



Master of Arts in **CRIMINAL &
TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE**

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Philosophy of the Program

The Master of Arts in Criminal and Transitional Justice program is tailored to equip students with the advanced understanding of research and practice in criminal justice practices and transitional justice issues in Kenya, East Africa, Africa and globally and the responses thereof. It focuses on the student's mastery of major theories of criminal and transitional justice, qualitative and quantitative research methods and policy analysis.

The MA in Criminal and Transitional Justice will equip students with the knowledge to understand the role transitional justice in post-conflict reconstruction efforts and examine the potential contribution that these interventions contribute to post-conflict peace building and reconciliation. The program is in line with the African Union's (AU) quest of developing policy measures and institutional mechanisms that societies adopt in order to overcome past violations, divisions and inequalities and to create conditions for both security and democratic and socio-economic transformation.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, the students will be able to:

1. Evaluate various transitional justice mechanisms and how they are implemented in the criminal justice system;
2. Develop intellectual socio-legal arguments with respect to criminal and transitional justice;
3. Apply different theories in the discipline to explain national and international mechanisms in criminal and transitional justice;
4. Evaluate ethical dilemmas relating to criminal and transitional justice;
5. Conduct research in the fields of criminal and transitional justice.

Mode of Delivery of the Program

A variety of delivery modes and methods that promote creativity and critical thinking in learning will be employed in the delivery of the program, including case studies, problem solving strategies, use of projects and lectures complimented with question and answer approach, as well as field trips.

Admission Requirements

The following are the requirements of the proposed MA in Criminal and Transitional program:

- i. A Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, or relevant discipline such as Criminology, Law, Sociology, Psychology, International Relations, Political Science, Human Rights and other relevant area of study; and
- ii. An Upper Second Class honors or a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00 on a scale of 4.00; or
- iii. A Lower Second Class honors or a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.50 on a scale of 4.00 with additional relevant training, evidence of research capability either through research, paper presentations or peer reviewed publications and relevant working experience; or

iv. A relevant Postgraduate Diploma.

Students seeking admission from non-English speaking countries shall provide evidence of English proficiency (i.e. Test of English as a Foreign Language).

Degree Requirements

Degree requirements : 48 Credit hours

Introductory Courses : 9 credit hours

Core Courses : 27 credit hours

Elective courses : 12 credit hours

Introductory courses

9 Credit Hours

CTJ 6000 Criminology and International Crimes	3
CTJ 6001 Principles of International Criminal Justice	3
CTJ 6002 Principles of Transitional Justice	3

Core Courses

27 Credit Hours

CTJ 6010 Ethics in Criminal and Transitional Justice	3
CTJ 6011 Restorative Justice	3
CTJ 6012 Advanced Criminological Theory	3
CTJ 6013 International Criminal Law	3
CTJ 6014 Indigenous Justice Systems	3
CTJ 6015 Research Methods in Criminal and Transitional Justice	3
CTJ 6020 Thesis I	3
CTJ 6021 Thesis II	6

Elective Courses

12 Credit Hours

CTJ 6030 Reparations and Truth Commissions	3
CTJ 6031 Prosecution and Diversion	3
CTJ 6032 Punishment and the International Criminal Justice System	3
CTJ 6033 Public and Private Policing	3
CTJ 6034 Law, Crime and Society	3
CTJ 6035 Transitional Justice: Comparative Perspectives	3
CTJ 6036 International Criminal Courts and Tribunals	3

Year 1

Semester 1

Credit Hours

CTJ 6000 Criminology and International Crimes	3
CTJ 6001 Principles of International Criminal Justice	3
CTJ 6002 Principles of Transitional Justice	3

Semester 2

Credit Hours

CTJ 6010 Ethics in Criminal and Transitional Justice	3
CTJ 6011 Restorative Justice	3
CTJ 6012 Advanced Criminological Theory	3

Semester 3

Credit Hours

CTJ 6015 Research Methods in Criminal and Transitional Justice	3
CTJ 6016 International Criminal Law	3
CTJ 6017 Indigenous Justice Systems	3

Year 2

Semester 1

Credit Hours

CTJ 6020 Thesis I	3
Elective One elective	3
Elective One elective	3

Semester 2

Credit Hours

Elective One elective	3
Elective One elective	3
CTJ 6021 Thesis II	3

Semester 3

CTJ 6021 Thesis II

Students will take two semesters to complete the requirements of CTJ 6021. The activities would include data collection, analysis and writing of the MA thesis

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