necessary for advancement to doctoral studies.
8. To prepare students for teaching at the college level.

**ADMISSION CRITERIA**

Students with an interest in pursuing a Master's degree in Administration of Justice must meet the admission requirements of the TSU Graduate School. An application for admission to the Graduate School must be completed and is processed through the TSU Graduate School. Completed applications are referred to the BJML SPA for an acceptance decision by the Graduate Admissions Committee in the MAJ program. Decisions of the MAJ Graduate Admissions Committee are referred to the Dean of the Graduate School.

Students must also submit the following to the Graduate School:

1. A typed 250-300 word statement of their interest in administration of justice, their goals and objectives.
2. Three letters of recommendation.
3. Two copies of official transcripts from undergraduate and graduate institutions attended.
4. Test scores from the GRE.
5. Evidence of proficiency in the use of the English language.

Students must have successfully completed an undergraduate course in criminology/criminal justice theory, a course in research methods and a statistics course prior to admission. Students without these courses can be admitted conditionally and are required to complete any

prerequisite courses in the SPA with at least a grade of 'B.' Undergraduate preparation in either administration of justice, criminal justice, criminology, public affairs, or the social sciences is preferred but not required.

## **DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

The Master of Administration of Justice has the following requirements:

1. Completion of thirty six credit hours. Students can choose either a thesis or non-thesis option. All students are required to complete six (6) core courses.
2. Students that choose the thesis option also will complete 4 elective courses and a thesis (six credits).
3. Students that choose the nonthesis option also will complete six (6) elective courses that include a capstone seminar in Administration of Justice and an internship that involves research and data analysis.
4. All students must prepare a degree plan after the completion of twelve (12) graduate credits. The degree plan is developed by the student and approved by the advisor. The degree plan must be submitted to the Graduate School during the second semester of the first year of graduate studies.
5. All students must maintain a 3.00 (B) grade point average in all graduate work taken. No more than six (6) semester hours of 'C' work will be accepted.
6. Fulfillment of general requirements for graduation as outlined by the Graduate School.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS CURRICULUM SUMMARY**

### **MAJ Core Courses (18)**

AJ 500	Seminar in Administration of Justice (3)
AJ 501	Seminar in Administration of Justice/Criminal Justice/Criminological Theory
AJ 502	Research Methods (3)
AJ 503	Seminar in Quantitative Methods I (3)
AJ 504	Race, Class, Gender, and Crime in Administration of Justice (3)
AJ 505	Seminar on Ethics and Administration of Justice (3)

### **MAJ Required Course (Thesis Option only) (6)**

AJ 788/789	Thesis (6)
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### **MAJ Required Courses (Nonthesis Option only) (6)**

AJ 701	Capstone Seminar in Administration of Justice (3)
AJ 702	Internship (3)

### **MAJ Elective Courses (Thesis and Nonthesis Option) (12)**

AJ 607	Police Administration (3)
AJ 608	Crime Lab Administration (3)
AJ 609	Issues in Corrections Administration (3)
AJ 610	Issues in Judicial Administration (3)
AJ 611	Issues in Juvenile Justice Administration (3)
AJ 612	Administrative Law for Justice Agencies (3)
AJ 613	Evaluation Research for Justice Agencies (3)
AJ 614	Issues in Terrorism and Administration of Justice (3)
AJ 615	Seminar on Special Topics in Administration of Justice (3)

AJ 616	Environmental Crime and Administration of Justice (3)
AJ 701	Capstone Seminar (3)
AJ 702	Internship (3)

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

**AJ 500 Seminar in Administration of Justice (3)** This course introduces students to the study of administration of justice. It provides an overview of the historical development of justice agencies and contemporary administrative, organizational, and management issues.

**AJ 501 Seminar in Administration of Justice Theory (3)** This course examines the historical development of theories in administration of justice, criminal justice and criminology. Emphasis is placed upon concepts, principles, research and policy implications of theories for the administration of justice. PREREQUISITES: AJ 500

**AJ 502 Seminar in Research Methods (3)** This course provides an overview of research methods, methodological concepts and issues in administration of justice. It includes an analysis of program and policy evaluation research methods. PREREQUISITES: AJ 500

**AJ 503 Seminar in Quantitative Methods I (3)** An introduction to statistics and data analysis in administration of justice. The course includes an overview of measurement and statistics for univariate, bivariate and multivariate data. PREREQUISITE: AJ 502

**AJ 504 Seminar in Race, Class, and Gender in Administration of Justice (3)** This course examines the historical and contemporary context of race, class, and gender and its impact on justice agency administration. Special emphasis is placed upon contemporary issues including minority employment trends in justice agencies, racial profiling, and disproportionate minority confinement. PREREQUISITE: AJ 500, AJ 501

**AJ 505 Seminar on Ethics in Administration of Justice (3)** This course introduces students to the principles of ethics, applied ethics, professional ethics, ethical standards, ethical dilemmas, ethics education and training, and controlling ethics in justice agencies. PREREQUISITE: AJ 500

**AJ 607 Police Administration (3)** Seminar on the administration and management of federal, state, local, private, special district and tribal police organizations. Special emphasis is placed on new challenges to police administration including community policing, homeland security, immigration, and technological advances. PREREQUISITE: AJ 500

**AJ 608 Crime Lab Administration (3)** This course examines the policies and procedures critical to crime lab administration. Topics include managing evidence and property inventories, interorganizational cooperation, and new approaches to crime lab management. PREREQUISITES: AJ 500, AJ 607

**AJ 609 Issues in Corrections Administration (3)** This course will examine the organization and administration of correctional agencies including jails, prisons, probation and parole, and administration of the death penalty. Emphasis is placed on contemporary administrative and policy issues including prison overcrowding, policy initiatives such as three-strikes legislation, and sentencing disparities. PREREQUISITES: AJ 500, 504

**AJ 610 Issues in Judicial Administration (3)** This course presents an overview of administrative issues confronting courts and court related agencies in Texas and at the federal

level. The course will also examine contemporary issues including sentencing policies, disparities in sentencing, restorative justice, and diversion. PREREQUISITES: AJ 500, 501

**AJ 611 Issues in Juvenile Justice Administration (3)** Critical analysis of historical and contemporary issues in administration and management of juvenile justice agencies and clients. Special emphasis is placed upon disproportionate minority confinement, administration and management of comprehensive strategies for delinquency prevention programs, and community placements. PREREQUISITES: AJ 500, 501

**AJ 612 Administrative Law for Justice Agencies (3)** This course provides an in-depth analysis of historical and contemporary administrative law guiding justice agencies. It includes an examination of administrative rule-making. PREREQUISITES: AJ 501, 504

**AJ 613 Evaluation Research for Justice Agencies (3)** This course provides an overview of evaluation research methods and their application to justice agencies policies and programs. It provides an in-depth analysis of the complexities of evaluation research in administration of justice by examining recent research. PREREQUISITES: AJ 501, 502, 503, 504

**AJ 614 Issues in Terrorism and the Administration of Justice (3)** This course presents an analysis of the impact of terrorism on administration and management of justice agencies. Topics covered include domestic and international terrorism, integrated terrorism information systems, secure confinement, and technological developments. PREREQUISITES: AJ 501, 607

**AJ 615 Seminar on Special Topics in Administration of Justice (3)** This course is designed to provide in-depth analyses of selected topics in Administration of Justice. PREREQUISITES: AJ 500, 501, 502, 503

**AJ 616 Environmental Crime and Administration of Justice (3)** An examination of the nature and forms of environmental crime and the role of justice agencies in its prevention and control. The course includes an examination of perpetrators, enforcement, prosecution and sanctioning at state, national and international levels. PREREQUISITES: AJ 500, 504, 505

**AJ 701 Capstone Seminar (3)** This course is required for students selecting the non-thesis option. It will examine contemporary issues and practices in administration of justice. The course will culminate with a capstone project that focuses on a specific aspect of administration of justice. PREREQUISITES: AJ 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505 and 2 electives.

**AJ 702 Internship (3)** Internship provides an opportunity for students to gain experience in justice agency policy and program administration. The course will culminate in a project that involves research and policy analysis on a specific aspect of justice. PREREQUISITES: AJ 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505 and 2 electives.

**AJ 788/789 Thesis (3 or 6)** Enrollment is required when the thesis is being completed. Only 6 credits may be applied to the Master's degree. Students will prepare their thesis under the direction of a thesis advisor and committee. PREREQUISITES: Completion of AJ 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, and 2 electives. Permission of the GPD.