



The **Master of Arts** in

Criminology and Criminal Justice

Join the experts who make our communities safer and more just.

Throughout the United States, efforts are underway to reduce crime while transforming the criminal justice system to make it fairer and more effective. That's why government agencies, nonprofit organizations and the private sector urgently need qualified, highly-educated professionals to help make our communities safer and our systems of government more just. UMSL's Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice helps candidates prepare for and rise to that challenge.

Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice

UMSL's Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice provides students with advanced theoretical and methodological training for research and management careers in criminal justice and related areas, such as victim advocacy, public policy and justice reform. The program has been consistently rated among the top graduate programs in criminology and criminal justice in the nation, and was most recently honored by Intelligent.com with a No. 1 overall ranking on its Best Colleges of 2022 list.

Upon completion of the program, students will have developed a comprehensive understanding of:

- The theories, methods and substantive issues in criminology and criminal justice, enabling graduates to demonstrate an ability to synthesize knowledge in these areas.
- The interdisciplinary underpinnings (e.g. sociology, psychology, law, political science, economics) of criminology and criminal justice issues and policies.
- The structure and functions of the institutions (e.g. legislatures, police, punishment, supervisory) that are part of criminal justice systems.
- The role of research and its application for understanding social problems and informing policies about criminal justice issues.
- The application of criminological theory and social science research methods, as well as critical thinking and communication skills.

2+3 BS/MA Dual Degree Program

The Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice is also offered in the 2+3 degree program format, which provides an accelerated pathway for students to earn both a bachelor's and a master's degree in criminology and criminal justice with fewer total credit hours than would be required to complete each degree independently. Once all requirements have been met, students will be awarded both a BS and an MA, enabling them to enter the job market with a competitive edge.

Transforming Lives

The Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice at UMSL is earned through our College of Arts and Sciences, the academic core of the University of Missouri–St. Louis. Through academic programs offered on- and off-campus, traditional and nontraditional students gain knowledge, skills and intellectual leadership for a variety of career paths, advanced study and research in many academic disciplines.

The program offers students the opportunity to work with top scholars in the field, participate in the graduate student association's many professional development activities, pursue internship opportunities to gain real-world experience, and engage with local criminal justice-related agencies and organizations.

Top Ranked

UMSL's Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice is consistently ranked among the top five programs in the country, according to U.S. News and World Report, and is proud to have an award-winning faculty recognized with numerous local, regional, national and international awards.

Best for Military Veterans

UMSL has been consistently recognized as a "Best for Vets" and "Military Friendly" university over the last six years. Our Veterans Center is a one-stop shop for all of our veteran students' needs including benefit processing, academic advising, tutoring services, and sponsorship of and connections to mentorship opportunities. For more information, email us at veteransoffice@umsl.edu.

Serious education. Serious value.

The Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice is designed to provide specialized knowledge and skills. You'll learn from highly qualified educators, practitioners and researchers who hold terminal degrees from some of the world's most prestigious academic institutions in their area of study, and who have practical experience working with community partners and local practitioners.

The University of Missouri–St. Louis provides the knowledge, resources, tools, skills and support students need to be successful in our programs. Our comprehensive student support services include workshops, tutoring and career services to help you develop skills and strategies to be successful in the classroom and beyond. We're also committed to increasing access to higher education, which is why UMSL is consistently ranked number one in affordability in the St. Louis region.

Learn more at ccj.umsl.edu

The University of Missouri–St. Louis is the largest public research university located in Missouri's most populous and economically important region. UMSL provides high-quality, affordable education to one of the most diverse student bodies in the state. No university is better connected to the surrounding region than UMSL. More than 75% of our graduates stay in St. Louis. The region needs a well-equipped workforce with strong communication skills, and UMSL is prepared to help you meet those needs. Choose the University of Missouri–St. Louis for criminology and criminal justice.

Career Opportunities

Crime Data Analyst
Federal Agent (FBI, DEA, Etc.)
Intelligence Analyst
Juvenile or Adult Care Services Manager
Law Enforcement Planner
Loss & Prevention Specialist
National Security Leader
Non-Profit Organization Manager and Leader
Policy Analyst
Private Investigator
Probation, Parole Officer or Supervisor
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