

Criminology and Criminal Justice, PhD

Eligibility

Undergraduate applicants must have a baccalaureate degree or expect one by the end of the academic year in which they apply. Applicants must have a grade point average of 3.0 or greater (on a scale of A = 4.0) for the last 60 hours of undergraduate work. Admission is competitive.

Graduate applicants who have or will have a master's degree must have a grade point average of 3.0 or greater (on a scale of A = 4.0) for their graduate course work.

Application

To consider an applicant for admission, the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice must have transcripts, three letters of recommendation, GRE scores, statement of purpose, and a writing sample. Applicants with master's degrees should include a chapter of their thesis. International students whose native language is not English are required to submit scores from the TOEFL examination.

Amount of Course Work

Sixty post-baccalaureate hours of graduate work are required for the Ph.D. More than half of these hours must be completed in residence. A minimum of six credit hours of dissertation research (CRIMIN 7499) are required. Students may enroll for dissertation credits (CRIMIN 7499) only when all other degree requirements have been completed.

Required Courses

CRIMIN 5415	Foundations of Criminological Theory	3
CRIMIN 6400	Proseminar	3
CRIMIN 6405	Methods	3
CRIMIN 6410	Statistical Applications in Criminology and Criminal Justice	3
CRIMIN 6420	Contemporary Criminological Theories	3
CRIMIN 6450	Criminal Justice Theory and Policy	3
CRIMIN 6465	Qualitative Research Design	3
CRIMIN 6470	Quantitative Research Design	3
CRIMIN 6480	Multivariate Statistics in Criminology	3

Area Courses	12
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At least twelve hours beyond those required must be taken at the 5000-level or higher within the CCJ Department.

Electives	12
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Four additional courses beyond the above requirements are taken as elective courses.

Qualifying ~~Examination~~ Papers

Graduate students in the ~~Ph.D. program do not become recognized as Ph.D. candidates until they have passed the qualifying examination~~ doctoral program are not officially classified as PhD candidates until they have passed the Qualifying Papers prerequisite defined below. The goals of ~~the qualifying examination are to asses the~~ this requirement is to establish a student's familiarity with the substantive literature, theory, and methods of criminology and criminal justice, and to ~~evaluate the student's intellectual imagination and ability to apply knowledge to broad~~ demonstrate an ability to imaginatively and creatively use this knowledge to address criminological questions. Passing the Qualifying Papers prerequisite fulfills the comprehensive exam requirement of the Graduate School. Further information about ~~the~~ qualifying ~~exam~~ papers is available from the department.

The Dissertation

The dissertation is required of all Ph.D. candidates and demonstrates the student's scholarly expertise. The dissertation process formally begins when all other requirements of the Ph.D. program have been met. The dissertation committee assists in selecting and developing the research problem and evaluates the student's work on that problem.

Justification for request:

We are removing Proseminar from our required courses. The Proseminar course no longer fits our curricular needs. The course originally intended to serve as a way to introduce graduate-level coursework to students, but this is achieved through other courses, such as Foundations of Criminological Theory, Methods, and Statistical Applications in Criminology and Criminal Justice. This will also allow students to take an additional elective instead.