

# COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

**Dr. Alisa White, Dean**

The College of Arts and Sciences offers discipline specific masters degrees in Art, Biology, Communications, Criminal Justice, English, History, Mathematics, Political Science, Public Administration, and Sociology. The College also participates in the Master of Arts and Master of Science degrees in Interdisciplinary Studies. The College also offers courses leading to an endorsement in English as a second language.

## MASTER OF ARTS AND MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREES IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

The Master of Arts and the Master of Science degrees in interdisciplinary studies emphasize study in a wider range of fields than is normally possible in a program with a traditional major. The student's background and goals are considered in the design of the individual degree plan.

Disciplines within the College that may be chosen as one of the three required fields are listed in the general graduate section of this catalog.

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

**Dr. Kenneth Wink, Chair**

The Department of Social Sciences offers the Master of Arts degree in political science, the Master of Public Administration degree, the Master of Science in Criminal Justice and the Master of Science in Sociology. The department also participates in the Master of Arts and Master of Science degree programs in interdisciplinary studies, the Masters of Arts in Teaching, and offers elective courses for students seeking other graduate degrees. The Interdisciplinary Studies degree program is in the graduate section of this catalog.

The Masters of Arts in Teaching is described at the opening of the graduate section for the College of Arts and Sciences.

## MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The Master of Public Administration degree is a professional course of study for persons in, or preparing for, mid-level or upper-level management positions in public and nonprofit organizations. The program emphasizes the theoretical, practical, and analytical abilities required of persons holding responsible public positions. Centered in the Department of Social Sciences, it also permits the incorporation of specialized fields of interest such as general administration, criminal justice, urban and regional planning, research and evaluation, and health care administration.

### Admission Requirements

- A. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.
- B. A satisfactory score on the Verbal and Quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Students who satisfy all requirements except the acceptable GRE score may be admitted under the condition that they obtain a grade of "B" or higher on a prescribed set of graduate courses that are approved by the degree.
- C. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4 point scale on the last 60 hours of upper division coursework leading to the baccalaureate degree.
- D. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 on at least 15 hours of undergraduate and/or graduate coursework in the social sciences.
- E. A minimum grade of "C" in an upper division social science research methods course.
- F. Consideration is also given to one or more of the following: the applicant's demonstrated commitment to his or her chosen field of study, socioeconomic background, first generation college graduate, multilingual proficiency, geographic region of residence, and level of

responsibility in other matters including extracurricular activities, employment, community service, and family responsibilities.

## Degree Requirements

Each candidate for the degree must satisfactorily complete 36 hours of course work as indicated:

### A. core curriculum (21 hours required):

PADM 5330: Survey of Public Administration  
PADM 5331: Information Systems in Public Administration  
PADM 5332: Public Budgeting and Finance  
PADM 5336: Administrative Ethics  
PADM 5337: Administrative Law  
PADM 5350: Seminar in Human Resources Management  
PADM 5396: Research Methods

### B. area of concentration (9 hours)

The MPA program offers 5 areas of concentration: general administration, criminal justice, urban and regional planning, research and evaluation, and health care administration.

#### 1. General Administration:

##### a. 3 hours selected from the following courses:

PADM 5335: Topics in Policy Analysis  
PADM 5338: Program Evaluation  
PADM 5397: Advanced Social Science Methods

##### b. 6 additional hours in appropriate graduate courses in public administration, economics, geography, political science, and sociology. To be decided with the consent of the MPA coordinator.

#### 2. Criminal Justice:

##### a. CRIJ 5303: Contemporary Criminological Theory

##### b. 6 additional graduate hours in criminal justice

#### 3. Urban and Regional Planning (9 hours from the following courses):

GEOG 4330/5330: Geographic information Systems  
PADM 5339: Urban and Regional Planning  
SOCI 5307: Seminar in Metropolitan Problems  
SOCI 5385: Studies in Demography

#### 4. Research and Evaluation:

a. PADM 5335: Topics in Policy Analysis  
b. PADM 5338: Program Evaluation  
c. PADM 5397: Advanced Social Science Analysis

#### 5. Health Care Administration:

##### a. PADM 5344: Health Care Policy and Administration

##### b. 6 hours to be selected from the following courses:

ALHS 5350: Public Health Administration and Practice  
ECON 5340: Economics of Public Policy (has economics prerequisites)  
MANA 5320: Management and Organizational Behavior  
PADM 5338: Program Evaluation

Either HECC 5370: Ethics in Health Professions or NURS 5308: Contemporary Nursing Ethics

## Graduation Requirements

All candidates for the master of public administration degree must also meet the following requirements:

A. A cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (4.0 basis) on all work taken for graduate credit. No course with a grade below "C" may be applied toward this degree.

B. Satisfactory performance on a comprehensive written or oral examination, to be taken during the student's last semester of enrollment, over the work covered in his degree program. Any student who fails the comprehensive examination may, upon recommendation of the Graduate Coordinator, be granted permission to take a second examination. Upon failing the second examination, the student will be dropped from the program.

## MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The purpose of this degree is to provide students with an opportunity for graduate-level education

and a specialized degree in criminal justice. This degree will meet the educational needs of several types of students: (1) existing and prospective criminal justice agency personnel wishing to advance their knowledge and credentials in criminal justice, (2) students wishing to prepare for doctoral level work, (3) students wishing to prepare for community college teaching, and (4) students seeking more knowledge of crime and criminal justice.

## Admission Requirements

- A. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.
- B. A satisfactory score on the General Test (verbal, quantitative, and analytical) of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Students who satisfy all requirements except the acceptable GRE score may petition the Program Coordinator for admittance to the program. (Guidance available regarding petition format).
- C. A minimum grade point average of 3.00 on a 4 point scale on the last 60 hours of upper division coursework leading to the baccalaureate degree.
- D. A minimum grade point average of 3.00 on at least 15 hours of undergraduate and/or graduate coursework in the social sciences.
- E. A minimum grade of "C" in an upper-division social science research methods course.
- F. Consideration is also given to one or more of the following: the applicant's demonstrated commitment to his or her chosen field of study, socioeconomic background, first generation college graduate, multilingual proficiency, geographic region of residence, and level of responsibility in other matters including extracurricular activities, employment, community service, and family responsibilities.

## Degree Requirements

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice is a 36-hour degree. Students may choose the thesis option or the non-thesis option. The thesis option is oriented to those students who desire research experience or wish to pursue a doctorate and who will need to present a thesis as part of the admission criteria for their doctoral program.

- A. Required courses—24 hours
  - a. Ethical Issues: PADM 5336--Administrative Ethics
  - b. Administration of Justice: CRIJ 5307: Criminal Justice Policy, CRIJ 5309: Seminar in Criminal Justice Administration, or PADM 5337--Administrative Law
  - c. Corrections: CRIJ 5309: Seminar in Criminal Justice Administration or CRIJ 5340-Violence and Society
  - d. Criminological Theory: CRIJ 5303-Contemporary Criminological Theory
  - e. Law Adjudication: CRIJ 5301-Concepts of Law and Justice; or CRIJ 5302-Judicial Policy, or PADM 5337-Administrative Law
  - f. Law Enforcement: CRIJ 5307--Criminal Justice Policy or CRIJ 5309-Seminar in Criminal Justice Administration
  - g. Research and Analytic Methods: CRIJ 5396-Research Methods\*, and CRIJ 5397--Advanced Social Science Analysis
- B. Thesis Option—CRIJ 5394 and CRIJ 5395
- C. Electives: 6 hours for thesis option or 12 hours for non-thesis option
  - a. CRIJ 5310: Topics in Criminal Justice (may be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours with different topic titles)
  - b. CRIJ 5199-5699: Independent Study (may be taken for one to six credit hours with permission of advisor and department chair)
  - c. PADM 5330: Survey of Public Administration
  - d. PADM 5332: Public Budgeting and Finance
  - e. PADM 5338: Program Evaluation
  - f. A maximum of 6 graduate-level hours from Economics, Psychology, Sociology, Political Science or Public Administration.

## Graduation Requirements

- A. All students must achieve a cumulative 3.0 g.p.a. on all work applied to the degree.
- B. Thesis students must submit a standard master's quality thesis acceptable to a committee comprised of three UT Tyler faculty members, two of whom (including the thesis chair) must be criminal justice faculty. Thesis students will also give an oral defense of their thesis to faculty and students.
- C. Non-thesis students must pass a final written comprehensive examination covering all course work applied to the degree.

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SOCIOLOGY

The Master of Science in sociology is designed to help students adapt to the “post-industrial” economy, prepare for doctoral programs, and acquire skills for teaching in junior colleges. The program provides theories and skills for understanding and solving institutional, regional, national, and international problems. Through a variety of experiences in sociology and related disciplines this degree develops professional competence in using sociology to affect positive change among individuals, families, organizations, business enterprises, communities, and societies.

### Admission Requirements

- A. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited school.
- B. A satisfactory score on the General Test (verbal, quantitative, and analytical) of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
- C. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4 point scale on the last 60 hours of upper division coursework.
- D. A minimum grade point average of 2.5 on at least 15 hours of undergraduate courses in sociology. Six hours in anthropology, economics, or geography may count toward this requirement.
- E. A minimum GPA of 2.0 in a statistics course.
- F. Consideration is also given to one or more of the following: the applicant's demonstrated commitment to his or her chosen field of study, socioeconomic background, first generation college graduate, multilingual proficiency, geographic region of residence, and level of responsibility in other matters including extracurricular activities, employment, community service, and family responsibilities.

### Degree Requirements

The Master of Science in Sociology is a 36-hour degree. Students may choose the thesis option or the non-thesis option. The thesis option is oriented to those students who wish to pursue a doctorate and who will need to present a thesis as part of the admission criteria for their doctoral program. Students pursuing a terminal master's may be better served by the non-thesis option.

1. Core courses: 9 hours
  - SOCI 5380: Sociological Theory
  - SOCI 5396: Seminar in Social Science Research
  - SOCI 5397: Studies in Applied Sociology
2. Prescribed electives: 15 hours from the list below:
  - SOCI 5302: Seminar in Deviance
  - SOCI 5307: Seminar in Metropolitan Problems
  - SOCI 5310: Internet Communities
  - SOCI 5321: Intercultural Studies
  - SOCI 5325: Topics in Social Problems
  - SOCI 5341: Seminar in Marriage and the Family
  - SOCI 5385: Studies in Demography
3. Free electives: 6 hours from the following:
  - ANTH 5310: Anthropology of Politics
  - CRJ 5303: Contemporary Criminological Theory
  - ECON 5340: Economics of Public Policy
  - ECON 5660: Fundamentals of Free Enterprise System
  - POLS 5331: Seminar in Comparative Politics
  - POLS 5341: Seminar in International Relations
4. Thesis/applied paper: 6 hours (see below)
  - Thesis Option; SOCI 5394 and 5395
  - Non-Thesis Option: SOCI 5388 and 5389

### Thesis Option

Six hours of thesis SOCI 5394 and SOCI 5395 are required. SOCI 5395 may be repeated with the permission of the major professor. Students must be registered in that course during the semester in which they plan to graduate. The thesis will be under the tutelage of the major professor who will serve as the thesis committee chair. The committee chair, two additional committee members, discipline coordinator, and the department chair must approve the thesis proposal. To fulfill the graduation requirements, the student is expected to defend the thesis in an oral examination.

## Non-Thesis Option

Six hours of applied research SOCI 5388 and SOCI 5389 are required. Registration into these courses will follow the current procedures for independent study as required of all students in the department of social sciences. To register for one of these courses, the student must file the independent study application form. To be accepted, the application must be approved by the committee chair, discipline coordinator, and the department chair. To fulfill the graduation requirements, the student is expected to produce a professional paper of publishable quality as judged by the student's degree committee.

## Graduation Requirements

- A. A grade of "B" or better in each core course.
- B. A cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on all work applied to the degree.
- C. All students must pass a final comprehensive written examination
- D. Thesis students must submit a standard master's quality thesis and satisfactorily defend the thesis.
- E. Non-Thesis students must satisfactorily present and defend their research paper.