

Master of Science (MS) in Criminal Justice

2026-2027 Official Degree Plan



Degree Requirements

(all courses required for degree must be completed with "C" or higher)

COURSES	HOURS	
Core Requirements		
CRMJ 5301 Ethics of Police, Courts, and Corrections	3	
CRMJ 5302 Administrative and Management Development in Criminal Justice	3	
CRMJ 5303 Constitutional Law in Criminal Justice	3	
CRMJ 5304 Faith-Based Leadership and Crime Response	3	
CRMJ 5305 Policy Development and Community Policing	3	
CRMJ 5306 Advanced Criminological Theory	3	
CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENTS		
In addition to the core requirements, students can choose to complete either a general concentration consisting of eighteen hours of coursework OR select two of the nine-hour concentrations listed below to fulfill their degree plan requirements (Human Trafficking, Thesis, Electives). Students must declare their concentration(s) when filing their degree plan with the Office of Academic Records.		
<u>General Concentration (Choose six courses/eighteen credit hours from the following course options):</u>		
CRMJ 5307 Advanced Penology	18	
CRMJ 5308 Conflict Resolution for Mental Crisis Intervention		
CRMJ 5309 Victimology and Child Exploitation		
CRMJ 5310 Crime and Problem Mapping		
CRMJ 5311 International Terrorism		
CRMJ 5312 Serial and Mass Casualty Offenders		
CYSC 5313 Legal Regulations, Compliance, and Investigation		
CYSC 5316 Digital Forensics		
<u>Human Trafficking Concentration (Nine hours):</u>		
CRMJ 5313 Advanced Human Trafficking Research	18	
CRMJ 5309 Victimology and Child Exploitation		
CRMJ 5314 Human Trafficking Investigation and Demand Mitigation		
<u>Thesis Concentration (Nine hours):</u>		
CRMJ 5315 Research Methods in Criminal Justice	18	
CRMJ 5316 Thesis Research and Writing I		
CRMJ 5317 Thesis Research and Writing II		
CRMJ 5001 Thesis Defense	18	
<u>Elective Concentration (Nine hours):</u>		
Any nine credit hours of coursework not previously taken chosen from the list above		
Total Hours in Degree		

36

Filing a Degree Plan

All graduate students must have an official signed and approved degree plan on file with the Office of Academic Records by the end of their first semester of enrollment. Students should contact their academic advisor to begin the process. For questions, email degreeplans@HC.edu.

Applying for Graduation

Undergraduate students should apply for graduation through HuskyNet at least one semester before their anticipated graduation date. An official degree plan must be on file before the application can be accessed. More information about applying for graduation, including deadlines, can be found on the [Graduation Application website](#). For questions, email grad@HC.edu.

Degree Works

Access Degree Works through the [HCU Student Portal \(my.HC.edu\)](#) to view your degree plan status, graduation application status, and track your progress to graduation. For questions, contact your academic advisor.

University Catalog

The University Catalog is the official record of academic policies. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the information in the catalog, including attendance policies, transfer credit policies, academic standing information, and course descriptions. The catalog can be found on the [HCU Catalog website](#).

Acknowledgment and Signatures

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read and agree to abide by all requirements on the degree plan. This degree plan is not valid until received & processed by the Office of Academic Records.

Student Name (Printed)

Student H#

HCU Email

Student Signature

Date

Advisor Signature

Date

Office of Academic Records Use Only

Processed By: _____ Date: _____

Additional Graduation Requirements

- No grade below a "C"
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.00
- No more than six credit hours on transfer from another college or university