

PhD in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Ph.D. Program in Criminology and Criminal Justice

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 recommendations, 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. ~~Twelve credit hours of 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 for the Ph.D. are:		33
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 Criminal Theories	3
CRIMIN 6440	Nature of Crime	
CRIMIN 6450	Criminal Justice Process and Policy	3
CRIMIN 6465	Qualitative Research Design	3
CRIMIN 6470	Quantitative Research Design	3
CRIMIN 6471	Evaluating Criminal Justice Interventions	3
CRIMIN 6480	Multivariate Statistics in Criminology	3
Students are also required to select three of the following:		9
CRIMIN 5533	Philosophy of Law	
CRIMIN 6441	Juvenile Delinquency	
CRIMIN 6442	Communities and Crime	
CRIMIN 6443	Violent Crime	
CRIMIN 6445	Property Crime	
CRIMIN 6446	Sex Crime	
CRIMIN 6448	Victimization	
CRIMIN 6452	The Police	
CRIMIN 6454	Corrections	
Area Courses		9
At least nine hours beyond those required must be taken at the 5000-level or higher within the CCJ Department.		
Electives		9
Three additional courses beyond the above requirements are taken as elective courses.		

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Qualifying Examination

Graduate students in the Ph.D. program do not become recognized as Ph.D. candidates until they have passed the qualifying examination. The goals of the **comprehensive qualifying** examination are to assess the student's familiarity with 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 criminological questions.

Further information about the qualifying exam 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.

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

None

Rationale

We are requesting to change the required dissertation hours from 12 hours to a minimum of 6 hours to accommodate our qualifying papers process. All other changes are to accommodate graduate school guidelines for doctoral programs.