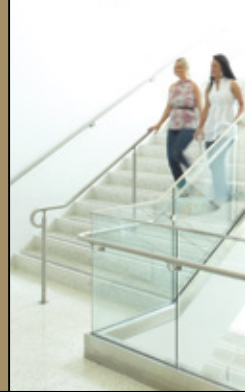


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Learn from our faculty, a worldwide collection of the most respected criminal justice experts in the study of criminal justice, who bring modern technological methods and advanced applications into the classroom. Specializations among faculty include corrections, criminology, legal analysis, law enforcement, juvenile justice, forensic psychology, forensic science, victimology, justice administration, and security.

The college offers a number of master's degrees, ranging from research-oriented criminal justice graduate degrees that support transitions into doctoral studies, to criminal justice master's degrees designed for current or future criminal justice professionals. A variety of delivery formats, including in-person, online, and weekend programs are offered to maximize flexibility.



## DEGREE PROGRAMS

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY

The Master of Arts in Criminal Justice and Criminology is based on a multi-disciplinary study of behavioral sciences as applied to specialized areas. It is designed to prepare you to conduct research and actively participate in the development of knowledge in the areas of criminological theory, crime control, legal issues, and correctional and police administration.

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE (ONLINE)

The online Master of Science program is a two-year program for those pursuing careers or seeking career advancement in the criminal justice field. The degree prepares you for success in a variety of criminal justice careers, such as law enforcement, corrections, securities, or social services. Our quality programming and strong faculty relationships with local, state, and national criminal justice agencies have helped our graduates secure careers ranging from chief probation officers, police administrators, victim advocates, federal law enforcement agents, and more throughout the country.

*"The staff in the College of Criminal Justice do a phenomenal job of allowing students in the online program to feel included in the college. It is a great program for the working individual and focuses on practical application. I highly recommend it."*  
– Emily Jaso, class of 2013

### FORENSIC SCIENCE

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### CRIMINAL JUSTICE LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

The MS in Criminal Justice Leadership & Management is designed for persons in mid-management positions in criminal justice agencies, or for those who have a reasonable expectation of being promoted to such a position. Classes meet in either a weekend-only format or online, serving practitioners whose jobs and family commitments prevent them from returning to campus as full-time students.

### VICTIM SERVICES MANAGEMENT (ONLINE)

The two-year Master of Science in Victim Services Management prepares you for work in various areas of victim services, including, direct service provision (e.g., rape crisis centers or victim service providers), organizational management, and social policy development.

*"I really enjoyed the program, especially the fact that the curriculum focused on the difference between management and leadership. The program was convenient for me to attend on weekends."*  
– Marianne Matus, Deputy U.S. Marshal

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The PhD in Criminal Justice is designed to produce professionals who possess a deep and extensive awareness of the body of knowledge in the field of criminal justice and criminology. These professionals will have the intellectual and methodological skills necessary for the continuing process of discovery and understanding of crime and justice related issues. The PhD program in Criminal Justice produces students capable of making contributions to criminal justice and criminology through the academic and applied components of the discipline. We do not simply graduate students; we launch our doctoral graduates into successful careers.



## COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH INSTITUTES

**CRIME VICTIMS' INSTITUTE (CVI):** Fosters the study of the impact of crime on victims and on society as a whole. Helps develop policies to assist the criminal justice system and the juvenile justice system in preventing the criminal victimization of society.

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**POLICE RESEARCH CENTER (PRC):** Of PRC's many research endeavors, one of the largest is the Criminal Research, Information Management, and Evaluation System (CRIMES), a state-of-the-art police information management system.

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