

CHECKLIST

M.S. in Criminology and
Criminal Justice

From CLASSROOM to CAREER

Planning your graduate school experience can be daunting.
It's a journey not a destination. Get ready for your personal journey!

	Recommended Timeline	Fall 1	Spring 1	Summer	Fall 2	Spring 2	Helpful Links
	Meet with the Graduate Director to update your degree plan as needed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Email Dr. Lynch
	Follow us on Instagram to stay connected	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Follow UTSA Criminology and Criminal Justice on Instagram
	Get to know your cohort and build your professional network	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Discover which faculty research areas align with your interests	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Explore our faculty
	Maintain a 3.0 GPA (academic good standing)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Visit One Stop to learn more about academic standing
	Explore Study Abroad opportunities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Visit the Study Abroad website
	Meet with your professors to get tips for academic success	✓	✓		✓	✓	Explore our faculty
	Attend Graduate School events	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Visit the Graduate School website
	Create a resume in VMOCK and create LinkedIn account		✓	✓			Visit the Career Center resources
	Join Alpha Phi Sigma and consider serving as an officer		✓	✓	✓		Learn about Alpha Phi Sigma
	Attend CCJ Major Day and Career Day	✓	✓		✓	✓	Visit the CCJ events page
	Apply for scholarships and awards		✓			✓	Visit the HCAP Awards, Aid and Scholarships page
	Capstone vs. Thesis – discuss with Graduate Director & CCJ faculty		✓				
	Participate in the HCAP Research Forum		✓			✓	Visit the HCAP Research page
	Review free elective options		✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Prepare Intent to Write a Thesis paperwork (if applicable)		✓	✓			
	Prepare applications for Ph.D. programs (if applicable)			✓	✓		Explore UTSA's Ph.D. programs
	Consider an Independent Study – discuss with CCJ faculty		✓	✓	✓	✓	Explore our faculty
	Create and practice your elevator pitch				✓	✓	Visit the Career Center website
	Update your resume and LinkedIn account				✓	✓	Visit the Career Center resources
	Schedule interview prep session or attend prep workshop				✓	✓	View Career Center events
	Identify references and writers for your letters of recommendation				✓	✓	How to identify and ask recommenders
	Enroll in Capstone Course (if applicable)					✓	
	Apply for jobs 3-4 months before graduation					✓	Apply for jobs through Indeed
	Finalize and format thesis (if applicable)					✓	See UTSA Graduate School thesis requirements
	Apply to graduate					✓	Visit One Stop for application deadlines and to apply for graduation