



The **Bachelor of Science** in

Criminology and Criminal Justice

Be part of the solution.

Criminology and criminal justice studies the reasons people engage in crime, as well as the systems built to deal with criminal offending. Studying both criminal offending and responses to it will prepare you for work in various jobs in the realm of crime and justice. Recent events have brought calls for improvements in how our nation deals with crime and justice issues. Now is a great time to be part of the response to these calls.

The Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice

The BS in Criminology and Criminal Justice is an interdisciplinary program incorporating knowledge from criminology, social science, law, public administration and corrections, and provides an understanding of the assumptions, values and processes of the justice system. Core coursework includes theories of crime, criminal law, criminal justice policy and research/statistical methods in criminology and criminal justice. Students also select courses in policing, courts or corrections and more.

Credit may be allowed for individuals certified as law enforcement officers in Missouri and Illinois, as well as certified Federal law enforcement officers/agents who successfully completed police academy training. Consideration may be given to individuals certified as law enforcement officers/agents from other states.

Upon completion of the program, graduates will demonstrate critical thinking in criminology and criminal justice, law, theory, research methods, statistics and criminal justice policy; demonstrate an understanding of policing, courts and corrections; analyze the role that class, race, gender and culture play in crime and criminal justice; evaluate and report research findings and data; formulate, design, assess and evaluate research questions; and apply theory into practice in the public and private sectors.

2+3 BS/MA Dual Degree Program

The Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice is also offered in the 2+3 program format. This unique 2+3 dual degree program provides a 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 and are able to enter the job market with a competitive edge.

Transforming Lives

The Bachelor of Science 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.

Graduates are known for their professionalism on the job and their strong sense of civic responsibility. Students in our programs engage in creative and critical thinking, learn to analyze evidence, to appreciate patterns of complexity and to reflect on important issues that impact our daily lives. Students gain skill sets to prepare for a changing workplace that requires flexible, dynamic, and well-educated employees.

Top Ranked

UMSL's Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice is consistently ranked among the top 5 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 recognized as “Best for Vets” and “Military Friendly” repeatedly over the last 6 years. Our Veterans Center is a one-stop shop for all of our veteran students needs including benefit processing, academic advising, tutoring services, sponsorship and connections to mentorship opportunities. For more information, email us at veteransoffice@umsl.edu.

Serious education. Serious value.

The Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice is designed to provide specialized knowledge, skills and training in a flexible format, with classes available in-person, online and in a hybrid format. You'll learn from highly qualified educators and researchers who hold terminal degrees from some of the world's most prestigious academic institutions.

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. UMSL welcomes transfer students and our transfer specialists will assist you with getting the most transfer credits possible. We're also committed to increasing access to higher education, and as such, 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. Seventy-three percent of our graduates stay in St. Louis. The region needs a well-equipped workforce and UMSL is prepared to help you meet those needs. Choose the University of Missouri–St. Louis for criminology and criminal justice.

Career Opportunities

Career Counselor
Corrections Officer
Court Reporter
Criminal Profiler
Criminologist
Forensic Science Technician
Loss & Prevention Specialist
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