Master of Arts
Criminology and Criminal Justice

Degree Program
A minimum of 33 credit hours is required, at least 21 of which are in Criminology and Criminal Justice. 12 of these hours represent the core of the curriculum.

- **Non-thesis option**: requires a minimum of 33 credit hours, which includes the 12-hour core course requirement, and at least 9 hours of option courses.
- **Thesis option**: preferred option for students planning to continue graduate studies. Students must complete the core, option course requirements, AND 6 thesis research hours (taken in 3 hour increments over two semesters).

Program Website
- [http://umsl.edu/go/CCJ-MA](http://umsl.edu/go/CCJ-MA)

Application Requirements
1. Application
   a. [http://umsl.edu/go/Apply-Now](http://umsl.edu/go/Apply-Now)
2. Essay
   a. Briefly explain why an advanced degree in criminology and criminal justice is of interest and why the applicant merits serious consideration.
3. Official transcripts from all universities attended
   a. Successful applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree before beginning the master’s program.
4. Entrance examinations
   a. The Graduate Record Examination General Test is not required but may add value to the application ([http://www.gre.org/ttindex.html](http://www.gre.org/ttindex.html)).
   b. International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.
5. Grade Point Average
   a. Minimum of 3.0 on 4.0 scale.
6. Two Letters of recommendation
   a. Letters of recommendation from persons qualified to evaluate the applicant's recent academic performance are required.

Application Deadlines
Deadline for receipt of all admission materials
- Fall semester: April 1

Application Fee
$50 for domestic applicants; $40 for international applicants

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