Program Overview:
The Master of Science degree is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills required for leadership positions in the criminal justice system and continued study at the doctoral level. The criminal justice graduate program strongly emphasizes the application of theory and research in executive decision making, policy development and analysis, and problem solving.

Cohort Rationale:
The Community Corrections cohort is geared toward professionals working in the areas of probation, parole, community-based treatment, and related fields. Students will progress through the program together creating a supportive learning environment and opportunities to build professional relationships. The program is accelerated with classes offered year round to facilitate completion of the degree in two years. The curriculum will emphasize evidence-based practices in community corrections and classes will be scheduled to accommodate working professionals.

Admissions Requirements:
Admission to the Master of Science degree program in Criminal Justice is made on a competitive basis. Applications for the Community Corrections cohort scheduled to start January 2014 must be completed and received by December 1. The number of students accepted is dependent on available openings in the program.

Applicants may be notified by December 15 regarding acceptance decisions. Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning. In addition to the standard University graduate admission requirements, the department requires:

1. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale.
   Applicants may also be considered conditionally with a 2.70 to 2.99 GPA.
2. One undergraduate social science research methods course with a grade of “C” or better.
3. One undergraduate elementary statistics course with a grade of “C” or better.
4. A letter of interest (1-2 pages) that focuses on (a) academic and work history, (b) reasons for pursuing graduate studies in criminal justice, and (c) future career goals.
5. Resume

The admissions application (apply online), application fee, and official transcripts from each college/university (except CCSU) where any coursework has been taken must be sent directly to the Graduate Recruitment and Admissions Office. Please use the cohort designation CJCC on your application materials.

Please submit your letter and resume by fax (860-832-3014) or email hedlundj@ccsu.edu directly to Dr. Jennifer Hedlund, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice.