Specialization in Criminal Justice

This specialization will prepare students to provide clinical or administrative services in a range of job settings that work with offenders and crime victims, including nonprofit agencies and with city, county, state, and federal governments. A sample of criminal justice positions in which social workers may be employed include providing assessment and treatment in jails, prisons, and juvenile detention facilities; assisting offenders make the transition from incarceration to the community; monitoring offenders in the community as probation or parole officers or forensic case monitors; working in various positions in law enforcement and with juvenile and adult courts; participating in jail diversion activities as well as drug courts and mental health courts; and providing a range to services to victims of crimes, including at rape crisis centers, domestic violence shelters, and restitution programs. To qualify for the Specialization in Criminal Justice, students will complete:

**Coursework: Four courses (12 credit hours):**

- CCJ 5000 Applying Criminological Theory (3 credit hours; offered in Fall)
- SWRK 5729 Social Work Practice in Corrections (3 credit hours; offered only on 5 Saturdays in Spring)
- Choose **TWO**:
  - CCJ 5100 Ethics in the Administration of Justice (3 credit hours; offered only in Spring) **OR**
  - CCJ 6200 Juvenile Justice Administration (3 credit hours; offered only in Spring) **OR**
  - CCJ 6400 Issues in Jurisprudence (3 credit hours; offered only in Spring) **OR**
  - SWRK 5742 Evidence Based Practice in Community Mental Health (3 credit hours; usually offered in Fall and in Spring) **OR**
  - SWRK 5744 Substance Abuse Interventions (3 credit hours; offered only on 5 Saturdays in Spring) **OR**
  - SWRK 5771 Intimate Partner Violence (3 credit hours; offered only on 5 Saturdays in Fall) **OR**
  - SWRK 5772 Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (3 credit hours; usually offered in Fall and in Spring) **OR**
  - SWRK 5778 Motivational Interviewing (3 credit hours; offered only in Spring) **OR**
  - Another graduate course pre-approved by the Criminal Justice Specialization Chair

Students must also receive a grade of *B* or better in each of the four courses.

**Practica: (6 credit hours):**

In addition, students complete a two semester, one-site practicum at a site that primarily works with offenders or crime victims *pre-approved* by the Chair of the specialization.

Students should register in the Specialization as soon as possible upon beginning the MSW degree to make sure the Chair of the Specialization is assigned as their Faculty Mentor. Students are required to meet with the Chair of the Criminal Justice Specialization each semester for course selection and advising. Students will be acknowledged upon completion of Specialization requirements.

For more information, please contact: Dr. Don Linhorst at linhorsd@slu.edu or 314-977-2745.
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**STUDENT AND SPECIALIZATION CHAIR MEET AND SIGN BELOW TO VERIFY COMPLETION OF MSW SPECIALIZATION REQUIREMENTS, THEN SEND TO MSW PROGRAM OFFICE FOR FURTHER REVIEW**

Signature of MSW Student attesting to completion of specialization requirements:

MSW Student signature  
Date

Signature of Criminal Justice Specialization Chair:

Criminal Justice Specialization Chair signature  
Date

Signature of Director of Field Education:

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Signature of Director of MSW Degree Program:

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