

**OFFICIAL COURSE OUTLINE INFORMATION**

FACULTY/DEPARTMENT: **SCHOOL OF CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**CRIM 799** **8**

COURSE NAME/NUMBER	FORMER COURSE NUMBER	UFV CREDITS
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**Thesis**

COURSE DESCRIPTIVE TITLE

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**

The thesis provides students with an opportunity to design, conduct, and submit an original piece of research based on a student's interests. In this course students work with a supervisory committee to complete a thesis. The focus of the course is on introducing and framing a research problem, conducting a literature review related to the thesis topic, and collecting and analyzing data in order to present findings, make recommendations, and draw conclusions. Following completion of the thesis, students will defend their work before an examination committee.

PREREQUISITES: **ADMISSION TO THE MA CRIMINAL JUSTICE & COMPLETION OF ALL COURSEWORK**

COREQUISITES:

TOTAL HOURS PER TERM: _____	MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT: <u>24</u>
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* STRUCTURE OF HOURS _____	EXPECTED FREQUENCY OF COURSE OFFERINGS: _____
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Lectures: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Seminar: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Laboratory: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Field Experience: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Directed Learning: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURES:**

Course Designer(s): _____	GPC Chair: _____
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Graduate Program Committee	Martin Silverstein
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Dean: _____	GSC Chair: _____
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Eric Davis	Yvon Dandurand
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GSC Approval in Principle Date: _____	GSC Final Approval Date: *February 28, 2008
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COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE:	January 2007
COURSE REVISED IMPLEMENTATION DATE:	January 2010
COURSE TO BE REVIEWED (4 years after GSC approval):	*February 2012

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**COURSE OBJECTIVE - The overall purpose / rationale for this course is:**

To provide students an opportunity to carry out research and organize findings for a thesis. A Master's thesis is a significant body of work produced in writing by a student, usually in the form of a monograph, demonstrating that the student is able to work in a scholarly manner, carry out research and organize results and is familiar with the principal works published on the subject of the thesis. A Master's thesis should not normally exceed one hundred pages. The duration of the thesis project can vary significantly, but should not normally exceed two years.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES – Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:**

- introduce a research topic and outline a research problem
- conduct a literature review related to a thesis topic
- collect and analyze data
- present findings, make recommendations, and draw conclusions

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**\* METHODS:**

The student's supervisors will provide reviews and suggestions at every stage of the research. Students will work independently and demonstrate that they have mastered their ability to write a thesis by obtaining approval for their work from their supervisors and an external examiner.

**\* COURSE CONTENT:**

[Course content varies by instructor. An example of course content might be:]

Students do independent research under the direction of the supervisory committee.

**\* STUDENT EVALUATION:**

[An example of student evaluation, including type of assignment and weight, for this course might be:]

Completion of the thesis and defense before an examination committee

Pass/Fail

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**\* TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:**

[Textbook selection varies by instructor. Please include an example of texts for this course in an appropriate reference format.]

N/A

**\* SUPPORT MATERIALS:**

Guidelines on the Preparation and Supervision of Theses, Extended Essays, and Research Papers, Approved by GSC August 6, 2006, and

Formatting and Submission Requirements for Graduate Theses, Extended Essays or Projects, Approved by GSC February 22, 2007

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**PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):**

Credit can be awarded for this course through PLAR (Please check:)  YES  NO

**\* If YES specify how:**

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\* These sections are subject to change at the discretion of the department and the content will vary.