

**Lamar University**  
**Master of Science in Criminal Justice**  
**Course Descriptions**

**CRIJ 5310 – Criminal Justice System and Policy**

A critical review and analysis of the role of governmental and non-governmental organizations in the prevention, control, and punishment of crime and delinquency. An emphasis is placed on policy analysis and recommendations for change.

**CRIJ 5320 – Theoretical Foundations of Crime Control**

A comprehensive overview of various theoretical approaches to the understanding of crime and delinquency, including selected biological, psychological, sociological, legal and/or political theories.

**CRIJ 5330 – Planning and Evaluation**

An in-depth examination of information gathering and analysis; planning and evaluation. Emphasis on the analytical tools useful in criminal justice agencies. Prerequisite: an undergraduate course in research methods, an undergraduate course in statistics, and competence in the use of personal computers.

**CRIJ 5331 – Quantitative Methods in Criminology**

Research design and analysis of criminal justice information, data collection methods, and application of statistical techniques common to criminology, and the presentation of research findings to policy makers.

**CRIJ 5340 – Special Studies in Applied Criminology**

Includes an analysis of contemporary issues in the understanding, prevention, and control of crime and delinquency both domestically and globally. A student may repeat the course for credit as an elective when the area of study varies.

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**CRIJ 5345 – Criminal Justice Leadership**

Includes an analysis of contemporary issues in the understanding, prevention, and control of crime and delinquency both domestically and globally. A student may repeat the course for credit as an elective when the area of study varies.

**CRIJ 5601 – Applied Project in Criminology – 6 hours**

A major practical project integrating the student's course work, previous experiences and professional goals.

*Pre-requisite: Approval of graduate advisor*

**CRIJ 5302 – Independent Study**

*Pre-requisite: Approval of graduate advisor.*

**CRIJ 5390-5391 – Thesis**

Prerequisite: Approval of graduate advisor. Must complete both for required 6 credits.