

# UMSL | Graduate School

## Master of Arts Criminology and Criminal Justice

### Degree Program

A minimum of 30 credit hours is required, at least 21 of which are in Criminology and Criminal Justice. 12 of these hours represent the core of the curriculum.

- **Non-thesis option:** requires a minimum of 30 credit hours, which includes the 12-hour core course requirement, at least 9 hours of seminar courses within the Department, and 9 hours of electives.
- **Thesis option:** Students must complete the 12 hours of core courses, at least 9 hours of seminar courses, and a combination of electives AND thesis research hours (typically taken in 3 hour increments over two semesters).

### Program Website

- <https://www.umsil.edu/degrees/masters/ma-criminology-and-criminal-justice.html>

### Application Requirements

1. Application
  - a. <http://umsil.edu/go/Apply-Now>
2. Statement of Purpose
  - a. In 1-2 pages, briefly explain why an advanced degree in criminology and criminal justice is of interest and why the applicant merits serious consideration.
3. Official transcripts from all universities attended
  - a. Successful applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree before beginning the master's program.
4. Entrance examinations
  - a. The Graduate Record Examination General Test is not required but may add value to the application.
  - b. International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission. See International Admissions for more information: <https://www.umsil.edu/global/admissions/grad.html>
5. Grade Point Average
  - a. Minimum of 3.0 on 4.0 scale in the last 60 hours of the undergraduate degree.
6. Two Letters of recommendation
  - a. Letters of recommendation from persons qualified to evaluate the applicant's recent academic performance are required.

### Application Deadlines

#### **Priority deadline April 1st.**

Applications submitted after April 1st will be considered for admission on a rolling basis for either fall or spring admission.

### Application Fee

\$50 for domestic applicants; \$40 for international applicants

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