

Master of Science in Criminal Justice Program – Graduate Comprehensive Exams

The Graduate Comprehensive Examination (Comps) is a requirement for graduation. Students who wish to take the graduate comprehensive examinations must register for the exams in advance with the Graduate Coordinator in the semester prior to the semester in which they plan to take the exams. The exam is offered only in the fall and spring semesters of every academic year. The Graduate Comprehensive Exam is NOT offered during the summer sessions. All students contemplating taking the comps must complete a minimum of 24 credit hours, which must include all the required core courses in the graduate program.

The comprehensive exams for the Master of Science in Criminal Justice consists of three parts: Part I: Criminal Justice Administration, Part II: Criminology, and Part III: Research Methods. A student must pass all the three parts of the comps in order to pass the Graduate Comprehensive Exam. If a student fails any part or parts of the exam, he/she must retake the part or parts that he or she failed. Only three attempts are allowed for passing the comprehensive examinations. If a student cannot pass the comps after three attempts, he or she will be withdrawn from the program.