

STRAIGHT MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE WITH SPECIALIZATION IN CRIMINOLOGY (MSCJ) TO DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE WITH SPECIALIZATION IN CRIMINOLOGY (PhDCJ) DEGREE PROGRAM

Effective Academic Year 2025-2026

A. CORE/ FOUNDATION COURSES (15 units)

Course Code	Course Title	Units
MCJ 101	Foundations of Criminal Justice and Criminology	3
MCJ 102	Advanced Research Methods and Statistical Applications in Criminal Justice	3
DCJ 101	Advanced Research Methods and Statistical Applications in Criminal Justice	3
DCJ 102	Philosophical and Global Foundations of Criminal Justice Systems	3
DCJ 103	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems and Global Practices	3

B. PROFESSIONAL/ SPECIALIZATION COURSES (36 units from any of the following courses)

Course Code	Course Title	Units
MCJ 201	Transnational Crimes, Terrorism, and Hybrid Threats	3
MCJ 202	Financial and Cyber Economic Crimes: Global Threats and Law Enforcement Response	3
MCJ 203	Advanced Crisis Intervention and Emergency Management in Criminal Justice	3
MCJ 204	Juvenile Justice, Delinquency, and Global Rehabilitation Strategies	3
MCJ 205	Advanced Victimology	3
MCJ 206	Advanced Penology and Correctional Management	3
MCJ 207	Advanced Forensic Science and Criminalistics	3
DCJ 201	Advanced Theories of Crime Causation, Prevention, and Control	3
DCJ 202	Evidence-Based Criminal Justice Interventions: Policy, Practice, and Evaluation	3
DCJ 203	Advanced Crime Analysis and Investigative Strategies	3
DCJ 204	Global Terrorism, Hybrid Threats, and National Security	3
DCJ 205	Seminar on Urban Crime, Multiculturalism, and Social Justice	3
DCJ 206	Corruption, Governance, and Accountability in Criminal Justice	3
DCJ 207	Advanced Public Safety Leadership and Management	3
DCJ 208	Gender, Crime, and Justice in a Changing World	3
DCJ 209	Law, Justice Administration, and Legal Reforms	3
DCJ 210	Seminar on Advanced Legal Issues in Criminal Justice	3

C. COGNATES/ ELECTIVE COURSES (6 units of any of the following courses)

Course Code	Course Title	Units
DCJ 301	Contemporary Theories of Criminology	3
DCJ 302	Advanced Criminological Psychology and Behavioral Analysis	3
DCJ 303	Advanced Pedagogy in Criminal Justice and Criminology	3
DCJ 304	Advanced Correctional Systems	3
DCJ 305	Violence, Victimization, and the Criminal Justice Response	3
DCJ 306	Juvenile Justice System: Policies, Practices, and Reforms	3
DCJ 307	Advanced Design, Statistical Modeling, and Analytics in Criminology	3
DCJ 308	Seminar in Emerging Issues and Global Perspectives in Criminology	3

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D. FOREIGN LANGUAGE (3 units)

Course Code	Course Title	Units
DCJ 401	Foreign Language for Criminal Justice Research and Practice	3

E. DISSERTATION WRITING (12 units)

Course Code	Course Title	Units
DCJ 501	Dissertation Writing I - Fundamentals of Dissertation Writing and Proposal Defense	3
DCJ 502	Dissertation Writing II - Preparation and Pre-Oral Defense	3
DCJ 503	Dissertation Writing III - Data Analysis, Evaluation, and Final Defense	3
DCJ 504	Dissertation Writing IV- Presentation and Publication	3

F. BRIDGING COURSES- For Non-Criminology (21 units)

Course Code	Course Title	Units
Crim 1	Introduction to Criminology	3
CLJ 1	Introduction to Philippine Criminal Justice System	3
Crim 3	Human Behavior and Victimology	3
CA 1	Institutional Correction	3
FS	Any 1 Forensic Science course FS 1- Forensic Photography FS 2- Personal Identification/Dactyloscopy FS 3- Forensic Chemistry and Toxicology FS 4- Questioned Document Examination FS 5- Lie Detection Techniques/ Polygraphy FS 6- Forensic Ballistics	3
CDI	Fundamentals of Criminal Investigation and Intelligence	3
LEA 1	Law Enforcement Organization and Administration (Inter-agency Approach)	3

*\*In compliance to Sec. 11 of CMO 42 S. of 2006, completion of at least 21-unit Bridging courses from BS Criminology professional courses are required for non-criminology graduates before admission to the Straight MSCJ to PhDCJ degree program*

*\*SMD students must take and pass the Comprehensive Examination before he/she is allowed to enroll in Dissertation Writing.*

*\*\*Granting of the degree title of Straight Master of Science in Criminal Justice with specialization in Criminology leading to Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice with specialization in Criminology follows the Oral Defense, Presentation, Publication and submission of the hardbound copies of the dissertation.*

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