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Doctor of Philosophy in Administration of Justice
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the Doctor of Philosophy of Administration of Justice (PhDAJ) is to prepare individuals for (1) leadership and managerial positions in justice agencies and (2) faculty positions in higher education that require advanced knowledge of theory, administration, research, and data analysis. The Doctor of Philosophy in Administration of Justice will educate future leaders needed to assume administrative and policy positions at all levels of government, and in the private sector in the State of Texas, nationally and globally. The educational objectives of the program are:

1. To provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the body of knowledge in administration of justice, criminal justice and criminology.
2. To provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the theoretical foundation of administration of justice, criminal justice and criminology.
3. To provide students with a comprehensive understanding of research and data analysis, and their specific application to administration of justice.
4. To provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the role of race, class, and gender in the administration of justice.
5. To prepare students to assume teaching positions at the university level.
6. To prepare students to assume research positions at the university level.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Students desiring to pursue a doctoral degree in the administration of justice should be capable of advanced academic work in theory, research and data analysis. Students applying for admission to the doctoral program must meet the admission standards of the TSU Graduate School. Applicants must hold the bachelor's degree in an appropriate field, have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 over all, and 3.0 in the last sixty hours of undergraduate studies. Applicants should have a master's degree or its equivalent in a degree program from an accredited institution of higher education with a grade point average of at least 3.2 in previous graduate work. Each graduate student who is admitted must present Graduate Record Examination (GRE) verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing section scores. The analytical writing score must be 3.5 or above. If the student does not meet the minimum requirement, he or she must enroll in English 501. International applicants whose first language is not English and who have not completed a degree in the United States are required to take and pass the TOEFL with an internet based score of 74, a computer-based score of 213, or paper-based score of 550.

The formal application must include the following:

- a. A complete application form and a non-refundable application fee of \$50 for citizens and permanent residents of the U.S. and \$75 for international applicants.
- b. A 400-500 word statement of academic and professional goals.
- c. A current curriculum vitae.
- d. At least three letters of recommendation from persons qualified to give an evaluation of the applicant's past scholastic performance, research, ability for advanced work in administration of justice, and personal motivation.
- e. Two official transcripts of credits earned at all colleges and/or universities attended by the applicant.
- f. Scores from the Graduate Record Examination.

The Graduate Admissions Committee (GAC) comprised of graduate faculty will make decisions on admission. During the admission process the GAC will evaluate graduate transcripts of applicants with master's degrees to determine if (1) additional courses are needed at the master's degree level and (2) whether or not courses completed for the master's degree are applicable to the doctoral degree. No more than twelve (12) credits from previous graduate work will be applied towards the doctoral program.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Requirements include completion of a total of fifty-four (54) credit hours, successfully passing the qualifying examination after the first year of study, passing comprehensive examinations, admission to doctoral candidacy, completion of a residency requirement, preparation and acceptance of a dissertation proposal, completion of the dissertation and an oral defense. These requirements are described below.

Courses

The doctoral degree will require the completion of 54 semester hours (See Table 1). Up to twelve hours in master's level courses can be waived. All students will complete six (6) required core courses, and eight (8) elective courses. Students have the option of completing four (4) elective courses in a specific area of administration of justice. Students may also select electives from approved courses offered at the graduate level by other departments. Twelve dissertation credits are required. Required core courses include an Advanced Seminar in the Administration of Justice Organizations and Processes, Advanced Seminar in Administration of Justice/Criminological/Criminal Justice Theory, Advanced Seminar in Administration of Justice Research Methods, Seminar in Advanced Quantitative Methods I, Advanced Seminar in Race, Class, Gender, Crime and

Administration of Justice, and a Research Colloquium. The elective courses will be selected based upon student interests in consultation with the graduate program director. Students may also select a cognate area of specialization outside of the program with permission of their advisor and the GPD. Students are required to complete all courses with at least a 'B.'

Qualifying Examination

Upon completion of the required core courses (18 credit hours) (usually during the first year of study), students must successfully pass the qualifying examination that determines their level of understanding of administration of justice theory, research and quantitative analysis. Students who fail the qualifying examination can only retake it once. Failure to pass two qualifying examinations will result in dismissal from the doctoral program.

Comprehensive Examinations

Doctoral students must successfully complete comprehensive examinations in two subject areas: Administration of Justice, Research and Quantitative Data Methods, and Race, Class, Gender, Crime and the Administration of Justice. Students who fail to pass a comprehensive examination may retake it only once. Failure to pass two comprehensive examinations will result in dismissal from the doctoral program.

Admission to Candidacy

Students must satisfy all of the requirements listed below in order to be admitted to doctoral candidacy:

1. Unconditional admittance to the Doctor of Philosophy in Administration of Justice.
2. Satisfactory completion of 54 semester hours of doctoral level course work.
3. Successful completion of doctoral comprehensive examinations.
4. Satisfactory completion of the residency requirement.

Dissertation

After admission to candidacy the doctoral student will consult with his or her academic advisor to select a dissertation committee. Dissertation committees should consist of a chairperson and three graduate faculty members. The dissertation committee must be approved by the Graduate School. The Graduate School dean will appoint a graduate school representative to the dissertation committee after approval of the dissertation committee members. Once approval is granted, the student can prepare the dissertation proposal.

The dissertation proposal must be presented orally and approved by the dissertation committee. The dissertation must contribute to the administration of justice body of knowledge and be successfully defended orally.

CURRICULUM SUMMARY

Prerequisite/Leveling Courses (12)

Leveling Courses include the completion of at least 12 hours in master's level courses with a grade of 'B' or better.

Required Courses (18)

AJ 900	Advanced Seminar in the Administration of Justice Organization and Processes (3)
AJ 901	Advanced Seminar in Criminological/Criminal Justice Theory (3)
AJ 902	Advanced Seminar in Administration of Justice Research Methods (3)
AJ 903	Seminar in Advanced Quantitative Methods I (3)
AJ 904	Advanced Seminar in Race, Class, Gender, Crime and the Administration of Justice (3)
AJ 987	Research Colloquium (3)

Required Courses (12)

AJ 988	Dissertation
AJ 989	Dissertation

Elective Courses (24)

AJ 905	Seminar in Advanced Crime Mapping and Administration of Justice (3)
AJ 906	Advanced Seminar in Homeland Security Administration and Management(3)
AJ 907	Seminar in Contemporary Issues in Homeland Security Administration (3)
AJ 908	Advanced Seminar in Private Security Administration (3)
AJ 909	Advanced Seminar on Terrorism (3)
AJ 910	Seminar in Administration of Justice Policy, Evaluation and Planning (3)
AJ 911	Seminar in Advanced Topics in Race, Gender, Class, Crime & Administration of Justice (3)
AJ 912	Seminar in Qualitative Methods in Administration of Justice (3)
AJ 913	Seminar in Advanced Quantitative Methods II (Special Topics) (3)
AJ 914	Advanced Seminar in Law and Administration of Justice (3)
AJ 915	Advanced Seminar in Applications of Geographic Information Systems in Administration of Justice (3)
AJ 916	Doctoral Seminar in Special Topics (3)

Curriculum

AJ 900 Advanced Seminar in the Administration of Justice Organizations and Processes (3)

This is an advanced course designed to examine Administration of Justice agencies and processes in a historical and contemporary context. It includes an in-depth analysis of contemporary issues and challenges in justice organizations.

AJ 901 Advanced Seminar in Administration of Justice/Criminology/Criminal Justice Theory (3)

This course examines criminological, criminal justice and administration of justice theories. It includes an analysis of the interrelatedness of justice theories and recent theoretical developments.

PREREQUISITE: AJ 900

AJ 902 Advanced Seminar in Administration of Justice Research Methods (3)

This course examines the theory and concepts of research design and measurement. It includes in-depth analyses of operationalization of theoretical concepts, causality, validity, and principles and challenges to research methods in administration of justice.

AJ 903 Seminar in Advanced Quantitative Methods I (3)

This course examines advanced quantitative methods of data analysis. It includes the theoretical foundation for regression analyses and examines linear regression, multiple regression, and logistic regression. Special attention is devoted to recent quantitative studies in administration of justice utilizing advanced regression statistical techniques.

PREREQUISITE: AJ 902

AJ 904 Advanced Seminar in Race, Class, Gender, Crime and the Administration of Justice (3)

This seminar surveys the role of race, class, and gender in the administration of justice. It provides an in-depth analysis of historical and contemporary research on race, class, gender, and crime. Special emphasis is placed upon social, economic, and

political factors that impact crime and the administration of justice policy and planning.

PREREQUISITE: AJ 900

AJ 905 Seminar in Advanced Crime Mapping and Administration of Justice (3)

This course examines the history and contemporary strategies and applications of crime mapping in justice agencies including mapping crime locations and density of crime, victims and offenders.

PREREQUISITE: AJ 903

AJ 906 Advanced Seminar in Homeland Security Administration and Management (3)

Advanced Seminar in Homeland Security Administration and management provides an in-depth analysis of the homeland security administration that includes its history, corrections, law enforcement and judicial issues, international administration of justice agencies, management issues and intergovernmental relations.

PREREQUISITE: AJ 900

AJ 907 Advanced Seminar in Contemporary Issues in Homeland Security Administration (3)

This advanced seminar examines emerging and contemporary issues in Homeland Security Administration including threat assessment, technological advancements, ethical issues, interagency cooperation, preventive security, and community involvement.

PREREQUISITES: AJ 900, 906

AJ 908 Advanced Seminar in Private Security Administration (3)

This course will examine administration and management of private security agencies. It will include the history, theory, and current practice of private security. Special emphasis will be placed upon cooperation between public and private security agencies, technological developments, and other contemporary issues.

PREREQUISITES: AJ 900

AJ 909 Advanced Seminar on Terrorism (3)

An overview of terrorism and counter-terrorism issues in the administration of justice. The seminar examines terrorism legislation, domestic and international terrorist groups, responses to terrorism by state, local, and federal agencies, and recent terrorism policies and research.

PREREQUISITES: AJ 900, 906

AJ 910 Advanced Seminar in Administration of Justice Policy, Evaluation and Planning (3)

This course includes an examination of policy and planning in administration of justice agencies. It presents an in depth analysis of the history of the policy making process and internal and external dynamics of planning. Special attention is devoted to contemporary developments in law enforcement, corrections and judicial policy and planning.

PREREQUISITES: AJ 900, 901, 903, 904

AJ 911 Seminar in Advanced Topics in Race, Gender, Class, Crime & Administration of Justice (3)

This seminar provides in-depth analysis of critical issues in the study of race, class, gender and crime & administration of justice. Recent policies and research on selected contemporary topics including sentencing, traffic stop data collection, and homeland security profiling will be examined. The course also examines recent developments in disproportionate minority confinement, violence, victimization research as well as other relevant issues.

PREREQUISITES: AJ 900, 901, 902

AJ 912 Seminar in Qualitative Methods in Administration of Justice (3)

This course examines qualitative research and data analysis methods and their application in administration of justice.

AJ 913 Seminar in Advanced Quantitative Methods II (Special Topics) (3)

This course is designed to provide an in depth analysis of specific advanced topics in quantitative methods and their application to administration of justice. These topics include structural equation modeling, modeling longitudinal data, categorical data analysis, and meta analysis.

PREREQUISITE: AJ 901, 903

AJ 914 Advanced Seminar in Law and Administration of Justice (3)

This course provides an in-depth analysis of the role of law in administration of justice. Special attention is devoted to recent and contemporary administrative law guiding justice agencies. It includes an examination of laws enacted to prevent and control terrorism and to foster homeland security. Issues in international law are also addressed.

PREREQUISITES: AJ 900, 901, 902, 910

AJ 915 Advanced Seminar in Applications of Geographic Information Systems in Administration of Justice (3)

This seminar examines the history and theory of geographic information systems in administration of justice. It includes an exploration of techniques of geographic information that includes collection, display, analysis and storage and applications.

PREREQUISITES: AJ 905, Permission of the GPD.

AJ 916 Doctoral Seminar in Special Topics (3)

An advanced seminar that focuses on selected topics and recent developments in Administration of Justice.

PREREQUISITES: Admission to Candidacy and defense of the dissertation proposal.

AJ 987 Research Colloquium (3)

This advanced seminar will present issues of concern for doctoral candidates. Specific attention will be devoted to grantsmanship, publishing, emerging research issues, teaching, and other aspects of career development.

PREREQUISITES: Admission to Candidacy and successful defense of the dissertation proposal.

AJ 988/989 Dissertation (12)

Under the guidance of a dissertation advisor and committee students will complete a dissertation and orally defend it. The dissertation should add to the body of administration of justice knowledge. A total of twelve dissertation credits are required.