The Master of Science in Victim Services Management is designed primarily for persons with or without previous employment experience in the field of victim services. This degree is offered completely online. Courses are sequenced so that students can complete the degree in two years. This degree prepares graduates to work in various areas of victim services, including but not limited to, direct service provision (e.g., rape crisis centers or victim service providers), organizational management, and social policy development.

**Coursework**

The Master of Science in Victim Services Management is a 36-hour degree program. No thesis is required for this degree; instead, students complete a capstone course, Emergent Issues in Criminal Justice Leadership (CRIJ 6388), which addresses the effect of emergent perspectives in organization theory on public administration, criminal justice and victim services leadership, as well as the impact of emergent technology upon criminal justice and victim services operations. Students must complete the capstone course (CRIJ 6388) with a grade of B or better to satisfy the university’s comprehensive examination requirement.

**Required Courses (24 hours)**

- CRIJ 5364 Seminar in Victimology
- CRIJ 5365 Seminar in Crime Victim Services and Management
- CRIJ 5330 Critical Analysis of Justice Administration
- CRIJ 6334 Research Methods and Quantitative Analysis
- CRIJ 6330 Neurobiology of Trauma
- CRIJ 5366 Advocacy and Case Management
- CRIJ 6338 Coordinating Victim Services

**Electives (12 hours)**

- CRIJ 5367 Gender and Crime
- CRIJ 5368 Human Sex Trafficking
- CRIJ 5370 Elder Abuse and Victimization
- CRIJ 5371 Interpersonal and Family Violence
- CRIJ 6394 Child Abuse and Neglect
- CRIJ 6392 Program Evaluation in Criminal Justice
- CRIJ 6394 Violence Against Women

**Degree Requirement Summary**

- Required Substantive Courses (CRIJ 5364, 5365, 5330, 6334, 6330, 5366, 6338) 24 hours
- Electives (taken in CRIJ or concentration area) 12 hours
- Total Hours 36 hours

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