MS in Criminal Justice
Track 1: Legal Perspectives of Criminal Justice
(Offered through the Shepard Broad Law Center)

This track will provide specialized training in the fundamentals of criminal law and procedure, criminal evidence and legal writing for the non-lawyer. It will also provide specific training regarding procedural and legal issues that affect the criminal justice system. It will offer an in-depth knowledge of criminal law and enable the criminal justice professional to interface with lawyers regarding legal issues that may arise during the criminal investigation. Consequently, the track will provide knowledge and skills to those who work in law enforcement and criminal justice agencies, and related organizations and who are required to have a working knowledge of the theory and application of criminal law.

Specialty Track (15 credits):

CJI 6110 Criminal Evidence (3 credits)
This first course in the criminal justice track will offer students an in-depth analysis of the Federal Rules of Evidence as a legal foundation for understanding criminal law and procedure. Topics covered will include trial procedure, examination of witnesses, circumstantial evidence, opinion evidence, hearsay and character evidence, privileged communications, declarations against interests, presumptions and judicial notice.

CJI 6120 Advanced Criminal Procedure (3 credits)
This course will provide the criminal justice professional with an in-depth introduction to the role of the court, the law, and the judge. It will include the advanced study of the constitution with a specific focus on the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Amendments. The impact of these provisions during a criminal investigation will be examined with a focus on arrest, warrants, Miranda, the right to counsel and the exclusionary rule.

CJI 6130 Criminal Law (3 credits)
This course will introduce students to the common law elements and principles of criminal law as a legal foundation for understanding the criminal justice system. It will include the study of substantive criminal law including offenses against persons and property, public morality, public health, public order and safety, and justice and public administration. Alcohol and drug offenses, white collar and organized crime and criminal responsibility and defenses will also be covered.

CJI 6140 Legal Research and Writing for Non-Lawyers (3 credits)
In this course the student will research, analyze and write about legal issues in the criminal justice system. This course is intended to assist the legal professional in recognizing the need for legal intervention and to identify relevant issues. Topics covered will include the fundamentals of case research, statutory law, administrative law, secondary sources, and electronic research.

CJI 6150 Selected Issues in Forensic and Social Science (3 credits)
This final course in the track is intended to offer the criminal justice professional an opportunity to conduct in-depth analysis of forensic and social science as an administrative tool for litigation. Social Sciences in the law will enable the student to understand the interrelationship between the forensic science, social science and the admission of evidence. Topics covered will include social sciences as a basis for determining facts and making law.