



Master of Criminal Justice

Professional Track for Working Professionals

Message from:

Dr. James J. Vardalis, Department Head and Director of the MCJ Program

Welcome to Tarleton State University. Your interest in a graduate degree in criminal justice is consistent with a growing national trend of criminal justice professionals seeking career advancement and academic credentials. Our on-line graduate program provides you with a broad-based education and is designed give you the skills and knowledge required to successfully navigate the competitive process to advance your objectives. As a licensed Texas Peace Officer, I understand the difficulty of balancing advanced education requirements, job obligations and family responsibilities. I consider my role as your advocate in promoting your academic engagement to move successfully and seamlessly through the program. Please feel free to contact me directly with any concerns during your completion of the MCJ program.

Admissions Requirements www.tarleton.edu/graduate/

To be granted full admission to the Graduate School, the applicant must have:

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited U.S. institution (or equivalent from a foreign institution)
- At least a 3.0 GPA on the last 60 hours of completed coursework
- Completed graduate application with essay and \$30 fee
- Submitted GRE, GMAT or MAT scores
- Submitted all official transcripts
- Satisfied other applicable program prerequisites

An applicant who does not qualify for full admission may be granted conditional admission. Conditional admission will not be granted to an applicant whose GPA is less than a 2.5 on the last 60 hours of completed coursework. A student who is conditionally admitted must satisfy all conditions before receiving full admission.

***Employees of the criminal justice system are eligible for a \$500.00 first-time Scholarship

Admission Steps

- Complete Graduate application (do this on-line)
- Submit the essay & \$30.00 fee

- You can take the GRE, GMAT or MAT now or during your first semester
- Granting admission is based on numerous factors including but not limited undergraduate GPA, letters of reference, standardized test scores, your agency support, your goals and my recommendation.

PROFESSIONAL TRACK PLAN

- ✓ CJ 500 Statistics (3) credits
- ✓ CJ 501 Criminology (3) credits
- ✓ CJ 510 The CJ System (3) credits
- ✓ CJ 540 Legal Aspects (3) credits
- ✓ CJ 598 Research Methods (3) credits
- ✓ CJ 521 Mgt. CJ Personnel (3) credits
- ✓ CJ 515A Special Topics (3) credits
- ✓ CJ 515B Special Topics (3) credits

3 Hours from the following

- ✓ CJ 504 The American Judiciary (3) credits
- ✓ CJ 508 Corrections (3) credits
- ✓ CJ 520 Policing (3) credits

6 Hours from the following

- ✓ CJ 504 The American Judiciary (3) credits
- ✓ CJ 505 Juvenile (3) credits
- ✓ CJ 508 Corrections (3) credits
- ✓ CJ 522 Advanced Ethics (3) credits
- ✓ CJ 586 Problems in CJ (can be taken twice for 6 credits)

36 Credits

Courses Offered for Spring - 2010 January

CJ 505 The Juvenile Justice System (on-line) Dr. Pealer

CJ 500 Statistics (on-line) Dr. Becker

CJ 515 Constitutional Law (on-line) Attorney Philips

CJ 515 Contemporary Policing (on-line) Dr. Vardalis