

CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE - M.A.

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Description

The Master of Arts degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice is designed to challenge experienced and aspiring professionals who want to expand their scope of knowledge and move into career and leadership positions. The program prepares graduates as a next-generation leader in this complex, global and interconnected field. The flexible online program is structured to fit the lives of full-time working professionals.

The Criminology and Criminal Justice major comprises the following concentrations:

- The **Corrections** concentration is designed for those pursuing career advancement and expanded knowledge in the areas of probation, parole and institutional corrections or treatment. The program provides a strong foundation in correctional theory and practice pertinent to both institutional and community settings, including an awareness of contemporary challenges and emerging trends in the field.
- The **Global Security** concentration focuses on issues related to global security, U.S. national security policy and strategy, as well as transnational issues and the concerns of other countries or regions. It provides students with a strong foundation to confront the ever-changing, fast-paced and challenging international security environment. With an emphasis on traditional and emerging transnational security threats, students are prepared for analytical, operational and leadership careers in global security in the public and private sectors. The goal is to produce a new generation of analysts, policymakers and scholars knowledgeable about the wide range of international and national security problems and foreign policy issues of the 21st century.
- The **Policing** concentration examines the historical ideas of police service and the lessons that can be learned from those ideas. Students learn about the research that has challenged traditional ideas and the implications of that research for revision. The program provides students the tools to analyze the implications of contemporary research to guide new innovations in policies, management, strategies and tactics of police service delivery.
- The **Victimology** concentration provides specialized knowledge about the scientific study of crime victims, their treatment within the criminal and juvenile justice systems, the legal rights of victims and victim assistance and restorative justice programs. This concentration will prepare students to develop and lead initiatives that help prevent victimization, to engage in victimological research and evaluation and to respond to victims in culturally appropriate ways.

Fully Offered At:

- Online Only

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university for unconditional admission
- Minimum 3.000 undergraduate GPA on a 4.000 point scale for unconditional admission
- Official transcript(s)
- Goal statement
- Three letters of recommendation (preferably academic)
- English language proficiency - all international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning one of the following:
 - Minimum 587 TOEFL PBT score (paper-based version)
 - Minimum 94 TOEFL IBT score (Internet-based version)
 - Minimum 82 MELAB score
 - Minimum 7.0 IELTS score
 - Minimum 65 PTE score

For more information about graduate admissions, please visit the Graduate Studies admission website. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a practical understanding of criminological theory by using it to better understand crime and criminal behavior, pose and attempt to answer research questions and see its connection to crime policy.
2. Demonstrate mastery of the significant empirical findings in the major areas of criminology and criminal justice.
3. Demonstrate an appreciation for the use of the scientific method in the study of crime, a practical understanding of research methods used in the field and a practical understanding of statistics in social science research.
4. Develop basic skills in planning and conducting research projects, including evaluation research in particular.
5. Describe the role of race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and social class as they relate to crime and victimization.
6. Effectively communicate criminological knowledge and write a clear and concise analysis of issues, policies and research in the field.

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements		
CRIM 56705 or CRIM 66766	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ¹ INSTITUTIONAL CORRECTIONS	3
CRIM 56800	INTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY	3
CRIM 66761	LAW, JUSTICE AND SOCIETY	3
CRIM 66763	THEORIES OF CRIME AND DELINQUENCY	3

CRIM 66768	RESEARCH METHODS IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
CRIM 66770	JUSTICE INSTITUTIONS	3
CRIM 66772	VICTIMOLOGY	3
CRIM 66875	PROSEMINAR CAPSTONE: ISSUES IN CONTEMPORARY JUSTICE	3

Concentrations

Choose from the following:	9
Corrections	
Global Security	
Policing	
Victimology	

Minimum Total Credit Hours:	33
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¹ Students who declare the Corrections concentration must take both CRIM 56705 and CRIM 66766.

Corrections Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
CRIM 56708	TREATMENT METHODS	3
CRIM 56709	EMERGING TRENDS AND ISSUES IN CORRECTIONS	3
CRIM 66766	INSTITUTIONAL CORRECTIONS	3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		9

Global Security Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
CRIM 56801	HOMELAND SECURITY	3
CRIM 56802	TERRORISM AND COUNTERTERRORISM	3
CRIM 56803	INFORMATION AND CYBER SECURITY	3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		9

Policing Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
CRIM 56904	ISSUES IN POLICE WORK	3
CRIM 66767	JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION	3
CRIM 66773	CONTEMPORARY POLICING	3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		9

Victimology Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements		
CRIM 57002	HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES AND THE LAW	3
CRIM 57003	RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND VICTIM ASSISTANCE	3
CRIM 57004	LEGAL PERSPECTIVES AND RIGHTS IN VICTIMIZATION	3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		9