

M.S. in Criminal Justice

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Program Description

The Master of Science program in Criminal Justice is designed primarily for persons with or without previous employment experience in the field of criminal justice. It is designed for nontraditional students who have full-time jobs. This degree is available via distance education. Courses are sequenced so that students can complete the degree in two years. The degree prepares students to work in various areas of the criminal justice system including, but not limited to, field positions, administration, organizational management, and social policy. Students who are potentially interested in applying for the Ph.D. program should complete the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice and Criminology.

Admissions

Applications to the Master of Science in Criminal Justice Program are on a rolling basis, where the fall semester deadline is May 1, and the spring semester deadline is November 1.

Please submit all documents to the Office of Graduate Admissions. Admission considerations include:

1. [Graduate Application](#)
2. [Application Fee](#)
3. Official transcripts of all academic coursework previously undertaken, including an undergraduate degree from an accredited academic institution in an allied field
4. GPA of 3.0 or higher
5. Official GRE scores
6. Three letters of recommendation from undergraduate professors referencing the applicant's ability to perform graduate work
7. A personal essay regarding career background and goals
8. **International students ONLY:** Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)--a minimum score of 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based), or 79 (internet-based) is required

A holistic review of each student's application file will be completed with admission offered on a competitive basis.

Degree Requirements

The M.S. in Criminal Justice does not require a thesis; however, the student must complete a capstone course ([CRIJ 6388](#)) with a grade of B or better to satisfy the University's comprehensive exam requirement. Students should seek advisement from the criminal justice Graduate Admissions Coordinator in planning a course of study. The Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice is a 36-hour degree.





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Item	Requirement	Options	Hours Required
1	Required	<p><i>Choose all from:</i></p> <p>CRIJ 5330 <CJ 530> Critical Analysis of Justice Administration CRIJ 6333 <CJ 633> Seminar in Organization and Administration CRIJ 6334 <CJ 634> Research Methods and Quantitative Analysis in Criminal Justice CRIJ 6336 <CJ 636> Computer/Technology Applications for Criminal</p>	21

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	Courses	Justice CRIJ 6392 <CJ 692> Program Evaluation in Criminal Justice CRIJ 6365 <CJ 665> Community Theory and the Administration of Justice CRIJ 6388 <CJ 688> Emergent Issues in Criminal Justice Leadership¹	
2	Electives	Choose five from: 5000/6000 level graduate courses in CRIJ	15
TOTAL			36
Notes:			
1	A grade of B or better in CRIJ 6388 <CJ 688> is required for graduation.		

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