

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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Master of Science in Criminal Justice

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice is a comprehensive and highly interactive online degree. It is designed for criminal justice and social service professionals who wish to continue their graduate education or who need additional knowledge and skills to advance to higher-level positions in their field. The program is also designed for those seeking an advanced degree as a prerequisite for entry into more specialized criminal justice positions.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Graduates will:

1. Demonstrate advanced, in-depth knowledge of criminology and the criminal justice system;
2. Apply research and statistical methodology to policy issues in the criminal justice agency setting;
3. Exhibit effective communication skills in both formal and informal written communication;
4. Demonstrate organizational, managerial, and supervisory skills appropriate to criminal justice agencies;
5. Identify, analyze, and solve problems at the organizational, inter-organizational, or community levels;
6. Show advanced knowledge and skills in one of the four areas of emphasis.

SPECIAL STUDENTS

Students who have earned a bachelor's degree from a nationally or regionally accredited institution recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or U.S. Department of Education (USDE) may register as a Special Student. Special students receive full academic credit for credit-bearing courses taken while they are on special student status. The special student may later be considered for admission into a degree program if a 3.0 grade point average has been maintained in all graduate-level work and all other admission requirements are met. All UW-Platteville graduate-level work will be included in computing the student's academic average. Students are encouraged to talk to the appropriate program coordinator if they have questions about which courses to take as a special student. Students can earn up to 12 credits as a special student; additional credits may be allowed with special permission from the Provost Designee. A maximum of 12 credits earned as a special student may be applied to a degree-seeking program. This may limit the number of transfer credits or waivers a student may receive from other institutions.

CURRICULUM

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice is awarded upon successful completion of 30 credits: 15 credits of required courses and a 15 credit emphasis:

- **Criminal Justice Theory** - This emphasis is appropriate for those who want to continue graduate education in a Ph.D. program, teach at a two-year college, or embark on a career in governmental research.
- **Criminal Justice Management** - This emphasis is appropriate for those seeking promotion to supervisory or administrative positions.
- **Victim and Offender Services** - This emphasis is designed for those interested in working with crime victims, juveniles, probation and parole clients, or providing services in institutional or community-based settings
- **Homeland Security & Emergency Management** - This emphasis is designed for those interested in supervisory or administrative positions that require background knowledge in emergency preparedness and management.

All courses are three credits unless otherwise noted. Graduate credits in which a grade lower than a "C-" has been earned will not be counted toward a degree in Criminal Justice; however, these lower grades will be reflected in the student's grade point average.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Courses		15
CRIMLJUS 7030	Criminal Justice Systems	
CRIMLJUS 7130 or CRIMLJUS 7730	Criminal Justice Research and Statistical Methods Evaluation and Program Analysis in the Criminal Justice System	
CRIMLJUS 7230	Criminological Theory	
CRIMLJUS 7330	Law as Social Control	

CRIMLJUS 7920 or CRIMLJUS 7990	Seminar Paper Research Thesis Research	
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Emphasis **15**

Select one of the Emphasis areas below. ¹

Course	Title	Credits
Elective Courses		
CRIMLJUS 6030	Criminal Law	3
CRIMLJUS 6230	Community-Based Corrections	3
CRIMLJUS 6330	Criminal Procedure and Evidence	3
CRIMLJUS 7120	Policing in a Democratic Society	3
CRIMLJUS 7310	Perspectives on Child Maltreatment and Child Advocacy	3
CRIMLJUS 7320	Juvenile Delinquency & Justice: Race, Class, Gender and Youth	3
CRIMLJUS 7340	Cyber-Crime	3
CRIMLJUS 7430	Victimology	3
CRIMLJUS 7520	Civil Liability & Risk Management	3
CRIMLJUS 7530	Criminal Justice Administration	3
CRIMLJUS 7540	Principles of Emergency Operations Management	3
CRIMLJUS 7630	Contemporary Correctional Systems: Institutional and Community-Based Corrections	3
CRIMLJUS 7880	Criminal Justice Internship	3
POLISCI 5830	Civil Liberties	3
PSYCHLGY 7030	Psychology in the Criminal Justice System	3
PSYCHLGY 7230	Crisis Intervention Theory	3
PSYCHLGY 7330	Theories of Personality in the Criminal Justice System	3
PSYCHLGY 7430	Psychopathology for First Responders	3
PSYCHLGY 7980	Independent Study in Psychology	1-4
BUSADMIN 5030	Human Resource Management	3
BUSADMIN 5340	Management, Gender and Race	3
BUSADMIN 5530	Organizational Behavior	3

¹ With the help of an academic advisor, students develop an academic program plan consistent with specific goals from one of the four emphasis areas. Additional electives may be available through transfer and/or other arrangements. Contact the program coordinator for more information.

Courses are continuously being developed to provide knowledge and expertise in high demand.

Any new elective courses will apply for all catalog years unless otherwise stated.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE THEORY EMPHASIS

Course	Title	Credits
CRIMLJUS 7320	Juvenile Delinquency & Justice: Race, Class, Gender and Youth	3
PSYCHLGY 7430	Psychopathology for First Responders	3
Plus 9 additional elective credits		9
Total Credits		15

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT EMPHASIS

Course	Title	Credits
CRIMLJUS 7510	Public Finance & Budgeting	3
CRIMLJUS 7530	Criminal Justice Administration	3
BUSADMIN 5030	Human Resource Management	3
BUSADMIN 5530	Organizational Behavior	3
Plus 3 additional elective credits		3
Total Credits		15

VICTIM AND OFFENDER SERVICES EMPHASIS

Course	Title	Credits
CRIMLJUS 7310	Perspectives on Child Maltreatment and Child Advocacy	3
CRIMLJUS 7430	Victimology	3
PSYCHLG 7230	Crisis Intervention Theory	3
Plus 6 additional elective credits		6
Total Credits		15

HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EMPHASIS

Course	Title	Credits
CRIMLJUS 7530	Criminal Justice Administration	3
CRIMLJUS 7540	Principles of Emergency Operations Management	3
CRIMLJUS 7550	Emergency Operations Planning & Preparedness	3
CRIMLJUS 7560	Application and Techniques of Emergency Management	3
BUSADMIN 5530	Organizational Behavior	3
Total Credits		15

CERTIFICATE IN CHILD ADVOCACY STUDIES

The Child Advocacy Studies (CAST) certificate is designed to prepare students for the realities of child protection and serve the needs of learners specifically interested in professions that work directly with or among maltreated children. It's specifically tailored for students who intend to pursue careers in law enforcement and as child protection professionals, victim witness workers, lawyers, school social workers and treatment providers.

The CAST certificate meets the mission of the National Child Protection Training Center (NCPTC), funded by the U.S. Department of Justice to end child abuse in the United States. In recognition of UW-Platteville students' contribution to its mission, the NCPTC will recognize the UW-Platteville CAST certificate by including its logo on each awarded UW-Platteville CAST certificate.

UW-Platteville offers several graduate certificates. These certificates are distinct from the Master's degree, but credit earned for them might be applied toward the completion of the degree. To earn a certificate, students must complete all the required courses through the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, under the direction of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville faculty. Transferred courses or course substitutions are not allowed.

To obtain a graduate certificate, students must:

- Complete the certificate with a minimum GPA of 3.00
- Achieve a minimum grade of "C" in each course from the certificate program
- Request a certificate through their advisor within one year from completion of the final course of the certificate

To earn the certificate, students must complete the following three graduate courses:

Course	Title	Credits
CRIMLJUS 7310	Perspectives on Child Maltreatment and Child Advocacy	3
CRIMLJUS 7430	Victimology	3
Select one of the following:		3
CRIMLJUS 7880	Criminal Justice Internship (CAST Internship)	
CRIMLJUS 7980	Independent Study in Criminal Justice (CAST Project)	
Total Credits		9