

# JUSTICE STUDIES (M.A.)

<https://cola.unh.edu/justice-studies/program/ma/justice-studies>

## Description

The Master of Arts degree program in Justice Studies (MAJS) provides a broad understanding of justice, crime, and law. It provides tools for reasoned appraisal of how the justice system works and what policies underlie it. The program familiarizes students with legal and justice ideas, justice institutions, and legal processes. It draws on a variety of disciplines, subjects, and research methodologies for its core knowledge. Our students work closely with faculty with established reputations as scholars, teachers, and practitioners.

## Requirements

### Degree Requirements

The master of arts in justice studies requires that students complete a minimum of ten courses (**37 credit hours**) in justice studies from the following list:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Required Courses</b>		
JUST 802	Law and Society	4
JUST 803	Professionalism in Justice Studies	1
JUST 805	Quantitative Research Methods	4
JUST 807	Applied Research Methods	4
JUST 830	Theories of Justice	4
JUST 850	Capstone Preparation: Internship/Thesis	4
Select one of the following:		4
SOC 815	Criminological Theory	
SOC 921	Crime and Conflict	
JUST 865	Special Topics	
<b>Concluding Experience</b>		
Select Option A or B from the below:		
Option A:		
JUST 897	Culminating Project	4
Option B:		
JUST 899	Masters Thesis	8
<b>Electives</b>		
Select two elective courses from our approved course list.		8

### Electives

Code	Title	Credits
EDUC #867	Students, Teachers, and the Law	4
EDUC 897	Special Topics in Education (must be approved by Justice Studies)	1-4
EDUC 967	School Law	4
EDUC 968	Collective Bargaining in Public Education	4
HDFS 876	Children, Adolescents and the Law	4
HDFS 894	Families and the Law	4
HIST 809	United States Legal History Special Topics (must be approved by Justice Studies)	4
JUST 801	Graduate Seminar in Justice Studies	4
PA 818	Non-Profit Management	3
PSYC 954	Advanced Seminar in Social Psychology (must be approved by Justice Studies)	4
SW 897	Special Topics in Social Work and Social Welfare (must be approved by Justice Studies)	2 or 3
SW 979	Social Work and the Law	3
SOC 820	Sociology of Drug Use	4

## Accelerated Master's

This graduate program is approved to be taken on an accelerated basis in articulation with certain undergraduate degree programs.

General Accelerated Master's policy, note that some programs have additional requirements (e.g. higher grade expectations) compared to the policy.

Please see the Graduate School website and contact the department directly for more information.

## Student Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate critical thinking and analysis of justice studies concepts and literature.
- Effectively communicate Justice Studies concepts and research.
- Present and interpret quantitative and qualitative data.
- Demonstrate the technical skills and ethical skills that are appropriate for a practitioner (internship/project option) or researcher (thesis option) working in the justice field.