The MA in Criminal Justice was formally introduced in the fall of Academic Year 2008-2009 as an alternative to the MPA/CJ program, which had limited offerings in criminal justice and research. With the initial enrollment of fulltime students the following Academic Year, the program has seen substantial growth in 3 years. In the normal course sequencing of the program, the first group of graduating students will begin the process of assessment beginning in fall 2012 with the first comprehensive examinations and thesis to be submitted and assessed in spring 2013.