

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION

ONLINE MASTER OF SCIENCE

SKILLED, ETHICAL LEADERSHIP IN JUSTICE AND SERVICE

Broaden your perspectives and build management expertise in the criminal justice and social service fields through Mercyhurst University's online Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration. For more than 35 years, this graduate program has earned a reputation for providing in-depth instruction in governmental management, organizational dynamics, professional ethics and advanced research competency.

In this 30-credit graduate program, you'll grow as an educated, ethical leader with the advanced credentials often needed for work in a supervisory capacity. In addition to learning cutting-

edge administrative skills, you'll engage with a curriculum focused on criminological theory, organizational dynamics, professional ethics and advanced research techniques.

Scheduling flexibility and full- and part-time options allow you to earn your master's without disrupting your career. Coursework is available 100 percent online, which means no matter where you are in the world, you'll have access to state-of-the-art online learning technology and direct connections with experienced faculty.

A four-course online graduate certificate is also offered.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Graduates of the Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration program will be able to:



Gain an understanding of the history and current state of affairs in criminology and criminal justice.



Be able to critically analyze research, evaluate methodologies and examine criminological theories based in their discipline.



Demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between theory, research and practice in the field and the interrelations between each of these concepts.



Demonstrate ethical leadership in the criminal justice and social services professions.



Gain proficiency in oral, written and electronic communication skills.



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BENEFITS

- Small graduate classes allow students to actively engage with faculty and peers. Courses are taught by faculty, not graduate assistants.
- Our faculty demonstrate a rich tradition of accomplishments and academic excellence. Scholarly activities—published books and journal articles, research for public and private organizations, and involvement in local and national organizations—have earned our CJA program a national reputation.
- All courses are taught entirely online.
- Faculty and students collaborate on research projects and deliver presentations at state, regional and national conferences.
- Each year, our diverse students—from those continuing their education directly after completing an undergraduate program to those currently working in the field—bring unique perspectives to class discussions.

CORE COURSES

Core Requirements (6 courses, 18 credits)

CJA 501	Research Methods in Criminal Justice
CJA 502	Organizational and Human Behavior
CJA 506	Professional Ethics
CJA 604	Criminal Justice Planning and Evaluation
CJA 605	Government Management OR
CJA 622	Advanced Research Analysis
CJA 621	Advanced Criminology OR
CJA 511	Historical and Comparative Criminal Justice

ELECTIVE COURSES

*Elective Requirements (4 courses, 12 credits)**

CJA 503	Issues in correctional Administration
CJA 511	Historical and Comparative Criminal Justice
CJA 515	Organized and White Collar Crime
CJA 519	Victimology
CJA 520	Issues in Criminal Justice
CJA 550	Politics of Crime
CJA 595	Women and Crime
CJA 610	Law and Society
CJA 616	Issues in Juvenile Justice
CJA 620	Forensic Science
CJA 621	Advanced Criminology
CJA 628	Seminar: Crime Analysis
CJA 630	Policy, Politics, Community Coalitions in Administration of Justice
CJA 631	Political Crime and Terrorism
CJA 634	Seminar: Criminology and Crime Policy
CJA 637	Seminar: Special Topics in Juvenile and Criminal Justice
CJA 650	Supervised Justice Administration Readings
CJA 675	Justice Administration Thesis

** Students who elect a six-credit thesis take only two criminal justice electives. The thesis substitutes for the third and fourth elective courses.*

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- An application form (available at apply.mercyhurst.edu).
- A personal statement of 500-750 words outlining the student's personal, professional and educational goals.
- All official transcripts from accredited higher education institutions. (All documents and credentials submitted must be translated into English; Mercyhurst recommends that international students contact World Education Services at wes.org, the foremost organization specializing in transcript and credential evaluation, to provide such translations.)
- One recommendation from a supervisor or faculty member.
- A resume or curriculum vitae.
- International students from countries where English is not a native language must submit an official score report from the TOEFL or IELTS examination.

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

Information about fees, financial facts, graduate assistantships and employment, veteran's benefits, as well as scholarships, and students loans may be obtained through the Office of Graduate Admissions.