INITIAL STUDY PLAN

Student’s Name: ____________________________________ E-mail Address: ________________________________

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The M.S. in Criminal Justice requires completion of 36 hours of graduate credits.

Required Courses

- CJ 600 Overview of the Criminal Justice System (3)
- CJ 601 Research Methodology in Criminal Justice (3)
- CJ 615 Criminal Justice Theory (3)
- CJ 626 Statistical Analysis in Criminal Justice (3)
- CJ 635 Civil Law and Liability (3)
- CJ 640 Ethics in Criminal Justice (3)

Total 18

Electives

Select 12 hours from:

- CJ 510 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (3)
- CJ 525 Crime and Criminal Justice Policy (3)
- CJ 610 Seminar in Law Enforcement (3)
- CJ 625 Adult Correctional Organization (3)
- CJ 630 Contemporary Juvenile Justice (3)
- CJ 693 Independent Study (3)
- CJ 841 Death Penalty in America (3)

*Up to 6 hours outside of criminal justice may be applied with the approval of the department chair.

The undersigned has reviewed the tentative schedule regarding offering of the above courses and recognizes that this schedule is subject to change.

Total 12

Capstone Experience

The M.S. in Criminal Justice requires a capstone experience of all students. The options for this requirement are the following: (1) Thesis, (2) Internship, (3) Capstone Seminar, or (4) Comprehensive Written Exam and additional coursework.
Thesis Option (CJ 694, CJ 695): The thesis includes six credit hours and completion of an oral defense of the thesis. The thesis is suggested for those who intend to pursue a Ph.D. or those who have an interest in a very specific research area involving collection and analysis of quantitative or qualitative data.

Internship Option (CJ 699): The internship includes a 240-hour field placement, a major paper discussing the internship and oral defense of the paper. The internship receives six hours of credit.

Capstone Seminar Option (CJ 650): The capstone seminar is Seminar in Criminal Justice Leadership and Practice (CJ 650) and will address current issues and trends in criminal justice and a practical program or policy review. The seminar will include three major papers and an oral defense of these papers. The seminar receives three credit hours and requires an additional three-hour elective.

Comprehensive Exam Option: The comprehensive final exam will cover four topics: current issues and trends in criminal justice, criminal justice theory, organization and administration of criminal justice, and a fourth specialty area to be selected by the student. There is no credit for these exams and the student must complete an additional six hours in elective credit to reach the 36 hours required for the degree.

Oral Defense (GR 699): The oral defense of the thesis, internship paper and capstone seminar is GR 699. There is no credit for GR 699 as it is a part of the underlying work being defended. The student will enroll in GR 699 during the last semester of graduate study regardless of when the defense is completed.

Graduate Bulletin

The undersigned has reviewed the Graduate Bulletin of Southeast Missouri State University and is familiar with the requirements regarding academic standards, academic honesty, capstone requirements, independent studies and other matters.

No fewer than half the hours must be earned in 600 level courses taken at Southeast Missouri State University. A cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 or above is required to remain in the program. The entire program including course work, thesis, research project, oral examination, graduate paper, oral examination, comprehensive examination, etc. must be completed in a six-year period, beginning with the first class taken that applies to the M.S. in Criminal Justice program.

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(Signature, Student) Date

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(Signature, Graduate Advisor) Date