

Doctor of Philosophy Criminology and Criminal Justice

Degree Program

- Coursework: A minimum of 60 credit hours is required, including at least 6 hours of dissertation research.
- Qualifying Examination: The qualifying examination consists of two sole-authored papers. One of the papers must represent the application of an appropriate methodological technique to an innovative research question, and the other must demonstrate a proficient knowledge of and a new perspective on a fundamental theoretical issue.
- Dissertation: All students must defend orally a written dissertation proposal to their dissertation committee. A dissertation embodying the results of original research must be orally defended and accepted by the faculty and the Graduate School.

Program Website

<https://www.umsl.edu/ccj/programs/graduate/phd.html>

Application Requirements

1. Application - <http://umsl.edu/go/Apply-Now>
2. Statement of Purpose: a 1-2 page essay explaining your interest in the program and why you are a strong candidate.
3. Letters of recommendation: 3 letters of recommendation are required from individuals who can evaluate your recent academic performance.
4. Transcripts from all universities attended
 - a. Applicants must have at least a Bachelor's degree at the time they begin the program.
 - b. Unofficial transcripts are accepted at time of application. If accepted, official transcripts are required.
5. Entrance examinations
 - a. Acceptable scores on Graduate Record Examination (<http://www.gre.org/ttindex.html>).
 - b. International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination. See International Admissions for more information.
6. 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.
7. Minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 on 4.0 scale
8. Current Resume/CV

Application Deadline

The deadline for receipt of all admission materials is January 10th of each year. New students start only in the Fall Semester. Admission to the Ph.D. program is highly competitive.

Application Fee

\$50 for domestic applicants

Assistantships and Fellowships

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice offers teaching and research assistantships that include educational fee scholarships from the Graduate School. Applicants do not need to apply separately for assistantships. Financial award decisions are made at the time of application review.

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