

Criminal Justice

Department Information

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- **Application Deadline:**
April 1 for Ph.D. applicants, Master's applications accepted for fall and spring enrollments on a rolling basis.
- **Credential Offered:**
Ph.D., M.S.
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
TOEFL ibT 100, IELTS 7, Duolingo 125; to qualify for assistantship TOEFL ibT 114, IELTS 8, Duolingo 135

Program Description

The Department of Criminal Justice offers graduate study leading to both a MS and a Ph.D. degree in Criminal Justice. The MS degree has two tracks; Applied Criminal Justice and Criminology. The program in Criminal Justice is designed to enhance student's skills in understanding, gathering, processing, and analyzing research in the areas of criminology and criminal justice. The program is geared to understanding, critiquing, and analyzing the causes of crime and the criminal justice system's responses to it. The curriculum consists of foundation courses in theory, policy, and research methods, plus three substantive areas: 1) criminology, 2) policing, and 3) corrections. Students have their choice of specializing in one of the three. Students also will be afforded course work in learning how to teach a college course.

Graduates will find an expanding and terrific academic job market available as well as professional employment in the criminal justice policy and research sector. There are currently fewer than 40 Criminal Justice Ph.D. programs operating on a national level, so students graduating with a Criminal Justice Ph.D. will be competitive for the 350 positions available annually in academic units.