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Master of Arts in **Criminal & Transitional Justice**

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the program, 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.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

48 UNITS

PREREQUISITE COURSES

12 UNITS

(Only for students without adequate background in the field of Criminal & Transitional Justice)

CJS 1101	Introduction to Criminal Justice Systems	3 units
CJS 1104	Criminology	3 units
CJS 2342	Fundamentals of Transitional Justice	3 units
CJS 4136	International Criminal Law & Procedures	3 units

CORE COURSES

36 UNITS

CTJ 6000	Criminology and International Crimes	3 units
CTJ 6001	Principles of International Criminal Justice	3 units
CTJ 6002	Principles of Transitional Justice	3 units
CTJ 6010	Ethics in Criminal and Transitional Justice	3 units
CTJ 6011	Restorative Justice	3 units
CTJ 6012	Advanced Criminological Theory	3 units
CTJ 6015	Research Methods in Criminal and Transitional Justice	3 units
CTJ 6016	International Criminal Law	3 units
CTJ 6017	Indigenous Justice Systems	3 units
CTJ 6020	Thesis I	3 units
CTJ 6021	Thesis II	3 units

ELECTIVE COURSES

12 UNITS

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

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



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A Master of Arts in Criminal and Transitional Justice program opens up a wide range of career opportunities, examples include:

1. Criminal Justice Policy Analyst
2. Human Rights Advocate
3. Transitional Justice Specialist
4. Legal Consultant
5. Restorative Justice Coordinator
6. International Criminal Law Researcher
7. Victim Support Specialist
8. Conflict Resolution Mediator
9. Government Policy Advisor
10. NGO Program Manager
11. Law Enforcement Consultant

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