



## UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST LOUIS

### Graduate Program Profile Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Criminology and Criminal Justice

# The Graduate School

Doctoral  
Degrees

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Degrees

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Degrees

Graduate  
Certificates



#### DEGREE PROGRAM

**Coursework:** A minimum of 60 credit hours is required, including 12 hours of dissertation research.

**Qualifying Examination:** The qualifying examination consists of two parts, the first focusing on crime and criminality, and the second on criminal justice. Each will integrate theory and methods into the substantive literature.

**Dissertation:** All students must defend orally a written dissertation proposal to their dissertation committee. A dissertation embodying the results of original research must be accepted by the faculty and the Graduate School.

#### PROGRAM WEBSITE

[http://www.umsl.edu/%7Eeccj/html\\_files/phd.html](http://www.umsl.edu/%7Eeccj/html_files/phd.html)

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Application  
<http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/prospective/applying.html>
2. Three letters of recommendation
3. Official transcripts from all universities attended  
Applicants must have at least a baccalaureate degree at the time they begin the program.
4. Entrance examinations
  - a) Acceptable scores on Graduate Record Examination (<http://www.gre.org/ttindex.html>).
  - b) International students are required to document English proficiency (<http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/prospective/international.html>).
5. Writing sample  
Please submit a sample that shows your ability to write a research paper. If you've written a master's thesis, please submit a chapter.
6. Grade Point Average  
Minimum of 3.0 on 4.0 scale.

**Please note: Admission to the Ph.D. program is highly competitive.**

#### APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline for receipt of all admission materials is February 15 of each year. New students start only in the Fall Semester.

#### APPLICATION FEE

\$35 (\$40 for international students)

#### ASSISTANTSHIPS

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice offers teaching and research assistantships that include educational fee scholarships from the Graduate School. Please apply directly to the Graduate Program Director. Financial award decisions are made at the time of application review.

#### Graduate Program Director

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