Hello prospective PhD student!

This manual is designed to give you basic information about the Ph.D. programs in our field to help you assess which ones would be best fit you and your needs. Good luck with your future endeavors!
Deadline: January 1

Applicants are considered and admitted for the fall semester only. January 1 is the deadline for application for admission. All applicants must submit scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The normal minimum for consideration is a grade point average of 3.20 (on a 4.00 scale) in all previous academic work. Preference will be given to applicants for full-time study, although highly qualified students may be admitted for part-time study.

American University
The School of Public Affairs
PhD in Justice, Law and Society
Website: [http://www.american.edu/spa/djls/degrees/PHD-JLSO.cfm](http://www.american.edu/spa/djls/degrees/PHD-JLSO.cfm)

Located in Washington, DC, the School of Public Affair's Department of Justice, Law & Society offers courses of study at the doctoral, graduate, and undergraduate levels, including master's and Ph.D. programs in Justice, Law and Society. Through SPA’s Justice Programs Office, JLS faculty scholarship is shared with the AU and Washington communities, and across the nation.

Admissions Requirements:
- Application
- $55.00 application fee (fee waived for AU alumni; former PPIA/IIPP participants; FAMU Scholars; and McNair scholars only)
- Official transcripts from every college attended
- Official GRE scores
- Official TOEFL scores (required for all international students who have NOT earned a degree from an accredited institution in the United States).
- Personal and Immigration Information Request Form (international students only)
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Resume
- Personal statement (also known as a statement of purpose or interest). Typically 1-4 double spaced pages (no stated minimum or maximum for length).
- Writing sample (requested)
- Note: The normal minimum for consideration is a grade point average of 3.2 (on a 4.0 scale) in all previous academic work.

Program Requirements (PhD):
- 48 hours approved graduate work is required for students who have completed a master’s degree.
- Minimum GPA of 3.2 in all coursework
- Advancement to candidacy is accomplished by successfully completing a written qualifying examination at the end of the second semester of study.
- Students take two written comprehensive examinations, the first in either justice or law and society. The second may be in the other field, or a second field elsewhere in the School of Public Affairs, School of International Service, or another doctoral degree granting teaching unit. All students take an oral examination afterwards of their entire program of study before a committee of faculty members, and defend their dissertation proposal.

- The PhD is a research degree. All students take three courses designed to help doctoral students comprehend the nature of science and master tools of research

- Dissertation

**Funding/Financial Aid:**
The university has established the following merit-based awards to assist full-time doctoral degree students. Merit-based graduate awards are American University resources that are awarded to students by their respective departments using traditional merit indicators such as GPA, test scores, strength of recommendation letters, and experience. Awards can be renewed based on satisfactory progress in your degree program and availability of funds. These awards include:

* Assistantships
* Graduate Study Grants
* Special Opportunity Awards for American born Minority students---assistantships and graduate study grants for minority students
* Hall of Nations Awards for International Students
* Students receiving any of the above awards are also offered the option to work part-time in the unit to perform as Graduate Assistants for faculty. Students will work from 10 – 20 hours per week and are paid from $11 - $13 per hour.
* Dissertation Fellowships---For doctoral students who have completed all doctoral course work and comprehensive examinations and who have an approved dissertation proposal.
**Deadline: February 1**

PhD in Criminology and Criminal Justice  
**Website:** [http://ccj.asu.edu/degree-programs/Graduate-1/phd/ph.d.-handbook](http://ccj.asu.edu/degree-programs/Graduate-1/phd/ph.d.-handbook)

The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Arizona State University offers a program of coursework and research leading to the Ph.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice. This program emphasizes criminal justice theory, research, and policy. The program is designed to produce highly skilled criminology and criminal justice faculty and agency researchers and administrators.

**Admissions Requirements:**
- An earned Master’s or Juris Doctorate degree from an accredited institution
- GRE scores
- Two letter of recommendation from faculty members or others qualified to evaluate the applicant’s academic potential for doctoral study.
- Resume
- Personal statement, not exceeding five pages, that describes the applicant’s prior education, relevant professional experience, and career goals, that explains how the PhD in Criminology and Criminal Justice will help the applicant to attain his/her career goals. It should explicitly explain how the student’s plans are consistent with the role and mission of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at ASU.
- For those interested in an assistantship- also submit School’s application for a graduate assistantship.

**Program Requirements:**
The Ph.D. program in criminology and criminal justice is organized around five components:

1. A core of required courses in theory and research on crime and the criminal justice system;
2. A core of required courses on research methods and analytical techniques;
3. Elective courses in criminology, criminal justice and related fields;
4. A comprehensive examination; and

The theory and research on crime and criminal justice core includes two required courses: Seminar on Criminological Theory and Seminar on Criminal Justice Policies and Practices.

The research methods and analytical techniques core includes three required courses:
• Advanced Research Design;
• Advanced Statistical Analysis; and
• Special Problems in Quantitative Methods.

Elective courses may include graduate courses in criminology and criminal justice and related disciplines (e.g., sociology, political science, public administration, psychology).

Students will take a comprehensive examination and will write a dissertation that reflects original scholarship and contributes to the body of knowledge on in criminology and criminal justice.

**Funding/Financial Aid:**
Graduate Teaching and Research Assistants/Associates (TAs and RAs, respectively) are full-time graduate students, admitted to a degree program, appointed on a part-time basis by Arizona State University (ASU) who must be enrolled for at least 6 hours of appropriate credit during each Fall and Spring semester during the appointment. Federal tax law considers TAs/RAs to be full-time students carrying out duties that enhance their professional development, under the guidance of a faculty mentor, for which they are paid a compensatory stipend. Following Arizona Board of Regents' policy, work that is primarily clerical or other work not associated with teaching or research is not appropriate for TAs and RAs. There are two assistantship categories: Teaching Assistants (TAs) have a primary responsibility in an instructional capacity. Services provided by a Graduate Teaching Assistant may include lecturing, leading discussion groups, serving as assistants to laboratory classes, grading tests and papers, and assisting with the management of internet courses. Research Assistants (RAs) are selected for excellence in scholarship and promise as researchers. They do part-time research as a portion of their training under the direct supervision of regular faculty members.
Deadline: January 30
Website: http://www.bgsu.edu/

Ph.D. Requirements

Director of Graduate Studies: Dr. Stephen Demuth
Admission to the Ph.D. program is contingent on the completion of a master’s degree in sociology, or an equivalent graduate degree, and a cumulative graduate GPA of at least 3.2 on a 4 point scale. Applicants must provide (1) an application; (2) a resume; (3) three letters of recommendation from professors at the graduate level, at least one of which is from a member of the student’s master’s thesis committee, preferably the chair; (4) a copy of their master’s thesis, their thesis proposal if the thesis is not yet completed, or a sample of other academic writing, such as a class paper, if the thesis proposal is not yet completed; (5) a 500 word personal statement describing the research interests they hope to pursue in graduate school, their professional goals and aspirations, and why they believe that Bowling Green’s graduate program will help them pursue these interests and achieve these goals. Finally, applicants should provide, if possible, (6) an unofficial copy of their transcripts, GRE scores, and TOEFL scores.

Applications for admission will be accepted throughout the year, but we typically require that students begin the program in the fall semester. Importantly, students seeking financial assistance should submit all application materials by January 30.

Curriculum and Requirements
Doctoral students are required to complete 60 semester hours of graduate course credit beyond the Master’s degree. Of these, a minimum of 16 credits must be Dissertation Research (SOC 7990); however, no more than 30 credits of SOC 7990 may be applied to the 60-hour requirement. Hour requirements, however, are secondary in importance to breadth and depth of knowledge as evidenced by performance on the major area preliminary examination and demonstrated research competence. The dissertation, a mature piece of scholarship embodying the results of original research, is central to the student’s plan of study. Students are expected to develop a dissertation proposal early in their program.

Ph.D. students are given considerable flexibility in developing their programs of study, although all students are expected to achieve a level of basic competence in theory, research methods and statistics. Most Ph.D. students will choose a major and a minor area of concentration from among the following five areas: Criminology and Deviance, Demography, Family Studies, Quantitative Methods (minor concentration only), or Social Psychology.

All doctoral students are required to take seven core courses in theory and quantitative methods: Classical Sociological Theory (SOC 6010), Contemporary Sociological Theory (SOC 6020), Statistical Techniques and Applications in Sociology (SOC 6100),
Intermediate Methodology (SOC 6110), Intermediate Statistics (SOC 6120), Statistical Packages (SOC 6800), and Research Design (SOC 7130). Doctoral students also must take Teaching Introductory Sociology (SOC 6600) and a minimum of 16 semester hours of Dissertation Research (SOC 7990). Credits earned through internships or cooperative education assignments may count for no more than 3 semester hours within the minimum degree requirements; however, such apprenticeship experiences are encouraged by the Department. A minimum of 37.5 clock hours of internship experience are required for every one hour of academic credit.

Ph.D. candidates also sometimes take Readings for Preliminary Examinations (SOC 798) to help them prepare for the exams (see below). Students may take a maximum of 12 semester hours of SOC 7980. In addition, there are occasions when a student will want to work individually with a professor possessing expertise in an area where courses are not regularly offered. Such students have the option of developing independent readings courses (SOC 7850) with interested professors. A maximum of 9 hours of Readings in Sociology, also referred to as Independent Study, may be used by a student to satisfy the Ph.D. degree requirements. Additional credit hours may be taken, but these will not count toward the degree requirements.

Only grades of A or B are acceptable in required courses. Students who do not achieve a grade of A or B in these courses may be permitted to (a) repeat the course or (b) take a comparable course in another department. Option (b) is available only if the student has first taken the departmental course and achieved a grade lower than B. Any course taken under Option (b) must first be approved by the Graduate Committee and the area faculty. Under no circumstances will an independent studies course be permitted as a substitute for a required course in which the student has earned a grade of C or lower.

A minimum grade point average of 3.2 in graduate work is required to maintain academic good standing at the doctoral level. A student whose grade point average falls below this level will be placed on academic probation. Two consecutive semesters of academic probation status will result in dismissal from the program.

Residency
A student is considered to be in residence whenever he or she is registered on campus as a doctoral student. The minimum residency requirement for the Ph.D. degree is met by completing 15 hours of course work (not including SOC 7990) on the main campus in two consecutive semesters, with no fewer than three hours of registration in either of the two semesters. It is strongly recommended that the student’s first year of doctoral study be spent in residence.

Advisor and Committees
During their tenure in the program, students select courses, prepare for their preliminary examination, and attend to other departmental and Graduate College requirements in consultation with the Director of Graduate Studies. In addition, doctoral students select a major advisor prior to the beginning of their third semester of course work. The major advisor is the faculty member with whom the student will work most closely during his/her
time in the program and serves as chair of the dissertation committee. Major advisors are selected from department faculty who are members of the graduate faculty. In consultation with his/her major advisor, the student selects a minimum of three additional dissertation committee members. At least two of these committee members must come from within the department. Finally, the Dean of the Graduate College appoints a Graduate Faculty Representative to the student’s dissertation committee.

In addition to the dissertation committee, Ph.D. students also work with their preliminary examination committee. Students are not permitted to choose the faculty constituting their exam committee. Such a practice would undermine the standardization of these examinations that the department seeks to maintain. Although students and their major advisor do choose dissertation committee members (with the exception of the Graduate Faculty Representative assigned by the Graduate College), the composition of examination committees is determined by the department faculty in the respective examination areas. Examination and dissertation committees are separate entities having different functions, although membership may overlap in some instances. The Graduate Faculty Representative is the only member who must be on both the dissertation committee and the major area preliminary examination committee.

Major Area Concentration
All Ph.D. students are required to choose a major area of concentration within the sociology department and take a minimum of 5 courses in that area. Most students will major in Criminology and Deviance, Demography, Family Studies or Social Psychology, but it is possible to major in a departmental area other than one of these four. However, it is the student’s responsibility to discuss such an intent with the Director of Graduate Studies to make certain that there is sufficient faculty expertise in the area to permit specialized advanced study, and that the general course and preliminary examination requirements for the major area of concentration can be satisfied. The student must then submit a formal request along with the appropriate documentation for the new departmental major (i.e., specific courses constituting the major and the faculty willing to offer them and to constitute the major area exam committee) to the Graduate Committee for approval.

Major Area Preliminary Examination Procedures
All Ph.D. students are required to take an eight-hour written examination in their major area of concentration. Because the major area concentration serves to integrate students into a specialized area of the discipline so that they actually become criminologists, demographers, family sociologists, or social psychologists, performance on the preliminary exam should indicate mastery of the subject matter of the area, not only of that material covered in seminars the student has taken. The preliminary examination encourages students to review, internalize, and integrate the wide breadth of ideas, techniques, and issues within their major area of concentration. Exams also serve as gatekeepers in that they help detect, and justify the termination of, students who fail to master the subject matter of their area of concentration.

Examination Periods
Preliminary examinations are administered at three times during the academic year: the week prior to the beginning of fall semester (mid-August), the week prior to the beginning of spring semester (early January), and the week following the end of spring semester (early May).

Doctoral students are expected to take their major area preliminary examination prior to or during their fifth semester of full-time study beyond the M.A. degree. To remain in good academic standing, Ph.D. students must complete the major area preliminary examinations no later than the beginning of their sixth semester in the program.

Doctoral students should recognize that it is to their advantage to complete their preliminary examination as soon as possible; in this way, more time can be devoted to dissertation work. It is expected that that once the required courses for the major area have been completed, the student is ready to take the preliminary examination in that area.

Completion of the preliminary examinations by the time periods specified above will be taken as an indication of satisfactory progression through the program. Students who do not complete their exams in a timely fashion, as outlined above, will be considered not to be making satisfactory progress through the program, and their assistantship and status in the program will be in jeopardy. These requirements will be waived only in very extenuating circumstances, after careful consideration by the Graduate Committee.

Examination Eligibility
Students must be in good academic standing in order to take the preliminary examination. This consists of a minimum 3.2 GPA in post-master’s work, no grade lower than B in any major area course, and successful completion of the language requirement. All required area courses also must be completed prior to the examination date.

Examination Committee
The area program statement identifies the area director and all area faculty who may participate in the examination process. In some areas with many faculty, a rotating subgroup of area faculty participate in the examination process. The area director acts as chair of the examination committee and solicits questions from the other area faculty. Area faculty submit exam questions to the area chair/exam chair, who then constructs a draft of the examination. Area faculty review the draft and approve the final version of the examination. Area faculty serve as graders of the examination.

Question Pool
Questions can be submitted each exam period by area faculty in good standing with the Graduate College (i.e., graduate faculty status) and these become part of the preliminary examination question pool. In this fashion, each area accumulates a number of questions that may reappear on subsequent examinations. In order to accommodate new faculty and new developments in the area, new or modified questions are likely to appear each time the area exam is offered. Copies of all old preliminary exams are available from the area chair or departmental secretary for students to review in preparation for their examination.
Examination Preparation
Students are encouraged to meet with area faculty before taking their examination. To assist in exam preparation, area faculty will advise students on reading materials, discuss approaches to answering questions, and will, at the student’s request, evaluate sample answers given to questions from old examinations on file.

Examination Format and Content
The preliminary examination is an eight-hour written exam administered in two parts on separate consecutive days or during the morning and afternoon of a single day. Part I will be administered in the morning of the exam day. Students have the option of taking Part II during the afternoon of the same day Part I is taken, or during the morning of the next day. The content of the examination is not limited to material covered in required and elective seminars, but reflects the breadth and depth of the area’s subject matter. The examination is given in two parts:

Part I is a general examination covering theories and methods common to all students majoring in the area, regardless of specialization within that area.

Part II is a specialized examination. Students declare their specialization in one of several pre-approved areas of concentration. Each area explicitly designates the sub-areas available for specialized study/examination in the area program statement.

Grading Procedures
The chair of the exam committee makes copies of the examination and distributes these to the graders, including the Graduate Faculty Representative assigned by the Graduate College. The Graduate Faculty Representative must be a reader of the examination and must sign the appropriate form notifying the Graduate College that the exam has been completed.

Each committee member independently grades the exam within two weeks of the exam date.

Committee members may award grades of High Pass, Pass, Low Pass, or Fail when evaluating individual questions, but only grades of High Pass, Pass, or Fail are reported as final exam grades. The evaluation agreed upon by the majority of committee members determines the final grades reported to the student and to the Director of Graduate Studies. Three grades are reported: one each for Part I, Part II, and Overall.

A student may fail either Part I or Part II of the exam and still pass the other part. In this circumstance the student must retake only the part that was failed. The exam on the failed portion must be completed within one calendar year of the date the exam was first taken. If the failed portion of the exam is not taken within one calendar year of the first attempt, the entire major area examination must be retaken.
Approximately two weeks after the written examination, students will be formally notified of their exam results. For students who have failed any part of the exam, an informal meeting of approximately one hour in length will be scheduled between the student and the examination committee. Students will be given a copy of their answers prior to the meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the reasons for the failure and to formulate a plan of study for re-taking the examination. The grades assigned to the written examination are the final preliminary exam grades, and will not be affected by the informal meeting.

If a student fails the major area written exam twice (either the entire exam or any one part), s/he will be dismissed from the program.

Notification of Results
Once the area committee agrees on the student’s final grades for the written examination, the exam chair will report these grades (High Pass, Pass or Fail for Part I, Part II and Overall) to the student and Director of Graduate Studies via a written memorandum.

Minor Area Concentration
All Ph.D. students are required to choose a minor area of concentration within the sociology department and must take a minimum of 4 courses in that area. In addition, students also may choose, at their option, a second minor from another BGSU department or combination of departments.

A departmental minor is required for all doctoral students. While most students will minor in Criminology and Deviance, Demography, Family Studies, Quantitative Methods or Social Psychology, it is possible to minor in a departmental area other than one of these five. However, it is the student’s responsibility to discuss such an intent with the Director of Graduate Studies to make certain that there is sufficient faculty expertise in the area to permit specialized advanced study, and that the general course requirements for minor areas of concentration can be satisfied. The student must then submit a formal request along with the appropriate documentation for the new departmental minor (i.e., specific courses constituting the minor and the faculty willing to offer them) to the Graduate Committee for approval.

Since the minor area concentration serves to broaden students’ general knowledge and encourages the integration of a different area of sociology into the major area, Ph.D. students cannot major and minor in the same general area. Departmental guidelines require that the minor area of concentration be in an area other than the student’s major or sub-area of that major. That is, a minor area of concentration should not be confused with areas of specialization within a major area. Most students who major in one of the department’s four areas of concentration will also specialize in one of its sub-areas, and will have that sub-area emphasized on the major area examination. For example, a student majoring in Criminology and Deviance might specialize in juvenile delinquency, corrections, or the sociology of law. The minor area concentration, however, must be in an area completely separate from the major area. A specialization in a sub-area does not constitute an appropriate minor for someone majoring in that area. For example, corrections is not an
acceptable minor for someone majoring in Criminology and Deviance and specializing in juvenile delinquency. A student with a major in Criminology and Deviance could, however, minor in Demography, Family Studies, Quantitative Methods, or Social Psychology. The same logic applies to students majoring in one of the other three areas.

There is no minor area preliminary examination. Instead, proficiency in the minor area of concentration is satisfied by completion of a four-course sequence as specified in the area program statements for Criminology and Deviance, Demography, Family Studies, and Social Psychology. A six-course sequence is required for a minor in Quantitative Methods.

In order for the minor area of concentration to be certified by the department, the student must achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.2 in the four (six for quantitative methods) area courses (i.e., at least one grade of A and three of B for a minor in Criminology and Deviance, Demography, Family Studies, or Social Psychology, or one grade of A and five of B for a minor in Quantitative Methods). These courses must be seminar-based or other regularly offered courses; independent studies courses may not be counted among the required minor area courses. Students who fail to achieve the required 3.2 GPA (3.167 for quantitative methods) after taking the specified courses have several options:

Take additional courses in the area until the grades received in any combination of four (six for Quantitative Methods) courses result in a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2 (3.167 for quantitative methods).

After having taken all area courses offered without achieving the required GPA, re-take a course(s) in order to improve and replace the original grade, thus raising the cumulative GPA to at least 3.2 (3.167 for Quantitative Methods) in any combination of four (six for quantitative methods) area courses.

Choose a second area of minor concentration, subject to the same course and cumulative GPA requirements noted above. Students who fail to achieve the required cumulative GPA in this second area of concentration will not be permitted to choose a third area.

Students who have exhausted all of these options without achieving the required minimum GPA to certify the minor area concentration will be terminated from the program.

Extra-Departmental Minor
In addition to the required departmental minor, students may elect, at their option, to obtain a second minor in another BGSU department or combination of departments that offer graduate courses or have graduate faculty. Under no circumstances, however, will students be permitted to substitute an extra-departmental minor for the required departmental minor. If a student wishes to pursue an outside minor it is his/her responsibility to submit to the Graduate Committee a formal request along with appropriate documentation. Documentation must include all of the following: (a) the student’s written justification for the proposed minor, including the relationship between the outside minor and the student’s academic program and career plans; (b) a list of proposed courses in the minor area,
including course descriptions; and (c) written confirmation by the Graduate Coordinator or Chair of the outside department that the proposed courses will be offered during the period the student plans to complete his/her coursework. Students minoring outside of the sociology department must take a minimum of three courses in the outside minor area. Independent studies courses cannot be counted toward the minimum course requirements for the minor concentration. The student, Director of Graduate Studies and the student’s major advisor will work with faculty from the outside department to determine an appropriate course of study.

Dissertation
The dissertation is a mature piece of scholarship embodying the results of original research. Students should develop a dissertation proposal early in their program, and be prepared to publicly defend the research topic no later than during the sixth semester of full-time study. The proposal is a detailed description of the research problem and planned research. Prior to any formal defense, however, the proposal should be reviewed by the student’s entire dissertation committee. The dissertation committee minimally consists of the student’s major advisor, three other full-time graduate faculty, at least two of whom must come from the Department of Sociology, and one at-large Graduate Faculty Representative appointed by the Graduate Dean.

After the committee’s informal approval, a public proposal defense will be held. At least one week prior to the defense, the student will provide all members of the department, faculty and students with their dissertation abstract. At the same time a copy of the full proposal must be made available in the department office. Failure to notify the department at least one week prior to the defense, or the failure to make a copy of the complete proposal available will result in a delay of the student’s defense. The proposal will be revised as necessary following the formal defense. Subsequent to committee approval an abstract of the proposed research must be submitted to the Graduate College so that the dissertation topic and committee can be approved.

Once a student has a dissertation proposal approved by the Graduate College, she/he must be in continuous registration for at least one hour of SOC 7990 per semester, excluding summers, until the dissertation is completed. Students who plan to graduate during the summer session must be enrolled in SOC 7990 that term.

Upon completion of the dissertation, the student must pass a public oral defense conducted by his/her committee. The results of the dissertation defense must be received in the Graduate College by the published deadline set by the College. This date is approximately six weeks prior to commencement. At least one week prior to the defense, the student will provide all members of the department, faculty and students, with their dissertation abstract. At the same time a copy of the complete dissertation must be made available in the department office. Failure to either notify the department or to make available a copy of the proposal at least one week prior to the defense will result in the postponement of the proposal defense. In addition to the dissertation subject matter, the oral examination also evaluates the student’s general knowledge of sociology. The final copy of the completed
dissertation must be received in the Graduate College by the published deadline set by the College. This date is approximately four weeks prior to commencement. Students failing to meet the Graduate College deadlines will not be eligible for graduation that semester.
Deadline: January 15 to be considered for funding

Florida State University
Website: http://criminology.fsu.edu/index.php

The FSU College of Criminology and Criminal Justice is an intellectual community where students are involved in and learn about advancing criminological research that links science and theory to matters of effective and responsible public policy. We value scholarly collaboration and emphasize the importance of research that has real-world implications. We create knowledge that improves the quality of life.

Admissions Requirements:
- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
- 3.5 GPA or higher for the final two years of undergraduate study or a 3.5 GPA or higher for all masters coursework
- A minimum score of 1,000 on the combined verbal and quantitative portions of the GRE
- Three letters of recommendation, preferably from professors familiar with your academic qualifications
- A 300- to 500-word personal statement describing your background, career goals, and why you want to study criminology
- International students whose native language is not English must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and score at least 600 on the paper-based test, or at least 250 on the computer-based test, or at least 100 on the new Internet-based iBT TOEFL test. Applicants may be asked to confirm their scores by retaking the exam when they arrive at FSU.
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
- Official GRE scores – FSU institution code is 5219. Check the GRE Web site, www.gre.org, for additional information.
- Three letters of recommendation (preferably academic references).
- Personal statement of 300-500 words describing your background, career plans, and interest in the fields of criminology and criminal justice.
- Completed graduate application. This can be found on the FSU Web site, www.fsu.edu/prospective/admissions/online/
- Application fees can be paid online or sent to:
  FSU Admissions
  P.O. Box 5000
  Tallahassee, FL 32314-5000
- Completed area paper or thesis.*
- International students must submit a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score. Check the TOEFL Web site at www.toefl.org for additional information.
Students entering with a master's degree must have a completed master's thesis, area paper, or equivalent research paper, or complete one in their first year in the doctoral program.

*To be considered for funding, apply for admission by January 15. Applications are accepted until July 1.*

**Program Requirements:**
The Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology and Criminal Justice is only granted to students who have demonstrated the following:

* Mastery of the body of knowledge in criminology and criminal justice
* The capacity to do original and independent thinking in the fields of criminology and criminal justice
* The ability to do significant independent research in criminology and criminal justice

This knowledge and its application to scientific research is reached by completing the following requirements:

1. **Doctoral credit hours**-
The actual number of credit hours will vary depending on students’ prior educational experience; mastery of materials in the areas of research methods, statistics and theory, and a substantive area in the discipline; and level of preparation for the comprehensive examinations.

2. **University residency**-
The University requires that all doctoral students establish residency before earning the degree. Residency is defined as the completion of a minimum of 24 graduate credit hours within any consecutive 12-month period. The residency requirement is intended to ensure that doctoral students contribute to and benefit from the complete spectrum of educational, professional, and enrichment opportunities provided on the campus of this major research university.

3. **Comprehensive (or preliminary) exams**-
Doctoral students must receive passing grades for each of three exams: (1) theory in criminology and criminal justice, (2) research methods and statistics, and (3) a substantive area of specialization. The first two exams are each developed, administered, and graded by a College committee. These are 8-hour exams administered once during the fall and spring semesters. The substantive exam is prepared and evaluated by the student’s doctoral supervisory committee. Students typically complete their substantive area exam during the semester following successful completion of the other two exams. The form of the third exam is determined by the doctoral supervisory committee. Once all three examinations have been passed, the student will be advanced to candidacy.

4. **Admission to candidacy**-
Following the completion of comprehensive exams, an Admission to Candidacy form is sent to the Registrar’s office and the student becomes a candidate for the doctoral degree. At this stage, the student is eligible to register for dissertation credit hours (at least 24 dissertation credit hours are required).

The University requires a minimum period of six months between the admission to candidacy and the granting of the degree. Most students take a year or longer to complete
their dissertation.

5. Prospectus defense-
Once the student has been admitted to candidacy, the dissertation becomes the focal point of their studies. The major professor and supervisory committee assume major roles in helping the student define a project and complete it. The prospectus defense is a special 1-2 hour meeting held by the doctoral student and the doctoral committee members to reach consensus regarding the proposal and research methods.

6. Dissertation and dissertation defense-
During the preparation of the dissertation, the doctoral student is required by the University to complete at least 24 dissertation credits. Until the dissertation is completed, students must register for at least 2 dissertation credits each semester, even after they have completed the University minimum of 24 credits. All doctoral students are required to register for at least 1 hour of dissertation credit during the semester in which they graduate. The formal dissertation defense is open to anyone in the University, and the doctoral thesis must be presented in an acceptable form before a student will receive clearance from the University to graduate.

7. University time limits for degree completion-
The University has established that the requirements for the doctoral degree be completed within five calendar years of the date of the student’s achieving admission to candidacy (this occurs after the successful completion of the comprehensive exams). If the dissertation is not completed within this 5-year period, the student will be required to retake the comprehensive examinations.

Funding/Financial Aid:
- Fellowships: The College has several competitive fellowships that are awarded to its top students. Students can also apply for University fellowships.
- Assistantships: Teaching and research assistantships are awarded to our most qualified students each academic year. Assistantships pay $14,500 per academic year. In addition, graduate assistants receive tuition waivers and $500 toward health insurance. To be considered for an assistantship, students must submit all application materials by January 15.
Deadline: December 1

George Mason University
Doctorate in Justice, Law, and Crime Policy
Website:  http://cls.gmu.edu/programs/la-phd-cls

The graduate program in criminology, law and society is an interdisciplinary program balancing theory, empirical research, and policy applications. The doctoral program is designed to produce top academic scholars and leaders in policy and applied settings. Now more than ever, the U.S. justice system and justice systems around the world need academic experts, policy makers, and analysts who have three strengths: a theoretical understanding of justice, law, and crime; strong empirical research skills; and a solid grasp of the real world of justice processes and practices. Students develop a strong foundation in five competencies:

* A solid, conceptual grasp of different theories and systems of justice
* An understanding of law and legal doctrine, including the law’s ability to advance justice and security
* An understanding of what influences the practices of justice organizations and those who work within them
* Knowledge of the causes of crime and consequences of crime control and domestic security policy
* The capability to conduct independent and innovative scientific research on questions of justice policy

Our graduate education begins in the classroom, but you will receive hands-on experience working closely with faculty on projects that make a difference in justice, law, and crime policy. These projects produce research in leading academic journals. The faculty advise policy makers and practitioners at all levels of government in the United States and abroad-ranging from police officers to prime ministers, corrections officers to Congress.

Admissions Requirements:
- Applicants admitted to the doctoral program without a graduate degree in a relevant area will be required to complete 3-6 thesis credit hours as an integral part of the doctorate. There is no required background or preferred experience, but students should demonstrate interest in and aptitude for graduate study in justice, law, and crime policy.
- Applicants should submit three letters of recommendation from faculty members or individuals with first-hand knowledge of academic or professional capabilities.
- Statement of purpose of study no longer than 500 words
- Resume
- Official verbal, quantitative, and analytical GRE scores on tests taken within five years of application submission
- Writing sample of a recent sole-authored work of at least 2,500 words
- An interview may be required.

**Program Requirements:**
In addition to satisfying the requirements for all doctoral degrees, students must successfully complete 72 credits of required course work, pass two qualifying exams, and form a dissertation committee, after which they are advanced to candidacy. The final requirements are the dissertation proposal defense and a dissertation of original research representing a significant contribution to the field, which should be publishable in a referred journal or a quality press.

Students must pass written qualifying exams in two core substantive fields of the student’s choosing, selected from the three fields below. Students may take a single qualifying exam at each sitting. All three qualifying exams will be offered at each sitting.

Students are not eligible to take the qualifying exams until they have successfully completed the required course work, as well as course work in the substantive area in which they intend to sit for the qualifying exam. Students have one opportunity across both exam areas to retake a failed exam.

**Funding/Financial Aid:**
**Graduate Research Assistantships (GRAs):** Students with Graduate Research Assistantship appointments support faculty research. Full-time GRAs are expected to work 20 hours per week and can receive up to 18 credits of tuition waiver per academic year; half-time GRAs, working 10 hours a week, receive up to 6 credits. Our graduate students are currently Graduate Research Assistants on projects sponsored by the following justice organizations:

* National Institute on Drug Abuse
  - CJ-DATS National Survey of Criminal Justice Treatment Practices
  - Manualized Treatment in A Seamless System of Care
  - Juvenile Assessment and Referral Services in the Juvenile Justice System
* National Institute for Justice (NIJ)
* National Policing Improvement Agency
  - NPIA Grant Administration
* Department of Justice (Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention)
* Department of Navy (Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command)
  - Evaluation of License Plate Recognition Systems
* Department of Homeland Security
* Government of Trinidad and Tobago

**Graduate Teaching Assistantships (GTAs):** Graduate Teaching Assistantships support the department by engaging in activities related to teaching. These can include: teaching sections of courses/labs, supporting instructors
teaching large sections, tutoring, advising, and curriculum development. Typical awards include a stipend of $12,000 and up to 18 credit hours per academic year. Graduate Teaching Assistantship awards may or may not come with a tuition waiver.

Funding for Graduate Study

Most funding for graduate study is at the departmental level. Departments have funds to recruit outstanding applicants, and some faculty support graduate students with external research funding. For more information, contact the director of your graduate program (links to right). Departments generally make these kinds of funding awards.

Graduate Research Assistantships (GRAs)
Students with GRA appointments are expected to support faculty research. Full-time GRAs are expected to work 20 hours per week and can receive up to 12 credits of tuition waiver; half time GRAs, working 10 hours a week, receive up to 6 credits.

Graduate Teaching Assistantships (GTAs)

GTAs support the department by engaging in activities related to teaching. These can include: teaching sections of courses/labs, supporting instructors teaching large sections, tutoring, advising, and curriculum development. GTA awards may or may not come with a tuition waiver.

Tuition Waivers

Students may be awarded a certain dollar amount to be applied to tuition. Students with tuition waivers must be appointed to either a GRA or GTA position.

Fellowships

Fellowships are monetary awards made to the highest qualified students. No service to the department or university is required for these awards.

Employment on Campus

Full-time and part-time employees at George Mason are eligible for partial tuition exemption as a benefit of employment (see below). Students are eligible to apply for wage positions at the university. These positions offer the benefit of allowing the student to work and pursue study at the same location, but do not carry tuition benefits. For more information, see to the Student Wage section of the Human Resources web site.

Current Students

Students can apply to the Graduate Student Travel Fund for support to attend professional conferences. Groups of students can seek support for new or existing organizations from Student Organizations. For financial support for programming (e.g. films, lectures) they can apply to the Mason Program Board.

Sources of Funding for Graduate Study

- Graduate Fellowships Office
- Postgraduate Fellowships and Scholarships: Opportunities for Graduate Study
- National Funding Opportunities
- Graduate Student Travel Fund
- Human Resources Employment and Recruiting
- Financial Aid: Free Scholarship Searches
- Mason Program Board
- Student Organizations
- Employee Tuition Exemption Benefit
Deadline: February 15
http://aysps.gsu.edu/oaa/cj-phd-admission-requirements

Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice and Criminology

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia granted approval to the Georgia State University Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology to offer a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree. The program is a response to two areas of societal need: demand for Ph.D. prepared individuals to teach in the expanding number of criminal justice degree programs offered in higher education and the need to have doctoral trained researchers available to study different issues related to criminal justice and crime control. Information about our program is listed below in question and answer format.*

The mission of the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology is to generate and disseminate knowledge and information that is theoretically driven and policy relevant for the fields of criminal justice and criminology. The Department has a core group of faculty who engage in policy-relevant research and faculty who engage in cross-disciplinary research, as evidenced by its involvement in the Partnership for Urban Health Research, located within the Institute of Public Health. The Department serves a critical role in assisting the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies to accomplish its mission.”

We have 16 full-time faculty. The substantive strengths of the faculty are in the areas of urban crime, violence, and participatory research. No other Criminal Justice/Criminology department in the United States has the combination of strengths that exists in the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology at Georgia State University. The Department has a national reputation for being a highly productive department. Based on publications in top criminal justice and criminology journals between January 1995 through December 1999, the Department of Criminal Justice at Georgia State University was ranked 14th nationally; the highest in the nation among programs without a Ph.D. program. More recently, the Department was ranked eighth in the nation in terms of the average number of scholarly articles published in top criminal justice/criminology journals. The Department also has a long history of publishing prominent criminal justice/criminology journals. Two journals (e.g., Criminal Justice Review and International Criminal Justice Review) are housed in the Department.

Degree Requirements:

- Minimum of 54 hours beyond the Master’s degree (see Table below)
Required Courses (includes 2 research methods and one statistics course): 27 semester hours (9 courses)
- Elective/Concentration Area Courses: 12 semester hours (4 courses)
- Directed Work Courses (includes dissertation credits): 18 semester hours (6 courses)
- Written Comprehensive Exams
- Dissertation Proposal Defense
- Dissertation
- Dissertation Defense

Curriculum:
The curriculum is divided into three categories: required courses including graduate orientation, criminological theory, justice policy, teaching seminar, and quantitative and qualitative empirical methods; elective/concentration courses in either criminology or criminal justice, and directed work in faculty-supervised readings, research, and

The Ph.D. program in Criminal Justice and Criminology will prepare teacher-scholars who will make substantial contributions to the discovery and application of knowledge about crime and its control and to the education of students who will become professionals in the areas of criminal justice and/or criminology. Graduates with a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice and Criminology will demonstrate knowledge of both the substantive areas of criminology (knowledge about the extent and causes of crime) and the criminal justice system (society’s response to crime); will demonstrate the ability to apply appropriate and sophisticated analytical techniques to the study of both crime and criminal justice; and will be socialized into the related roles of scholarship, teaching and service.

Students will be admitted one of two ways—(1) as MS/PhD students or (2) as PhD students. Exceptionally qualified students entering Georgia State University’s Master’s program in Criminal Justice will be admitted as MS/PhD students. These students must complete their Master’s program before beginning the PhD requirements. Upon completion of their Master’s degree, faculty will review the student’s progress before formally admitting them to the doctoral program. Post M.S. students admitted to the doctoral program from other universities should have a master’s degree in criminal justice or related field from an accredited institution.

Application Requirements:
- The PhD program in Criminal Justice only accepts applications for the fall term. The deadline is February 15 of each year.
- A nonrefundable application fee of $50 is required for each application submitted. Applicants can pay by credit card online.
- All applicants should apply online. Send all supporting materials to the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Office of Academic Assistance:
- Regular mail should be delivered to our P.O. Box below and Courier packages should be sent to our street address:
Application Requirements

A completed application includes:

- A submitted online application.
- Payment of the $50 application fee online.
- Two copies of official academic transcripts, in sealed envelopes, from each post secondary institution attended regardless of where your final degree(s) were received. Transcripts are required from each institution you attended, regardless of the length of time you attended, your status, or whether the grades are listed on another institution's transcript. This would include community colleges, study abroad programs and AP credit. If you received college level credit, a transcript should be submitted for review.
- Statement of Professional and Academic Goals of two to three pages in length. You should include your fields of interest and how the program will contribute to your goals. Please include your name and social security number, if available, on this document.
- Academic Paper. The paper should be a single-authored work that demonstrates the applicant's writing ability. Examples include a chapter from the applicant's thesis or a paper written for course credit. In general, the paper submitted should not be longer than 35 double-spaced pages.
- Three letters of recommendation submitted through the online application.
- Official scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).
- International applicants may also be required to submit official scores on the TOEFL and Georgia State University's International Applicant Immigration Form.
Phone: (404) 413-0021

**Will assistantships be available?**
Yes, they will be available on a competitive basis.

**How long will it take for me to complete the degree?**
It is expected that students who enter with a Master’s degree will take 3-5 years to complete the degree, and it will take those who enter without a Master’s degree 5-7 years. Once the Master’s degree is received, the PhD curriculum is designed so that students may complete required didactic coursework within a two-year period, spending their next one to three years completing comprehensive examinations and a dissertation.

Contact for information:
You can contact Dr. Brent Teasdale, Doctoral Program Coordinator, at bteasdale@gsu.edu.
Deadline: January 15 for domestic students, November 1 for international students

Indiana University
Department of Criminal Justice
PhD in Criminal Justice
Website: http://www.indiana.edu/~crimjust/

The Department of Criminal Justice promotes interdisciplinary approaches to studying the nature and causes of crime, the administration of justice (both civil and criminal), and the relationship between law and society. We embrace the importance of cross-cultural inquiry and interdisciplinarity by applying insights from other disciplines (Anthropology, Developmental Science, Law, Political Science, Psychology, Public Health, and Sociology) to issues in law, crime and justice. In addition, several of our faculty members do research abroad, including in Central and South America, the Philippines, India, Russia, and Eastern Europe. Given the department’s scholarly orientation, we expect students to pursue new and emerging areas of inquiry, and we seek to provide them with the theoretical and methodological skills needed to do so. Moreover, the Department provides an excellent environment for graduate study, with our graduates going on to careers in academia, government, and the private sector.

Part of our success in graduate training is due to our setting and location, which provide unique resources for graduate study. Indiana University - Bloomington is a Research I University that ranks nationally among top research institutions. IU has outstanding research support and infrastructure. The Herman B Wells library is one of the top research libraries in the country, and PC Magazine ranked IU #1 among public universities in providing students and faculty with an advanced technological environment for learning and research. With over 60 departments and programs in IU’s College of Arts and Sciences, our graduate students are free to explore their interests in other social sciences related to criminology and criminal justice. The College has leading psychology and sociology departments, for example, and anthropology and political science are also very popular. Graduate students interested in carrying out criminological research in other cultures will find amazing resources here, as the College boasts world class language and area studies programs. For those who want to sharpen their quantitative and methodological skills, the College’s Department of Statistics, as well as the above mentioned disciplinary departments, provides advanced courses on numerous topics.

There is something special about going to graduate school in Bloomington. The campus consistently is rated as one of the most beautiful in the nation; you can take a virtual tour to see for yourself. In addition, while Bloomington is a quintessential college town, which is located in the rolling green hills of southern Indiana, the city also offers a host of big-city experiences. The Arts are especially strong here, as IU boasts one of the top music schools in the world that hosts more than 1,000 performances per year, a great theatre department,
a top notch art museum, and open air markets and festivals. There are three lakes within Monroe County; miles of scenic hiking, running and bicycling trails; and numerous excellent restaurants and wineries. Couple this with easy access to Midwestern urban centers such as Chicago, Indianapolis, Louisville, St. Louis and Cincinnati, and you will never be bored here.

Applying to the Doctoral or Master’s Programs

Students may apply to either the Doctoral Program or the Master’s Program. Students in the Doctoral Program can receive the Master’s degree as part of their graduate studies. Students applying to the Master’s Program do so either because they are unsure if they want to pursue the doctoral degree or because they want the terminal Master’s degree to advance their professional opportunities. Students must have earned a bachelor’s degree to apply to either program. Students with a Master’s degree from another university are welcome to apply to our Doctoral Program.

When reviewing applications, we do not just look at one indicator of future academic success. Our admissions committee reviews all of the applicants’ submitted materials, including undergraduate and graduate (if applicable) coursework and grades, overall grade point average (GPA) and GPA within the major, the rigor of the institutions attended, Graduate Record Exam scores, the personal statement, letters of recommendation, relevant research experiences and publications, and any other relevant personal or professional experiences. Although we do not have fixed cutoff scores, we seek applicants with Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores above the 85th percentile, who have a GPA of 3.5 and above. For international students, a minimum TOEFL score of 600, or a computer based score of 250, or a minimum TOEFLibt score of 100, also is required.

When applying, applicants must submit:

(1) An official transcript from all previously attended undergraduate, graduate and professional programs;

(2) A personal statement of approximately 500 words that identifies your academic goals, career objectives, why you are applying to our program, and the qualifications you have that make you a strong candidate;

(3) GRE scores from the Analytical Writing, Verbal Reasoning, and Quantitative Reasoning sections. Scores from the Personal Potential Index (ETS® PPI) on the newly revised GRE are optional. You may submit scores from the previous version of the GRE, if the test was taken within the last two years;

(4) Three letters of recommendation from faculty members familiar with your prior academic performance and potential for success in graduate work;

(5) A resume identifying and describing past academic achievements and activities (e.g., research assistantships, fellowships, internships, awards); and

(6) Copies of published articles and book chapters, Master Thesis, and papers presented at conferences. The applicant, at her or his discretion, may also submit course papers.

All international students must also submit the official results of the international TOEFL test.
Domestic students must complete the online application form and mail materials to support your application as early as possible, but no later than January 15th.

Mail all materials to:
Graduate Studies’ Admissions
Department of Criminal Justice
Indiana University
Sycamore Hall, Room 302
1033 E. Third Street
Bloomington, IN 47405
Email: rkapusti@indiana.edu
Fax: (812) 855-5522
Phone: (812) 856-4675

International students also must complete the online application form and mail materials to support your application as early as possible, but no later than November 1st.

Mail all materials to:
Office of International Admissions
Leo R. Dowling International Center
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Bloomington, Indiana 47405
Email: newtoiu@indiana.edu
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Financial Support

Most full time doctoral students and some master’s students in the Department of Criminal Justice receive financial support. Associate instructorships, fellowships, and research assistantships are available on a competitive basis. Such positions provide a stipend for living expenses and tuition fee remission; they may also include a summer tuition fee remission. All full-time graduate students who have either associate instructorships or fellowships are covered by health insurance. This health insurance plan is also available at an additional cost to our students’ spouses and their dependent children.
Deadline: The School of Graduate Studies and Research operates under a “rolling admissions” process. Applications for many programs are reviewed throughout the year, and admission decisions are made daily. Those with specific admission deadlines are listed below.

**Deadline: Aim for before January 31**

Indiana University Pennsylvania
PhD in Criminology
**Website:** [http://www.iup.edu/grad/criminologyphd/default.aspx](http://www.iup.edu/grad/criminologyphd/default.aspx)

Our central purpose is to prepare students for academic careers through a balanced and integrated approach to the study of research, theory, justice systems, and educational issues.

Our program is designed to educate those who will become what the late Ernest L. Boyer of the Carnegie Foundation called the “new generation of scholars” or “teacher/scholars.” Our objective is to provide solid instruction in all aspects of scholarship. We want to produce graduates who are well suited for professional life—men and women who do not juggle research, teaching, and service commitments but rather synthesize them into useful and productive careers.

In 1994, our faculty passed a resolution to broaden the emphasis of our Ph.D. program. The purpose of the proposal was to move away from the traditional model of a Ph.D. as exclusively a research degree to a program that incorporates some of the ideas represented in the Preparing Future Faculty program promoted by the American Association of Colleges and Universities and supported by the Pew Foundation.

**Admission Requirements**

It is expected that most students entering the Ph.D. program in Criminology will have already completed a master’s degree in either Criminology or a closely related discipline. However, in exceptional cases, a highly qualified applicant may enter the doctoral track with a baccalaureate degree. Such a student would obtain the M.A. degree en route to the Ph.D.

Applicants must meet all School of Graduate Studies and Research admission requirements. Additionally, the doctoral coordinator, after consulting with the department screening committee, will submit a recommendation regarding applicants to the School of Graduate Studies and Research. The following criteria are reviewed:
* All official college transcripts
* Three letters of recommendation
* Statement of goals
* Example of written work (thesis, articles, reports, etc.)
* GRE scores (A combined score of 900 on the verbal and quantitative sections is expected. Some flexibility may be granted at the discretion of the screening committee.)
* Skill requirement (foreign language, computer or statistical ability, or other skills approved by the screening committee or the department’s graduate curriculum committee)
* Personal interview (may be requested by department screening committee or by applicant.)

Deficiencies in the skill requirement area may be satisfied after admission. The screening committee may request an interview with the applicant, or the applicant may initiate the interview. With approval, students may begin doctoral studies in either semester or in some cases during the semester.

Part-Time Study

This program may admit each year some students whose intention is to complete the program on a part-time basis. Course offerings can be expected to fluctuate, especially in the expansion of new course offerings. A complete and updated description of any changes can be obtained from the Department of Criminology.

Program Requirements

The Ph.D. program in Criminology is designed to be completed in approximately three to four calendar years of full-time study beyond the master’s. The curriculum requires a minimum of 54 semester hours of acceptable graduate credit. Each student must complete requirements for (a) coursework; (b) special proficiency requirements; (c) qualifying exams; (d) skill requirement, if needed; and (e) dissertation.

* Qualifying Examination: Upon completion of 18 semester hours, a student must take qualifying examinations in core subject areas. After successful completion, a student may proceed towards fulfillment of remaining degree requirements.

* Comprehensive Area of Specialization Competence Review: Areas of Concentration—Each student must decide upon one subspecialty within Criminology. Upon consultation with the student, the student’s advisory committee, and the doctoral coordinator, a proficiency review will be conducted.

* Skill requirement: (0-6 semester hours) A deficiency in this area may be remedied by completing one of the following alternatives:
  o Foreign language competency
  o Computer
  o Advanced statistics
  o Advanced research methods
o Other appropriate areas as approved by the doctoral coordinator

Further details regarding any of these skill requirements can be obtained from the doctoral coordinator.

* Dissertation: In accordance with university guidelines, successful completion of a doctoral dissertation is required (12 semester hours).

**Funding/Financial Aid**

Graduate assistantships, a teaching associate program for advanced students (opportunity to gain supervised teaching experience), and the doctoral fellowship program help provide financial support for students.

Graduate assistantships at IUP are selectively awarded to highly qualified graduate students who have been admitted to degree programs. Assistantships are awarded on the basis of academic excellence rather than financial need.

Twenty-hour full assistantships (awarded only to full-time graduate students):

* Require approximately twenty hours of student work per week during the Fall and Spring semesters (maximum of six hundred hours over the period of the assistantship)
  * Provide a specific stipend amount
  * Include full tuition remission for degree-required credits during the academic year
  * Enable student to be eligible for up to nine degree-required credits of tuition waiver in the summer following the assistantship

Ten-hour full assistantships (awarded only to full-time graduate students):

* Require approximately ten hours of student work per week during the Fall and Spring semesters (maximum of three hundred hours over the period of the assistantship)
  * Provide a specific stipend amount
  * Include a 50 percent tuition remission for degree-required credits during the academic year
  * Enable student to be eligible for a maximum tuition waiver up to six degree-required credits in the following summer
**Deadline: Jan 1; intent to apply by December 1**

John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
PhD in Criminal Justice  
**Website:**  http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/  
http://web.gc.cuny.edu/criminaljustice/index.html

A Few Facts about CUNY and the Doctoral Program in Criminal Justice

The Graduate School and University Center of The City University of New York was founded in 1961. The Graduate Center is the doctoral-granting institution of the third largest urban university in the U.S. The Graduate Center offers 34 doctoral program as well as several masters’ programs. It is the only consortium of its kind in the nation. The Graduate Center draws its faculty of more than 1,700 members primarily from the CUNY senior colleges throughout New York City. The Graduate Center is located at 365 Fifth Ave @ 34th Street in Manhattan, housed in a landmark building that has been designed to accommodate the particular need of doctoral-level studies and research.

The Doctoral Program in Criminal Justice was started in 1981 and has since grown into one of the premier criminal justice Ph.D. programs in the U.S. The majority of courses for the CUNY Ph.D. in Criminal Justice are taught at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice campus located in the heart of New York City.

The Program offers an interdisciplinary education in the field of criminology and criminal justice. It prepares students for careers of research, scholarship and teaching. In addition to the general criminology and criminal justice course of study, the program offers two unique specializations: forensic science and policy, oversight and administration. The PhD program requires at least 60 credits of coursework with three comprehensive examinations. It culminates in a dissertation in the area of a student's interest.

Students in the criminology and criminal justice program receive rigorous training in criminological theory, criminal justice process and policy, research methods and statistics. The program offers electives in these areas as well as international and comparative criminal justice, forensic psychology, sociology, social psychology, juvenile justice, and more. The program in forensic science offers courses on criminalistics, spectroscopy, toxicology, serology and genetic-marker identification, with state-of-the-art equipment available for such training. The policy, oversight and administration program focuses on policy analysis, implementation and assessment in criminal justice and related fields.
The faculty of the Doctoral Program in Criminal Justice include professors trained in a wide range of academic disciplines, including criminology, criminal justice, anthropology, history, law, philosophy, political science, public administration, mathematics, psychology and sociology. The forensic science specialization is taught by a combination of professors of biology, biochemistry and chemistry. While classes in the program are held at John Jay College, students may also take courses in other related doctoral programs of the CUNY Graduate Center.

Research Facilities. Centers, Institutes, and Research groups at the Graduate School are varied and provide extraordinary research opportunities. The Graduate School's Mina Rees Library collection consists of more than 260,000 volumes. There are about 494,000 microforms (microfiche and reels of microfilm), more than 220,000 art slides, numerous scores, and 2,094 sound recordings. The library system of the City University of New York includes the libraries of all the CUNY colleges, which house more than 6 million volumes and 29,000 currently received periodicals in a variety of languages. The central building of the New York Public Library, located just a few blocks from the Graduate Center, provides more than 6 million volumes of information for reference use.

**Admissions Requirements**

Consideration for admission into the Ph.D. program is based on the applicant's completion of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, with a cumulative overall GPA of at least 3.00 (B) on a scale of 4.00. Applicants with a Master's degree should have a 3.50 GPA in their graduate work. Some background in criminal justice and in social or behavioral sciences is preferred, but not absolutely required.

The Ph.D. Program is open to full-time students. A limited number of part-time students will be accepted on an ad hoc basis. We encourage applications from those currently employed in criminal justice and related fields.

Admission is for fall semester only. The Criminal Justice Doctoral Program has two deadlines:
- Please notify us by December 1 if you intend to apply.
- All application materials must be received by the Graduate Center Admissions Office by January 1

Make sure your application contains:
1. Application Form
2. Personal Statement
3. Transcripts from ALL post-secondary institutions
4. Letters of recommendation
5. Your standardized test scores (i.e. GRE, TOEFL)
   Official GRE scores must be reported to the CUNY Graduate Center-ETS College Code-2113
6. Request for Financial Assistance
   Applicants for Fall requesting financial assistance must submit both the Application for
Admission with supporting credentials and the Application for Financial Assistance no later than January 15 regardless of the specific GC admissions deadline. Please consult the Graduate Center’s web page for the latest tuition and fees.

7. A sample of your best scholarly writing (between 10-15 pages)

**Program Requirements**

**Special Requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy**
In addition to the general University requirements, students must meet the following requirements of the program:

**Course of Study**
A minimum of 60 credits of approved graduate work is required. Some independent study may be approved for credit. Elective courses are chosen by the student, under the guidance of a faculty mentor, from a wide range of criminal justice graduate courses or approved courses taught in other doctoral programs of the City University.

Students may satisfy The Graduate Center’s language requirement either by demonstrating competency in an advanced methodological technique or statistical method or by demonstrating the ability to read a foreign language appropriate to the field of study.

**General Course Requirements**

**Core Curriculum**
Except for students in the forensic science concentration discussed below, those who enter the program must take the multidisciplinary curriculum, which is composed of eight courses totaling 24 credits. (CRJ 0000, The criminal justice colloquium is taken for no credit.) Four of the required core courses are in methodology (CRJ70000, CRJ70100, CRJ70200, and CRJ70300). Four of the required core courses are substantive courses that serve as survey classes for the four areas of specialization; criminology and deviance; forensic psychology; law and philosophy of criminal justice; criminal justice policy and practice (CRJ70600, CRJ70900, CRJ 71100 and CRJ71000). All students are expected to take the required quantitative methods course series, 70200 and 70300, taken during the first year of matriculation. Students who do not receive a grade of B or better in CRJ 70000 and 70100 may be dropped from the program by action of the Executive Committee. Those receiving a grade of less than B who are permitted to remain in the program may be required to repeat the course or take additional specific work. Students who receive a permanent incomplete grade in any of the nine required core courses must repeat the course.

**Specializations**
Students will develop a plan of specialization of four elective courses concentrated in an area of study within criminal justice. Five concentrations are available to students: criminology and deviance; forensic psychology; law and philosophy of criminal justice; criminal justice policy and practice; and forensic science. Students will draw four courses in their specialization from lists of courses in criminal justice and other doctoral programs which are available in the program office. Each specialization has one required survey level course introducing the material in that area of specialization. It is expected that
students will complete all required survey classes prior to selecting a specialization area. The forensic science concentration will require the completion of 60 suitable graduate credits beyond the B.S. degree or at least 30 appropriate credits beyond the M.S. degree. Transcripts of all entering students will be evaluated on an individual basis. For prospective students who hold an M.S. degree, more than 30 additional credits may be required, depending on the appropriateness of the credits transferred. Two courses in the core curriculum are required (for forensic science students): CRJ 70800 and 70900. Course work in forensic science is planned in consultation with doctoral faculty who teach in that area.

**Funding/Financial Aid**
The doctoral program admits 12 full-time and up to 4 part-time students each year, with courses offered in the late afternoon or evening. Since full-time students take a rigorous set of required classes in their first year, they usually are not employed outside during the first year of study. Full-time students are offered a full stipend (about $13,500) and full tuition for at least the first four years of their studies. Individuals who expect to remain employed in criminal justice or related fields but have already completed master's degrees are encouraged to apply for part-time admission.
**Deadline: January 31 to be considered for funding**

**Website:** [http://uisw cmsweb.prod.lsu.edu/hss/sociology/index.html](http://uisw cmsweb.prod.lsu.edu/hss/sociology/index.html)

The PhD program in sociology is designed to prepare the student for a career in sociology that combines both research and teaching in one or more areas of the discipline. A broad general knowledge of sociological theory and research methodology is required of all students. In addition, students should develop a strong specialty area and establish a research program in that area.

It is expected that students learn the skills necessary to produce valuable research and present its results. Typically this is done by developing a close working relationship with one or more faculty members and co-authoring research papers with them. In this way the student begins as an apprentice and finishes with a substantial research record. The goals of this apprenticeship include presenting papers at professional meetings, submitting papers to professional journals, and participating in the preparation of grant proposals (e.g., the NSF Dissertation Improvement Grants). Other related activities include reviewing books for professional journals, developing websites, and refereeing papers being considered at meetings or for publication.

The requirements in the right column are viewed as the milestones in terms of which student progress is evaluated. If accomplished in timely fashion, the student will merit continued funding. In the final two years the student is expected to gain experience teaching at the university level. Students are advised to take at least one independent readings course from their major professor(s) to strengthen their dissertation proposal work and facilitate their transition into dissertation research.

**Admission Criteria**

Admission to the graduate program in sociology is based on the recommendation of a committee on admissions appointed by the Chair of the Department and chaired by the Director of Graduate Studies. Applications and supporting materials for all graduate study (including three letters of recommendation) must be submitted through the online application site for the LSU Graduate School. Official transcripts, official test scores (e.g. GRE Verbal and Quantitative), and other materials which come from third-party sources must be mailed to: Graduate Admissions, 114 West David Boyd Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803. Departments have electronic (online via the internet through a secure webcenter) access to all materials submitted by and/or on behalf of a student applying to graduate study.

Our graduate program is primarily designed for producing PhDs, rather than terminal MA's. In the course of fulfilling the PhD requirements, however, most of our students receive their MA's. In the online application form, check “PhD” for “a degree sought” question.
Apply Online

The Department generally requires an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 and a graduate GPA of 3.5 for admission. Exceptions to this are occasionally made for those with high GRE scores and strong positive letters of recommendation. Applicants for graduate study have normally completed courses in sociological theory, methods, statistics, and at least nine additional credit hours of sociology. If these courses have not been completed prior to admission, some remedial work may be required.

Types of Admission
A student meeting all requirements of the Department is normally granted unconditional admission. Applicants who fail to meet requirements, but who are nevertheless judged by the Department and the Dean of the Graduate School to show promise may be considered for probationary admission on the merits of their individual cases. Applicants who appear to be qualified but who are unable for good reasons to supply the required credentials prior to the stated deadline may request provisional admission. In such cases, their complete credentials must be received by the Graduate School no later than sixty days after the first day of classes (forty-five days in the summer term). Probationary students cannot be supported by departmental or university funding.

Deadlines
Admission and funding is normally for the Fall Term, and we don't accept new students starting in the Spring Term except for a few special circumstances. Applicants desiring financial support should submit credentials by the end of January. Applications for Fall admission without financial support are considered after January. There is typically no support available for late applicants regardless of their qualifications. However, even students who are admitted without funding may be considered for assistantships as resources become available.
Deadline: January 10

Michigan State University
School of Criminal Justice
Website: http://criminaljustice.msu.edu/doctoralprogram.html

The Doctoral program in Criminal Justice permits students to emphasize the problems of crime, crime control and justice administration, while simultaneously developing a strong foundation in social science theory and research methods. It prepares students for careers in college and university teaching and research, as well as advanced public-policy positions.

Each student develops in-depth knowledge in one cognate area consisting of either a basic social science discipline (anthropology, economics, geography, political science, psychology, or sociology) or an interest area relevant to the student's area of study. In addition, a sequence of advanced courses in research methodology and statistics prepares students for the design, implementation, and interpretation of research. The program is individualized to allow students, working with a guidance committee, to shape a program of study that is broad in scope yet consistent with specific student interests.

Doctoral level course work in the school focuses and synthesizes the interdisciplinary components and individual experiences. The program is designed to produce graduates who can apply a variety of research methodologies to the study of crime causation, social reaction and the legal system. Throughout the program there is an emphasis on the relationship between theory and practice as well as the interconnection of the activities of the many agencies and professions involved in the systems of justice and private security. Through their research, teaching, and practice, graduates can contribute to the development of improved systems for the prevention and control of crime and delinquency.

For further information regarding our graduate program, please contact Melissa Christle at burrier@msu.edu or (517) 353-7133.

Admissions Requirements

- Application for Graduate Study at Michigan State University. May be downloaded or
submitted online. The major code for the Criminal Justice doctoral program is 4725 (line 17). A check or money order for the application fee payable to Michigan State University must accompany the application if it is not submitted online.
- Application to the School of Criminal Justice. May be downloaded or submitted online, or requested from the program office at burrier@msu.edu.
- Graduate Assistantship resume.
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended. Please send ONE copy of each.
- GRE general exam scores from an test taken within the last five years. The institution code for MSU is 1465 and the departmental code is 2202. Admission requires scores at the fiftieth percentile or higher.
- A personal statement of your academic and professional goals. This should include information about your motivation to study criminal justice, a description of relevant research and/or work experience, and any other information about yourself that you would like the Admissions Committee to know.
- Three letters of recommendation from people who can comment on your ability to perform graduate work. These will usually be professors from your undergraduate or graduate institution, but may include a supervisor from an internship or job in a related area. The Letter of Recommendation form should be included with all letters of recommendation.
- International students must submit TOEFL exam scores from a test taken within the past two years. Students from countries where the primary language is English may have the TOEFL requirement waived at the discretion of the department. Please contact the graduate secretary at burrier@msu.edu to determine whether the requirement may be waived.

Please note: Applicants must have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.0 in prior undergraduate and/or graduate work. While formal admission to the program does not require completion of a master's degree, the screening committee looks for a strong methodological and statistical background.

**Program Requirements**

The student’s program will be individually designed upon matriculation at Michigan State University under the supervision of a guidance committee. All students must complete relevant criminal justice course work, either in the doctoral program or through completion of a master’s in criminal justice or criminology at an accredited institution.

Program requirements vary for students with master’s degrees in areas other than criminal justice. Each student takes course work outside the school in a cognate area. With the approval of the student’s guidance committee, relevant post-baccalaureate course work may be incorporated into the cognate requirements.

* The program of each student shall consist of a minimum of 48 semester credits of course work and 24 credits of dissertation research totaling a minimum of 72 semester credits. The program must be developed in consultation with a guidance committee and
approved by the College of Social Science.

* In addition to the 900-level series, 12 credits in criminal justice are required after admission to doctoral studies. Students with graduate credit in criminal justice from MSU or other accredited universities may transfer up to 12 credits of electives toward this requirement, with permission of the guidance committee. The student's guidance committee must approve all course work. The core Masters courses in criminal justice taught at MSU will not transfer to the doctoral program (CJ 801, CJ 810, CJ 811, CJ 812, CJ 887).

* Cognate requirements: Students must complete a cognate of at least 12 credits in a disciplinary department or in an area of professional interest or area of focus (e.g. women's studies, race and ethnicity). Cognates in a disciplinary department are generally in the College of Social Science (anthropology, economics, geography, political science, psychology or sociology).

* While enrolled in the doctoral program, all students must complete two advanced courses in research methods, not including CJ 906, and one semester of CJ 907. CJ 907 may be repeated for credit and count toward this requirement when topics have changed.

* Students may transfer a maximum of 12 credit hours toward CJ elective, cognate, or advanced methods requirements.

* All students must successfully complete comprehensive examinations administered by their guidance committee within five years. All other program requirements, including oral defense and submission of the dissertation, must be completed within eight years from the time of the first enrollment as a doctoral student.

* Student must submit and defend a dissertation reflecting original research focusing on a significant problem or issue in criminal justice. The guidance committee is responsible for providing direction for the student's research.

Funding/Financial Aid

Graduate assistantships are awarded on a competitive basis for incoming masters and doctoral students. All assistantships are dependent on the availability of funds. They may be renewed if funds are available and the student is making satisfactory progress toward the degree and has received satisfactory evaluations from the supervising faculty member.

Students receiving these awards provide support for the School’s teaching and research. The graduate assistant’s responsibilities require 10 hours per week for a quarter-time appointment, 20 hours per week for a half-time appointment, and 30 hours per week for a three-quarter-time appointment. Graduate assistants are provided a monthly stipend, a nine-credit tuition waiver for each semester the assistantship is held (five-credit tuition waiver for summer semester), with in-state tuition rates for any credits above those waived, and student health insurance. Matriculation fees are waived.

There are three levels of stipend rates, which are determined by University regulation. Level 1 – Graduate students who have earned their Bachelor's degree and have less than one year's experience as a graduate assistant. May teach, do research, or are assigned supervised assistant’s duties such as reading and grading papers, proctoring exams, etc. Level 2 – Graduate students who have earned their Masters degree or equivalent and/or
two semesters' experience as a graduate assistant. May teach, do research, or perform administrative tasks with moderate supervision.

Level 3 – Graduate students who have earned their Masters degree or equivalent and at least two years’ experience as a Graduate Assistant. May teach, do research, or perform administrative tasks with minimum supervision. Advancement to Level 3 is on a merit basis, with the above prerequisites being considered minimal.

Support sources come in five main types:
- Teaching assistantships eligible to join the Graduate Employees Union (TA)
- Teaching assistantships not eligible to join the Graduate Employees Union (TE)
- Research assistantships (RA)
- MSU fellowships
- External fellowships

A more detailed description of assistantship benefits and regulations may be found in Michigan State University’s Academic Programs, Financial Aid for Graduate Students section (available at http://www.reg.msu.edu/read/UCC/Updated/gradedfinaid.pdf), the Graduate School website at www.grad.msu.edu/prospect.htm, and at the end of this handbook under Forms and Publications.
Deadline: July 1 but begin accepting applications August 1
Website: http://www.sociology.msstate.edu/graduate/

Requirements:

University requirements for admission to graduate study includes a minimum undergraduate grade-point average on the last two years of undergraduate academic work of 2.75 on a 4.00 scale and a 3.00 on all graduate work. A student applying for graduate admission to the Sociology program will be evaluated on the basis of evidence which might indicate success in graduate study, including all transcripts of previous post-secondary academic work, the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), the quality and strength of letters of recommendation, and the student’s statement of purpose for seeking entry into graduate study.

Description of Program Letter to Prospective Students

Dear Prospective Graduate Student –

I understand you’re considering graduate school; so I am writing to you to tell you a little bit about our graduate program. We are a comprehensive sociology graduate program with excellent job placement of our graduates. We have a 50 year tradition of excellence with in quantitative and qualitative methods and several specialties from which students can choose.

The Department has longstanding emphases in Community Development, Criminology, Social Demography and Social Inequality. We also have many faculty with interests in both advanced quantitative and qualitative methodologies. The Department is one of the larger concentrations of sociological expertise in the Southern region as evidenced in the number of graduate faculty, the enrollment of graduate students, the placement and success of doctoral graduates, the number and frequency of publication, the level of funding for grants and contracts, the facilities and other infrastructure for sociological research and education. We also offer a wide variety of funding opportunities for our students. For the past decade, all students who were interested in funding and eligible for funding were able to received funding. That is impressive—most graduate programs cannot claim that. The Department frequently offers teaching assistantships for incoming students. Typically, incoming students who do not have teaching experience are assigned to faculty and more senior students are assigned a course as instructor of record. There are also many diverse research assistantship opportunities. Research Assistantships are traditionally offered through funded research grants either through the department or with faculty in these
associated research centers: National Strategic Planning and Research Center (nSPARC), the Research and Curriculum Unit (RCU) and the Social Science Research Center (SSRC). Fellowships are also available through the SSRC, the Office of the Graduate School and the Office of Research and Economic Development. Another strength of our program is our students. We have recruited stellar students from across the United States and around the world. The cultural diversity of the graduate student body strengthens every student’s graduate school experience. Our graduate student body also offers diversity in academic interests, racial and education backgrounds and employment experiences. All of this diversity enriches the academic and personal experiences our students have while they study here. Our Department has a very inviting, diverse environment. Our faculty are available for mentoring and learning opportunities in meaningful ways, beyond what you might find at most research intensive universities. We also pride ourselves on the supportive nature of our graduate program, beginning with a professionalization seminar, continuing with social functions through our honors society (Alpha Kappa Delta) all enhanced with supportive relationships with fellow students and faculty. We have something special at Mississippi State University. We would welcome the chance for you to see how unique our programs and environment are firsthand. If a campus visit is not possible for you, I would be happy to answer any questions you might have about our department, our programs or Mississippi State’s application process. Please contact me to either arrange a campus visit or to further discuss opportunities in our department. Cordially, Lynne Cossman
Deadline: April 1  
North Dakota State University  
PhD in Criminal Justice  
Website: http://www.ndsu.edu/gradschool/graduate_programs/criminal_justice/

In line with North Dakota State University’s heritage as North Dakota's land-grant institution, the Criminal Justice Graduate Program strives to provide high quality instruction, research and public service. The Program educates and serves the people of North Dakota, the region, the nation and the international community by discovering, communicating, applying, and preserving knowledge relevant to the causes of crime and societal responses to crime. At the same time, the Program fosters the personal growth of individuals by creating an environment which nurtures intellectual, social and cultural development. The Department of Criminal Justice and Political Science offers academic and professional programs that lead to degrees from the baccalaureate through the doctorate. As part of the wider North Dakota State University Community, the Criminal Justice Graduate Program endorses the value placed on People, Scholarship, the Idea of a University, and the Land-Grant Ideal.

Doctoral students are prepared to conduct research in the various areas of criminological theory, crime control, and correctional and police administration and to pursue teaching and/or research positions in academia or research positions within the criminal justice system itself. The curriculum will afford training to students in four areas: 1) criminological theory; 2) advanced research skills; 3) teaching in academia; and 4) specialization in one of three areas – Criminology, Corrections, and Policing. Graduates from the Ph.D. program can expect sufficient grounding in the theories of criminology, as this knowledge serves as the foundation of all aspects of the criminal justice system. They will develop and utilize skills in qualitative and quantitative research methods. They will be confident about their ability to teach at the college level. And, they will be able to market themselves as having expertise in one of the three topical fields, policing, corrections, or criminology.

Admissions Requirements

- Online Application;
- Official transcript(s) (grade report);
- A $35 application fee and $10 processing fee (International applicants must pay an
additional $15 transcript evaluation fee);
• Statement of purpose outlining your reasons for pursuing graduate study;
• Three (3) Letters of recommendation, at least one (1) must be from a person who can evaluate their academic work;
• Official GRE scores;
• Official TOEFL or IELTS scores for International applicants.

The Department accepts M.S. applications for both Fall and Spring enrollments on a rolling basis. The Department accepts Ph.D. applications only for Fall enrollment and these must be received by April 1st. Faculty in the Criminal Justice program make recommendations on all applications, but the final admission decision is the responsibility of the Dean of the Graduate School. Applicants are responsible for making sure that their applications are complete. No application will be reviewed until all materials have been submitted.

Students entering the Ph.D. program must have earned a Master’s degree in a related discipline. In addition to the general Graduate School requirements, students will be required to have had one course in undergraduate social or behavioral theory, one course in research methods, and one course in statistics. Additionally, students should have adequate background preparation or demonstrated potential in the field of Criminology or Criminal Justice. For students entering with a Master’s degree, the admissions committee will decide on a case-by-case basis whether credits from the Master’s degree are transferable to the Ph.D. program. Additionally, applicants should submit their Master’s thesis (if applicable) to the graduate committee for review. This committee would be charged with determining whether the research project is sufficient in scope and depth to warrant further supervised research.

For admission to full-standing, students are required to attain a combined minimum score on the GRE of 1,000 (verbal and quantitative) and achieve a minimum grade point average of 3.0 over their last 60 credit hours.

**Program Requirements**

Students entering the program with an approved master’s degree are required to complete a minimum of 60 credit hours, and at least three (3) of the research skills courses must be completed at NDSU. The graduate committee will review the student’s transcript to determine whether the student has successfully completed any of the required courses in their master’s program. In the case that a course taken in the master’s program is sufficiently similar to required courses at NDSU and a student has successfully completed that course, the requirement may be waived. (For example, if a student received an “A” in a course similar to “Advanced Criminological Theory,” CJ 703 may be waived as a requirement.) The student will be advised within their first semester of study as to whether any credits will be waived. Any credits waived in this manner must be completed as either electives or dissertation credits.

All students are required to achieve a grade of “B” or better in all courses. Nine credits per
semester are considered a full-time graduate load. Full-time graduate assistants are expected to maintain a full-time course load. Any graduate assistant wishing to register for more than ten (10) credits in a regular semester must secure the approval of their academic dean and the Dean of the Graduate School. All requirements for the Ph.D. degree must be completed within a period of ten (10) consecutive years. Graduate credit for any course work, not including the Master’s degree that is more than ten (10) calendar years old at the time of the final oral examination may not be used to satisfy degree requirements.

Comprehensive Examinations
The Ph.D. comprehensive examinations are an integral part of the Ph.D. in Criminal Justice. They represent the part of the program that requires students to demonstrate their understanding of the central issues facing the discipline. They also require students to have formed their own positions on these issues, as well as to demonstrate that they have the ability to articulate and defend these positions. As such, they place an emphasis not only on what people know but also on how they can use what they know, and if they have developed an understanding of how what we know can be transformed through research, theory development, and action. The student is expected to demonstrate in the examinations their reasoned perspective on the literature in our field and their ability to integrate that literature to describe future developments.

For full-time students, two written preliminary examinations should generally be taken no later than the end of the fourth year in the program for students entering with a baccalaureate degree. For students entering with a master’s degree, preliminary examinations should ideally be completed by the end of their 18 second year in the program. Failure to do so may be seen as a failure to make reasonable academic progress in the program and could result in denial of financial assistance or removal from the Ph.D. program altogether. It is strongly recommended that students complete at least 80% of the relevant coursework in a particular area before taking that exam. However, students must remember that completion of these courses will not necessarily prepare them fully for the comprehensive exams.

Oral Prospectus Hearing
Successful completion of these two exams will be followed by an oral prospectus hearing (preliminary oral exam). This hearing will encompass a demonstration of the interplay of student knowledge (theory/methods + substantive area) and their dissertation project. This will constitute a defense of the proposal for the dissertation. After successful completion of the written and oral exams, the student will be formally admitted to candidacy for the Doctor of Philosophy degree. At least one (1) academic semester must elapse between the preliminary oral examination and the final oral examination of the dissertation.

Dissertation Guidance
A written dissertation must be completed and orally presented to the student’s committee for defense. The dissertation must show originality and demonstrate the student’s capacity for independent research. It must embody results of original research focusing on a significant problem or issue in criminal justice which constitutes a definitive contribution to knowledge.
Funding/Financial Aid

Graduate Assistantships and Other Financial Aid

Various types of financial assistance are available to graduate students in the Criminal Justice program, such as (but not limited to) student loans, scholarships and fellowships, graduate assistantships, graduate tuition waivers, and part-time employment opportunities both on and off campus. The Department views the opportunity for graduate students to work on assistantships as a privilege afforded to promising students who have demonstrated potential for success in graduate studies. In addition, the Department views the awarding of assistantships as an investment in the potential success of the graduate student, both academically within the program and as a future professional. As such, additional employment outside the university/department is strongly discouraged, as such employment is likely to seriously detract from the student’s academic progress and interfere with the appropriate completion of the responsibilities related to the assistantship, especially in the case of full time (20 hours per week) assistantships.

The Department offers a number of graduate assistantships for well-qualified graduate students. Students who receive an assistantship are employed as either teaching or research assistants. Students should recognize that the nature of assistantships, regardless of whether they are teaching or research related, often require flexibility in work hours from week to week.

Teaching-related responsibilities may include, but are not limited to:
1. assisting in exam construction and proctoring
2. assisting in meeting student needs (e.g., answering questions and helping students understand course materials)
3. grading short assignments and recording grades
4. setting up instructional media equipment

Research-related responsibilities may include, but are not limited to:
1. conducting a literature review
2. assisting with research design (e.g., sampling, instrument construction)
3. data collection, coding, and analysis
4. manuscript and/or technical report preparation, as deemed appropriate by the faculty Member
Deadline: February 1
Northeastern University
PhD in Criminology and Justice Policy
Website: http://www.northeastern.edu/sccj/index.html

The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Northeastern University offers a PhD in Criminology and Justice Policy. This program prepares students for academic careers as well as careers in research and policy development. The program is small and student-centered with the goal of preparing students for academic and policy placements. For full-time students it is expected that students entering the program with a bachelor's degree will be able to complete the program in five to six years and students entering with a master's degree will be able to complete the program in four years.

In keeping with Northeastern's long-standing, practice-oriented approach to education, the PhD in Criminology and Justice Policy includes two practicum that will further prepare students to successfully complete their dissertation research. In addition, each student will choose between a teaching practicum and a policy practicum. Those students interested in pursuing academic careers will participate in a teaching practicum; students who are interested in research or policy careers will participate in a policy practicum that may be located off campus or at one of the School's research institutes.

Admissions Requirements

Applications are accepted for the Fall semester only. All portions of the application must be received by February 1 for fall admission. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all documents are received by the College of Criminal Justice. No action will be taken until your admissions file is complete.

- Application Form-
The entire application form must be completed, and the applicant must submit the $50 application fee online.

- Personal Goal Statement-
Your personal statement should briefly describe your background, interests and your reasons (expectations, goals, etc.) for wanting to pursue study in the Graduate School of Criminal Justice. You may include any other information that you feel may be useful in considering your application for admission. We do ask, however, that you limit your
personal statement to 1000 words or less.

-Transcripts-
Please have all transcripts sent directly to the Graduate School of Criminal Justice in a sealed envelope. You must submit official transcripts of your academic record from each of the colleges and universities you have attended, regardless of whether or not you received a degree.
International Students: Please submit official translated documentation of academic materials including diplomas and mark sheets.

- Test Requirements-
Official scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) are required of all applicants to the PhD program, and must be sent directly to the Graduate School from Educational Testing Services (ETS). Only scores from the past five years will be accepted. No application for admission will be considered prior to receipt of official scores from ETS. Our school code for ETS is 3680 and our department code is 2202. For additional information on the GRE please visit their website at www.gre.org. International students are also required to submit official copies of the TOEFL examination.

- Letters of Recommendation-
Three letters of recommendation are required. Letters should be of an academic and/or professional nature. Letters of recommendation must also be submitted online as part of your application.

Please do not hesitate to call or write if you need further details regarding the application process or the academic offerings of the program. Applications cannot be considered complete until all materials have been received, including applicable test scores.

(617) 373-2813
(617) 373-8998 fax
E-mail:l.mastone@neu.edu

Submit supporting application materials to:

   Graduate School of Criminal Justice
   Churchill Hall
   360 Huntington Avenue
   Northeastern University
   Boston, MA 02115

**Funding/Financial Aid**

*Deadline for financial award consideration: March 31*

Graduate Assistantships

Each year, a limited number of stipend graduate assistantships are available for entering
graduate students. These positions carry a full or partial tuition waiver in addition to which students receive a full or partial stipend. A stipend for the academic year is awarded over a three semester period as payment for the performance of assigned duties, including counseling students and assisting faculty in course preparation, grading, and research, not exceeding twenty hours per week of service to the College.

Graduate Awards are available only to full-time students selected on the basis of academic achievement and professional background. The deadline for applications for graduate awards for the coming academic year in the Graduate School of Criminal Justice is March 31st. Applications received after this date will be considered contingent upon the availability of funds.

In addition, there are often a limited number of research assistantships available through the Center for Criminal Justice Policy Research and the Institute on Race and Justice. These are awarded to qualified students through a competitive process. Students interested in these positions will be considered through the same application procedure for graduate awards.
Oklahoma State University

Deadline: February 1
Website: http://grad.okstate.edu/programs/sociology/sociology.htm

Program Description

The Department of Sociology at Oklahoma State University offers a broad spectrum of sociological specialties, theoretical approaches and methodological styles blended into a balanced graduate curriculum with two programs: the Master's of Science in Sociology, and the Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology. The department is large enough to include faculty expertise in several major substantive areas of sociology, yet small enough to generate intimate graduate seminars and primary relationships between faculty and graduate students.

All graduate students receive excellent training in the core areas of theory, methodology, and statistics. No area of specialization is required for the Master's program. Doctoral students select two areas of specialization from: Social Movements, Deviance & Criminology, Environmental Sociology, Social Inequality (Race, Class, Gender) and Social Psychology.

Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to the graduate program the applicant must submit official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate course work, GRE scores, three letters of recommendation indicating academic potential, a Statement of Purpose or essay discussing intended academic and professional goals as well as areas of specialization. All information is taken into consideration in determining the admissibility of the applicant.
The PhD in Criminology and Criminal Justice is a sociological criminology program that highlights social inequality and public policy in the study of crime and justice issues. The program produces scholars with strong backgrounds in the substantive areas of criminology, criminal justice, theory, inequality and policy as well as in research methods and statistics. Designed primarily for students who are interested in pursuing careers in higher education, the course offerings also provide students the education and skills needed to be employed as researchers in public and private agencies. Graduates are prepared as scholars able to conduct research, teach college and university courses in their areas of specialization, and to provide service to the discipline and community.

**Admission Requirements**

- A completed master's degree (or its equivalent) in criminology, criminal justice or in an appropriate field (e.g., administration of justice, sociology, or political science) from a regionally accredited institution of higher education - a thesis is generally expected;

- A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale) overall for the master's degree;

- The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is required of all applicants, no exceptions, substitutions or waivers. The following minimum scores are generally expected: a combined minimum score of 1000 on the GRE general knowledge tests (verbal and quantitative) and 4.5 on the writing test;

- Successful completion of prior coursework in research methodology and statistics at least equivalent to that required by the ODU B.A. in sociology / criminal justice (statistics, research methods, capstone group research project) and M.A. degree in applied sociology (research methods, statistics, computer and data analysis);

- Three letters of reference from sources capable of commenting on the applicant's readiness for advanced graduate study in criminology & criminal justice;
- A writing sample of at least 20 double-spaced pages on a topic related to the applicant's expertise or area of interest;

- A typed statement of approximately 1,000 words summarizing the individual's motivation for applying to the program as well as the professional contributions s/he intends to make assuming successful completion of the degree;

- If the applicant's native language is not English, a current score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOFEL) of at least 560 and/or an interview in which the applicant's comprehension and fluency in English can be assessed.

Conditional admission may be granted when an applicant's credentials suggest aptitude for doctoral study but do not meet the criteria outlined above. Admission under this standard requires a variable amount of preliminary coursework in addition to that which is normally required for the degree. The amount and content of additional coursework required with conditional admission is determined by the the graduate program committee on a case-by-case basis.

Students who have an appropriate undergraduate degree and a law degree (J.D.) but lack graduate work in the social sciences will normally be required to complete 18 hours of graduate work as follows: 12 hours in theory, research methods, social statistics, computer statistical applications, and 6 hours of substantive courses.

**Program Requirements**

The Ph.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice requires a minimum of 48 credit hours at the post-master's level (i.e., courses at the 800 to 900 level). These hours include 12 hours of core courses, 12 hours of research skills courses, 12 hours of elective courses and 12 hours of dissertation-related credits (detailed below).

After a student has completed two full semesters of study (18 hours) she/he may petition the graduate admissions committee to transfer up to 6 credit hours of prior Ph.D. level coursework to be applied toward elective requirements where the assigned grade is no lower than an B.

**Qualifying and Comprehensive Examinations**

The qualifying exam evaluates a student's comprehension and ability to integrate and apply knowledge from first year courses and to demonstrate critical thinking skills in a written format. "First year coursework" refers to the six required core and research skills courses offered during every cohort's first year. Written qualifying exams will be taken at the end of the first year of coursework in August by students enrolled full-time. Part-time students may choose to take qualifying exams at the end of the first year of coursework, or may elect to take them upon completion of all first year coursework, but they must take them prior to the beginning of their third academic year in the program. Students may pass or fail the exam in whole or in part and need retake only those parts that are failed. Students who fail any portion of the exam may register for fall classes but must retake the failed part(s)
during Fall Break of that same year. Students who do not successfully pass the qualifying exam following the Fall Break retake will be dismissed from the program; these students may complete fall classes for credit if they wish.

The comprehensive exam assesses a student's mastery of literature in criminology and criminal justice in theory, research methods and statistics, inequality and policy as applied to questions of criminological interest; and her/his ability to think broadly and critically and to present her/himself as a sophisticated intellectual thinker. Comprehensive exams are normally taken following completion of all coursework except the dissertation seminar; students may petition the PhD Committee to take the exam prior to the completion of all coursework. Students may pass or fail the exam in whole or in part and need retake only those parts that are failed; they must retake the failed part(s) in accordance with the directions stipulated by comprehensive exam committee. Students who do not successfully pass the comprehensive exam following the retake will be dismissed from the program; they may complete the classes they are enrolled in that semester for credit if they wish.

The Dissertation
The dissertation is a scholarly work investigating a problem of significance and should constitute a meaningful contribution to the body of existing knowledge regarding matters of criminology & criminal justice policy or practice. It is the culmination of a program of advanced study leading to a doctoral degree and, as such, is expected to demonstrate a high level of scholarly competence. It must show that the candidate is capable of conceptualizing and conducting sophisticated original research, analysis and reporting on an approved topic related to crime and justice by use of accepted scientific methods.

Students are required to take a qualitative methods course as well as a quantitative methods course; they also take two statistics courses. We value and support qualitative research and a number of our faculty specialize in qualitative research methods.

Funding/Financial Aid
Graduate Tuition and Graduate Assistantships
Graduate tuition for a full-time student is approximately $4,230 a year for in-state students ($235.00 per credit hour), and approximately $10,854 a year for out-of-state students ($603.00 per credit hour). Students may enroll in the program on a full-time or part-time basis. Students must be full-time and registered for 9 credit hours to be eligible to receive assistantship support.

The Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at Old Dominion University supports several teaching and research assistantship positions. The Department of Sociology at Norfolk State University has limited money available for tuition support. In return for the financial support, graduate students work between 10 and 20 hours per week for faculty members depending on the assistantship awarded. Assistants work from the beginning of each semester through exam week or an equivalent period of time. Along with the rest of the faculty, they enjoy a break at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring Break.

Assistantships are available to a few select graduate students who have shown dedication
in their undergraduate studies. Teaching and research assistantships are valuable in the sense that they foster strong relationships with faculty and provide the student with the opportunity to get a real feel for academic life.

To apply, submit an Application for Graduate Financial Assistance (available online or in the application packet or from the Office of Admissions) to the Graduate Program Director no later than February 15. Full-time graduate assistants are considered in-state students for tuition purposes. Out-of-state graduate assistants may be eligible for a Graduate Tuition Unfunded Scholarship and should consult the Graduate Program Director at Old Dominion University.

Students interested in other forms of financial aid such as loans or need-based work study should contact the Old Dominion University Office of Student Financial Aid, 126 Old Administration Building, or call (757) 683-3683.
The Penn State Department of Sociology & Crime, Law and Justice, is a thriving academic community dedicated to excellence. The members of our distinguished faculty are well-published leaders in their academic and research fields and are committed to providing the best possible education for our undergraduate and graduate students.

A degree from our program provides students with broad exposure to disciplinary subject matter so they may analyze issues affecting their lives and society from a critical and informed perspective. We are ranked among the top 20 Sociology and the top 5 Crime, Law and Justice Departments in the country and we are committed to theoretically-informed empirical research that meets the highest standards of scientific rigor. We have particular faculty strengths in the areas of criminology/CLJ, demography, family studies, social stratification/inequality, and statistical methods. We also offer training in sociology of education, aging and the life course, sociology of religion, social movements, and theory.

We have over 9,000 alumni living and working all over the world. Currently there are approximately 750 undergraduate students and over 70 students in our graduate program. The partnerships they enjoy with our 50 full-time faculty and instructors prepare them for a wide variety of careers or graduate education.

Doctoral Degree

Doctoral students must complete all courses required for the M.A. degree or their equivalents. In addition, they must take at least four 500-level courses in crime, law, and justice and a 1-credit lab in teaching.

Doctoral students must also select, in consultation with their advisory committees, 12 credits of course work outside the Crime, Law, and Justice program. This concentration must consist of 500-level courses that provide a solid grounding in a social science discipline that can be applied to the study of crime, law, or justice. Examples would include urban sociology, social psychology, human development, and American government institutions, among many other possibilities.

All Ph.D. candidates must pass a comprehensive exam and complete a high quality
scholarly dissertation.

The Crime, Law, and Justice program has no formal foreign language or communication requirement.

**Admissions Requirements**

Applying for graduate admission is a two step process. Applications must be submitted to the Graduate School and the program. When the Graduate School receives your degree application, your information will be made available to the program to which you are applying. The program reviews your program application and supporting documents and makes a recommendation to the Graduate School. Upon receiving the nonrefundable application fee and a recommendation from the program, the Graduate School reviews your file to verify that the minimum admission requirements have been met. The Graduate School does not act on your application without a recommendation from the program. Questions regarding the completeness or status of your application should be directed to the program.

Applications are accepted from September 1st to January 10th for admission the following fall semester. Selection is based on transcripts, three letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the applicant’s academic performance, a statement of goals, a sample of written work such as a term paper or thesis, and Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores. International applicants must also submit TOEFL scores. Please do not submit information with your application that cannot be used in the admission decision process, e.g. Individual Education Plans (IEPs), medical records, statements from physicians or psychologists, or legal documents. Such information will be returned.

The Graduate School Online Application

When you are ready to begin the application process, click on the Graduate School Admissions and Information Portal.

**Application Requirements:**

- Three letters of recommendation are required for admission. Your references will be contacted electronically to complete a recommendation for you. In addition, they should either copy and paste a formal letter of recommendation into the comments section of the electronic form OR mail a formal letter directly to the program. The mailing address is given below.
- A personal statement and at least one writing sample should be uploaded when completing the online application.

Materials Sent Directly To The Department
Demography Program Application: If you wish to apply to the dual-degree program in Sociology and Demography, please also complete a brief supplemental dual-degree program application. Send the Sociology and Demography Dual-Degree Program Application to the address given below.

Transcripts: Transcript Request Form. (Two official transcripts from all institutions of higher education attended, both undergraduate and graduate, are required. International applicants must submit official or attested university records, with certified translations if the records are not in English.)

Official GRE and TOEFL (International Applicants Only) scores should be sent directly to the department at the address given below. The GRE Subject Test is not required.

**Program Requirements**

The Crime, Law, and Justice program is limited to full-time students who intend to pursue the Ph.D. and who are interested in graduate training that emphasizes research, teaching and scholarship. Admission is highly selective. Six to eight new students enter the program each year, ensuring that students have close interaction with the faculty. **All students receive financial aid.**

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Doctoral students must also select, in consultation with their advisory committees, 12 credits of course work outside the Crime, Law, and Justice program. This concentration must consist of 500-level courses that provide a solid grounding in a social science discipline that can be applied to the study of crime, law, or justice. Examples would include urban sociology, social psychology, human development, and American government institutions, among many other possibilities.

All Ph.D. candidates must pass a comprehensive exam and complete a high quality scholarly dissertation.

The Crime, Law, and Justice program has no formal foreign language or communication requirement.
Deadline: March 1  
Prairie View A&M University  
College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology  
PhD in Juvenile Justice  
Website: http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/442.asp  

The goal of the PhD program is to provide doctoral training in juvenile justice. General objectives include the development of new knowledge, juvenile crime prevention and improvement in the juvenile justice system, and dissemination of knowledge gained. The specific intention of the program is to produce scholars with three characteristics: First, graduates will have superior empirical skills. Second, they will be specialists in the subject matter of the juvenile justice discipline. Third, they will be generalists in the subject matter of criminal justice. The program produces scholars to teach in criminal justice and criminology departments of colleges and universities and researchers to work in federal, state, and large local agencies.

Application Requirements

1. Completed application forms (Doctoral Program form and Graduate School form)  
2. Official transcripts of all coursework  
3. Official copies of GRE scores  
4. Evidence of a conferred master’s degree, or of a final year in a graduate program  
5. Essay and a copy of your master’s thesis (or a lengthy document if the master’s program has no thesis). Please note: send a copy of your thesis or other document — we do not return the document.  
6. Three letters of recommendation, preferably from professors who know you.  
7. TOEFL scores, if a foreign student  

And, after the Doctoral Admission Committee has made a favorable determination:  
8. An interview with the graduate admissions committee if you receive notification.  
Deadline March 1 for Fall Admissions
Deadline: December 15
Rutgers
School of Criminal Justice
Website: http://rscj.newark.rutgers.edu/

The School was founded almost forty years ago, and ever since we opened our doors, we have been recognized as among the leading programs in the field. Over the years, our faculty have made signal contributions to criminal justice policy and criminological theory, and our graduates have taken their places among the most productive and well-respected scholars in the field. Today, studies show that we continue to rank among the top criminal justice programs nationwide, with special regard for our graduate programs.

Situated on the most diverse campus in the country and in one of the nation’s most vibrant urban centers, we offer a program of study that takes strategic advantage of our superior faculty and stimulating location. Many of our students conduct their research in field settings, gathering data on the streets of the major cities along the Northeastern corridor or working in close partnership with the major criminal justice agencies of the region. Working under the direction of our internationally renowned faculty, students also engage in projects that analyze crime and justice data from all over the world.

The School of Criminal Justice offers a superb education at the undergraduate level, as well. With over 400 majors, our undergraduate program and is one of the largest and fastest growing programs at the University. Our BA students study the most pressing problems affecting the quality of justice and the promotion of public safety, and they are exposed to the most current thinking about the field. Opportunities are provided for direct field experience in assignments that range from operational criminal justice work to cutting-edge research projects. Our goal is to prepare every student for the future they seek.

We have just begun the design of a new Masters degree program geared toward mid-career professionals and those interested in pursuing a career of criminal justice policy or administration. This new degree is in keeping with our strong commitment to improving the quality of criminal justice in New Jersey through enhancing the knowledge and skills of those who design and implement those policies.
To support this mission of education and scholarship, we have the Don M. Gottfredson Collection, one of the largest and most comprehensive collections of crime and justice materials anywhere in the world. Scholars come from all over the globe to study in our library, enhancing their work with access to materials not otherwise available to them.

This, then, is the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers: Award-winning faculty, gifted students, terrific facilities, housed in great university and a revitalized Newark. Our program offers every opportunity you need for a terrific education of engagement with city, state, national and international agencies on a broad range of crime prevention and criminal justice activities. Come join us.

**Admissions Requirements**

- Application Fee
- Two official transcripts
- Three letters of recommendation
- A personal statement (included in your online application)
- All required test scores (International students should send copies of test score results electronically.)
- A brief résumé
- A writing sample (only required for some programs)

Refer to website for online application and details in the admissions process

**Program Requirements**

General requirements

The doctoral program in criminal justice requires students to complete a minimum of 60 credits towards the degree, including 42 hours of coursework and 18 hours of dissertation research. All requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy should be completed within five (5) years, and must be completed within seven (7) years of the first matriculation in the criminal justice Ph.D. program.

As part of their doctoral education, students are expected to regularly participate in professional development activities, including Professional Development Seminars, SCJ Colloquia, Distinguished Speaker Series, meeting with job candidates and attending their presentations, and attendance/presentation at professional conferences such as the American Society of Criminology Annual Meetings.

Specific Credit Requirements for the Ph.D. in Criminal Justice Include:

- A minimum of 60 credits for the doctorate
- A minimum of 42 credits of coursework, including 7 required 3-credit courses (described below) and 21 hours of electives.
- A minimum of 18 credits in dissertation research taken toward the degree.
- Grades of a B or better in all required courses. A grade of less than a B in a required
course indicates an academic deficiency. Any required course in which the student earns less than a B must be repeated until a B grade is earned.

- No more than 3 credits with a grade of C+ or lower are allowed in meeting the requirements for the degree; these cannot be in a required course.
- The overall GPA for coursework in the program must be a 3.2 or better.
- No credits from undergraduate courses may be used for the doctoral degree.
- Up to 12 graded credits may be transferred from other graduate degree-granting institutions.
- A full-time, one-year residency (9 credits per semester for the first two semesters) is required for the first year of the program. After the first year, students may enroll part or full time for the remainder of the program.
- Courses taken to satisfy the requirements for the master’s degree in Criminal Justice at Rutgers may, with approval, be counted toward the doctorate.

**Funding/Financial Aid**

**Deadline: March 1**

**Assistantships**

Students wishing to be considered for an assistantship should complete an Application for Assistantship, available in the Dean’s Office, and forward it to the Ph.D. Committee by March 1st. Assistants applying for continuing support should make sure that their supervising faculty member supplies the Chairperson of the Ph.D. Committee with a performance evaluation of the past year’s work. Please keep in mind that assistantships are awarded to students demonstrating the ability to perform the work tasks open for assignment. Requests for assistantships usually surpass available resources. Beginning stipend is currently $21,400 plus tuition, fees, and medical benefits.

Expectations of Students Receiving Assistantships:

Assistantships are awarded in accordance with the criteria and procedures described above. An assistantship is both a job and an opportunity to learn. Assistants are required to spend 15 hours a week on assignments that are designed to enhance their academic ability.

The normal teaching load for the academic year is three (3) courses. Each course taught will require 10 hours of preparation time and classroom instruction. If you are assigned to teach two courses for the semester your 15-hour obligation is met. If you are assigned to instruct one course for the semester, the remaining 5 hours will be spent assisting a faculty member in their research.

Applicants should refer to the application packet for current deadlines. The deadline for consideration for assistantships and fellowships is March 1. International students must submit application materials by November 1 for a spring term admission, and April 1 for a fall term admission. Deadlines may be extended if there is sufficient time to render decisions.
Deadlines: February 1
Sam Houston State University
Website: http://www.cjcenter.org/

The doctoral experience at Sam Houston State University will sharpen your analytical abilities, expand your knowledge, and impart new intellectual skills. We do not merely graduate doctoral students; we launch our doctoral graduates on an academic career.

Sam Houston State University alumni are consistently rated among the most prolific contributors to our knowledge base and hold leadership positions in numerous academic associations. Your academic experience is enhanced by both the quality of our faculty and the breadth of interests and expertise among over forty faculty members. A visiting lecturer program expands even further your exposure to world-renowned scholars.

Why pursue a Ph.D. at Sam Houston State University's College of Criminal Justice:

* First and second year Ph.D. students are assigned to faculty and/or one of our research institutes as research assistants. Assistantships are meaningful because they build the critical skills and credentials you will need for a quality academic position upon graduation.
* Third year Ph.D. students qualify for a doctoral teaching fellowship. After completing a specialized course in pedagogy, you will be assigned full instructional responsibility for one or two courses a semester. You will be the instructor – not an instructional assistant.
* Candidates for a Ph.D. must demonstrate competence to proceed to a dissertation. Approval to proceed to a dissertation is formally termed "Admission to Candidacy." After successful completion of stipulated coursework, two publishable manuscripts is considered prima facie evidence of the student's readiness to proceed to the dissertation. Assistance is provided throughout the process, including submission of manuscripts to prestigious journals. Our goal is to have all of our doctoral graduates already "published" before they enter the job market.
* In a recent survey of hiring institutions, the two most sought credentials for criminal justice faculty applicants were a published article(s) and teaching experience. Sam Houston State graduates have both.
* Sam Houston State University possesses a national and international presence. Study abroad programs exist in a dozen countries, and formal faculty exchange programs exist in several others, including China. Students study with colleagues from around the
world, joining the global criminal justice intellectual community.

* In the academic year 2008-2009, every criminal justice doctoral student was provided $1,000 to attend a national conference: American Society of Criminology or Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences; Ph.D. students were also provided an additional $500 to attend a regional or state conference. At the March 2009 ACJS conference in Boston, twenty-two of our doctoral students presented papers.

* An array of special opportunities exist among our institutes – the Correctional Management Institute of Texas and the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas both have strong research and development programs. Our focused research institutes include the Crime Victims Institute, the Police Research Center, the Institute for Legal Studies, and the Survey Research Program.

Admissions Requirements

- A master’s degree in Criminal Justice or an allied field.
- Official test scores from the Graduate Record Examination
- Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts for all academic work. Grades must show evidence of the ability to do doctoral level work.
- Three letters of recommendation, preferably from faculty who are sufficiently acquainted with the student to comment on potential for success in the doctoral program.
- Doctoral Follow-Up Application
- An original essay as described in the doctoral follow-up application.
- International students are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) unless they have completed a degree in the United States. A minimum score of 550 (paper-based) or 213 (computer-based) is required.
- A current resume or vita.

In some instances a personal interview may be requested.

A holistic review of each student’s application will be completed on a competitive basis. Please contact the Graduate Admissions Coordinator if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Deadlines:
Applicants to the Ph.D. program are only admitted in the Fall Semester; applications are due February 1.

A $45.00 application fee is required. Your application will not be considered without the application fee in the form of a check from a U.S. bank, money order, or traveler's check in U.S. dollars. Application fees are nonrefundable. Print your full name, date of birth, and the department to which you are applying on the payment. Do not send cash.

Program Requirements
The following guidelines are offered to demonstrate the nature of the doctoral program and should not be misconstrued as representing the formal requirements for a Ph.D.

1. Students should consult with the criminal justice Graduate Admissions Coordinator to design a course of study beyond the master's degree that will provide an in-depth knowledge in the areas of research and statistics, criminological theory, criminal justice administration and legal issues in criminal justice. See the Doctoral Program Ideal Student Schedule at the CJ Website.

2. Students must register full-time, a minimum of 9 credit hours per semester, on campus for at least two consecutive long semesters. Transfer credit of up to a maximum of nine hours of post-master’s course work may be allowed toward electives, at the discretion of the criminal justice Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies.

3. Students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average in all courses.

4. Students must pass the doctoral qualifying examination in the form of a Research Assessment Portfolio.

5. Students must complete and defend a doctoral dissertation, which is the product of original scholarly research and is of such quality as to represent a meaningful contribution to knowledge in the field of criminal justice.

6. Students who enter with a master’s degree have six years to complete the doctoral degree from the first semester they register.

*Effective Summer 2012, graduate students will take dissertation/thesis classes for 3 credit hours until they have completed the degree requirements (12 hours for dissertation; 6 hours for thesis). Students may then sign up for 1 credit hour for continuous enrollment. Students do not have to sign up for thesis/dissertation classes during the summer if they are not working on their thesis/dissertation or if they are not graduating or working on their portfolio. If students do not stay continuously enrolled, they will be back enrolled in 1 semester hour and will be charged for the course.

**Funding/Financial Aid**

All students who apply to the Criminal Justice Graduate Programs are automatically considered for Financial Assistantships. The College of Criminal Justice offers an array of scholarships, fellowships, teaching assistantships, research assistantships, and teaching instructorships to assist graduate students in pursuing their degrees. The number of awards are limited and are made on the basis of academic merit as evidenced by a student's score on the Graduate Record Examination, grade point average during both undergraduate and graduate level coursework, and the nature of courses completed at all academic levels. Letters of recommendation which address students' academic abilities are required. Teaching fellowships and research assistantships are available for doctoral students with records of superior scholarly achievements.

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Deadline: December 31
State University of New York at Albany
Website: http://www.albany.edu/scj/grad.htm

The School of Criminal Justice is concerned with the study of all aspects of crime and societal reactions to crime. We examine political, economic and cultural patterns that shape definitions of crime and influence the policy choices about how to respond to certain categories of crime. We also study social and personal forces that lead to criminal conduct, and we analyze the organization and operation of crime control systems. Particular emphasis is placed on the interactions among the many agencies which comprise criminal justice systems and on the relationships between these systems and other facets of society.

Since its inception, the School has been interdisciplinary in its approach. Our graduates have been highly successful in academic and in practice positions. Graduates find opportunities in the expanding academic field of criminal justice research and teaching, all the operating agencies of criminal justice, in the many private and non-profit organizations which provide services or make policy recommendations.

Admissions Requirements

- Submit the application. You may apply online or download the application and mail it to the University’s Office of Graduate Admissions.
- $75 application fee and the Application Fee Payment Form
- Submit official transcripts from each institution that you have attended. Ask the institution's Registrar's Office to mail the transcripts directly to you, then mail them in the original, sealed envelope to the Office of Graduate Admissions.
- Submit your standardized test scores, if required. (GRE)
- Submit three letters of recommendation in their original sealed envelopes. You may download the recommendation form.
- Statement of Background and Goals. The statement should include a brief description of your field of interest, related background, desired study and/or research emphasis, and your career goals.

- Submit the assistantship application, if you’d like to be considered for a departmental assistantship.

Application process
Applications to the School of Criminal Justice Master's program are due July 1 for the fall semester and December 1 for the spring semester. The doctoral program only accepts new
students for the fall semester. The deadline to apply to the doctoral program is December 31. Students are encouraged to apply early.

**Program Requirements**

To satisfy requirements for the Ph.D. degree, students must:

1. Complete 60 credits of coursework with a B (3.0) grade point average;
2. Pass comprehensive examinations, as described below.
3. Pass or waive the required courses in the support sequence: Statistics II (CRJ 687)
   Research Design II (CRJ 688);
4. Complete research tool requirements in a specialized area of research methodology;
5. Present and successfully defend a dissertation prospectus;
6. Present and successfully defend a dissertation;
7. Comply with the University's statute of limitations requirement by completing all program requirements within eight calendar years of the date of initial registration.

**Funding/Financial Aid**

Most financial support in the School is awarded to entering and continuing Ph.D. students. That support may be in the form of fellowships, assistantships, or internships with state agencies. Fellowships entail no work requirement, whereas assistantships and internships involve assignment to specific tasks for a certain number of hours per week (20 hours per week for a typical assignment). Fellowship and assistantship support may be combined, so that the number of hours worked per week is reduced from what would be expected with a normal assistantship. Awards (fellowships, assistantships, and internships) also include tuition scholarships covering full time enrollment.

Assistantships may involve teaching, research, or administrative responsibilities. Those assistantships funded by Hindelang Research Center projects are offered by individual project directors and are coordinated through the Research Center; all others are managed through the Dean's Office. The specific amounts of awards and tuition scholarships are determined by the School, the Center, and the University. The School recognizes an obligation that the assistantships which it oversees involve appropriate educational experiences; it is inappropriate, for example, for graduate assistants to be required to undertake tasks of a personal nature for the person to whom they are assigned.

Financial awards are based upon faculty evaluation of several considerations, including applicants' academic performance and progress, the skills required to fulfill the obligations of assistantships, and program and curriculum needs. A multi-year funding commitment to a student may be fulfilled by the School through any combination of fellowships, assistantships and internships. It is the student's responsibility to apply for assistantships on Hindelang Center projects and for internships available in state agencies (which may become available at any time during the year) and to keep the Dean's office apprised of any
assistantships that are offered and accepted.

The recipients of awards must comply with the following general requirements:

1. All graduate fellows, assistants, and interns must have been formally admitted to a regular degree program and must maintain a satisfactory standard of academic performance in order for their fellowships and assistantships to be continued.
2. Unless otherwise specified, recipients of fellowships, assistantships, and internships are expected to make a commitment of two academic semesters to their positions. Those who leave the School or terminate their positions before the mid-semester date may forfeit the tuition scholarship associated with their original awards. Students may not accept an offer of a new assistantship or internship without ensuring that they are released by the School or a project director from any previous commitments they have made.
3. In order to qualify for tuition scholarships, all graduate fellows and assistants must apply through the University for New York State’s Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). Students (other than International Students) who qualify for tuition scholarships must apply for and be granted New York State residency prior to beginning their second year of study, or else pay the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition.
4. University policy is that recipients of financial awards may not hold two assistantships or fellowships of any kind simultaneously. This restriction does not include Veterans Educational Assistance Allowance.
5. University policy is that recipients of fellowships and assistantships are expected to refrain from engaging in outside employment during the terms of their appointments. Exceptions may be authorized by the Dean when recommended by the student's major advisor. Exceptions will be based on educational, rather than financial need.
6. Fellowship (full or partial) recipients generally are required to register for at least 12 credits of course work per semester unless eligible to register for CRJ 899. They must comply with other requirements which accompany financial awards.
7. Assistantship recipients and interns must register for not less than 9 nor more than 10 credits per semester unless eligible to register for CRJ 899.

Applications for Assistantships.

The School will solicit and accept applications for School-managed assistantships in the early part of each spring semester, for the following academic year. All students who wish to be supported must apply—even those who still have multiple-year funding commitments from the School—since the information on the application is critical to making timely assignments based on interest areas, expertise, and experience.
We are very proud of the graduate Criminal Justice program that has been developed at Temple. We offer a traditional Masters degree - the MA in Criminal Justice -and we have our doctoral program that leads to a PhD in Criminal Justice.

These pages will give you an overview of our program, the enrollment requirements and process, and will also answer some of the many questions that you are likely to have.

Our graduate program comprises a faculty that is diverse in background and academic interests. At Temple you will experience a dynamic research environment in which faculty with students and in teams conduct research on the local, regional, national and international levels. You can assess for yourself the evidence of our success to date – review the wide variety of research grants we receive, the range of publications we (and our students) produce, the reputations of our faculty and the quality of the graduate students we develop.

For example, in recently released doctoral program rankings, we ranked 6th in the USA. The Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index ranks thousands of individual doctoral programs in over 100 disciplines at US institutions. Published in the Chronicle of Higher Education, the 2007 Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index has ranked the Department of Criminal Justice at Temple University as the 6th most productive faculty of all doctoral programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Last year we ranked 7th. We are the only department at Temple University to make it into the top 10 rankings for two consecutive years.

Admissions Requirements

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree and a superior record of academic achievement from an accredited institution. A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 is required. Previous
work in criminal justice or a cognate discipline is preferred. Cognate disciplines within social sciences include Anthropology, Geography, Law, Urban Studies, Sociology, Psychology, History, Political Science, and Women's Studies.

Successful applicants to the graduate programs will usually have at least the following credentials:

* GRE scores of at least 500 on the Verbal section and 500 on the Quantitative section.
* An overall undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4-point scale, and an average in the major of at least 3.2.
* Applicants to the Ph.D. program who have completed graduate level coursework should have at least a 3.0 average for that coursework.

Applications must include:

* The Temple University Graduate Application Form
* Transcripts from all graduate and undergraduate study
* GRE scores
* A brief resume
* Letters of recommendation from three persons familiar with the applicant's abilities and scholarly potential
* A biographical statement explaining the applicant's purpose for graduate study (2-3 pages is usually fine)
* At least one sample of the applicant's writing (previous academic work is preferable)
* A non-refundable application fee of $60 (if submitted electronically: $65 for paper applications)

For September admission to the MA or PhD program the deadline for materials is January 15th.

**Program Requirements**

The Ph.D. program is designed to produce criminal justice scholars who will provide the future leadership for the field in academia, private and governmental research agencies, and policy level positions in criminal justice and related organizations.

The coursework component of the PhD is a minimum of 48 credit hours (16 x 3 credit hour classes). Advance standing of up to 30 credit hours is available for students who have earned a Masters prior to starting the PhD program. For PhD students, we require the same core classes as the MA plus two additional core requirements.

We also require a further 9 courses to complete the 16 course (48 credit hours) taught component of the doctoral program. On completion of the required 48 credit hours (16 courses) students should also expect to complete a number of dissertation-related requirements, and that the PhD is usually completed with a total of about 60 credit hours.
The additional requirements for the program include a research paper, successfully passing the preliminary examinations, an acceptable dissertation prospectus, and of course successfully defending the final requirement, a doctoral dissertation!

We offer state-of-the-art quantitative training (indeed, this is part of our core program). All PhD programs in criminology and criminal justice will require a fair amount of instruction in quantitative methodology. This is because even if one's own research agenda is qualitative in nature, the discipline is dominated by quantitative research, so it is important that scholars in the discipline are able to read, evaluate, and critique it. However, we also offer a strong foundation in qualitative research - although it is not one of our core courses, we offer our graduate-level qualitative methods course as frequently as our quantitative methods courses, and we encourage our doctoral students to follow their research interests wherever they lead. (I myself am an advocate - and practitioner - of mixed-methods research that combines both qualitative and quantitative strategies). We have had, over the years, a number of students whose dissertations were partially or exclusively qualitative in nature.

**Funding/Financial Aid**

Graduate / Financial assistance

The Department of Criminal Justice ranks among the highest in the University in faculty and student involvement in local and national research activities. The result has been a steady stream of grant-funded employment positions that provide both financial support and the opportunity to develop research skills and graduate thesis/dissertation opportunities. The doctoral program is proud of its track record of support of our doctoral students through a combination of such positions and the other sources of financial support outlined below.

Financial support is available to many graduate students through a variety of University and Department teaching and research assistantships, fellowships, and awards. Most assistantships and fellowships carry a stipend plus tuition waiver.

At the time the application is submitted, doctoral applicants who are interested in seeking financial support as a Teaching Assistant or a Research Assistant should write a brief letter to the Chair of the Graduate Committee indicating their interest and qualifications. Note that no funding decisions can be made until after an applicant is officially admitted to the Ph.D. program. Applicants should also consult the Graduate School web pages for information on application deadlines and funding opportunities available university-wide.

Depending upon available resources, a Teaching Assistantship (TA) may be awarded either to incoming or matriculated students. If a Teaching Assistantship is awarded to an incoming student during the first year, (unless notified otherwise) the Department
guarantees four years of funding from either a Teaching Assistantship position or an alternative research or support source, depending upon maintaining good academic standing. Students should be aware that good scores in the GRE examinations are one of the best predictors of availability of financial assistance.

Additional financial support is often provided by employment and training opportunities on externally funded faculty research projects. Positions on funded research projects may include full or partial tuition coverage in addition to salary for up to 20 hours per week during the semester, with the possibility of full-time employment during semester breaks and summer months. The timing and availability of such opportunities depend on the status of faculty research projects and external grants.
Students in the PhD program in Criminal Justice are guided through an intense, supervised course of study of the history, current issues, and research related to criminology and criminal justice. This program requires extensive work in qualitative and quantitative methods, statistical analysis, and research design. Students will be trained to be prolific writers and skilled at obtaining grants. Coursework and mentoring will provide students with other aspects of professional development, including teaching and pedagogy, service to the discipline, and program administration.

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must meet all admission standards of the UALR Graduate School. Students are only admitted in the Fall semester each year. Applicants are required to score at least 1000 on the combined verbal and quantitative portions and at least 4 on the written portion of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). Applicants must have a cumulative GPA in their master’s program of at least 3.5. International students must take the TOEFL exam and score at least 550 on the paper-based test, 213 on the computer-based version, or 79 on the Internet-based version. Admission to the doctoral program requires a master’s degree in criminology/criminal justice or a closely related field. Applicants from other disciplines may be admitted after taking one or more courses in the MACJ program to establish knowledge in criminal justice issues. Three courses in statistics and research methods at the master’s level are also required. Courses may be taken in the MACJ program to remove this deficiency after being admitted to the program but before taking statistics or research methods courses at the doctoral level. Applicants with only a Juris Doctorate (no master’s degree) will not be directly admitted to the program but will be required to take MACJ courses in research methods, statistics, and criminal justice (police, corrections, criminological theory).

**Our minimum GPA requirement is 3.5, and our GRE requirement is 1000.** We look at the whole packet, though, for a person, and we admitted people this cohort who had GR Es
in the 900s.

Applicants must submit all required documents to the UALR Graduate School. In addition to GRE scores and transcripts applicants must also submit a statement of purpose and a career development plan. The statement of purpose should consist of two parts: a statement of what the applicant sees as the role of a PhD in criminal justice, and a statement of the applicant understanding of the role of research in criminal justice. The career development plan should describe in detail what the applicant plans to do following completion of the PhD. This statement must be more than “I want to work as a teacher at a university,” and should include a potential research and publication agenda. Applicants will also be required to submit a writing sample to be considered by the admissions committee. Finally, two professional letters of recommendation (one of which must come from a graduate-level teacher) will be required.

**Program Requirements**

The curriculum consists of 57 graduate semester hours beyond the master’s degree. These hours are divided into five sections: a) research design and statistical analysis, b) crime and justice, c) electives and specialization, d) research practicum, and e) dissertation. The courses combine to produce students who have mastered the theories of crime and justice and who have acquired research and statistical techniques sufficient for high levels of analysis and evaluation. All courses will be taught in the classroom or in consultation with individual faculty; none will be taught on-line.

We do have a very strong quantitative focus, but we also have a strong focus on qualitative methods in our neighborhoods and crime specialization.

**Funding/Financial Aid**

All full-time doctoral students will receive some form of financial assistance. A limited number of assistantships will be awarded in the amount of $19,000 and will also cover tuition (fees will not be covered in fellowship/assistantships). Other assistantships will be awarded in the amount of $15,000 and will cover tuition. Any full-time doctoral students not receiving an assistantship will receive tuition-only assistantships. It is expected first year doctoral students will primarily conduct research. In the second year (and subsequent years), doctoral students may be Research Assistants or Teaching Assistants with one or two of their own classes.

We have three funding levels. We have fellowships at $19,000 plus tuition (total about $25,000), and we have assistantships at $15,000 plus tuition (about $20,000). We also have some tuition only assistantships. Both the fellowships and assistantships are assigned to faculty in their first year to help with research projects and to aid in learning the process of grant acquisition and research. In the second and subsequent years, the assistantships typically will shift to teaching assistants, while the fellowships may continue research, move to teaching, or do a little of both.
University of California at Irvine

Website:  http://cls.soceco.uci.edu/

The PhD program in Criminology, Law and Society is consistently ranked within the top 5 in the US News and World Reports annual rankings. The program focuses on the causes, manifestations and consequences of crime; the impacts of crime on society; social regulation; the civil justice system; the social and cultural contexts of law; and the interactive effects of law and society. With high caliber faculty and an interdisciplinary perspective, the program aims to develop students’ theoretical and methodological sophistication to prepare them for faculty positions at major universities and colleges or for research, training, and administrative work in the justice system.

Admissions Requirements

1) An application fee
2) Two official transcripts from each college or university attended
3) Three letters of recommendation
4) Scores from the GRE (Graduate Record Examination) General Test (UCI code: R4859)
5) Statement of purpose

We do not have minimum GRE requirements, but the university requires a minimum GPA of 3.0

All PhD applications are due January 15th, but applicants are encouraged to submit their materials earlier, if possible. Applicants are accepted for full-time study beginning in the Fall quarter only.

Funding/Financial Aid

Students in the Ph.D. program have a variety of financial support options. The most common sources of support are teaching assistantships and research assistantships.

Teaching Assistantship. Ph.D. students in CLS are eligible for 12 quarters of support as a teaching assistant, making this the most common means to apply for financial support. Teaching assistants work up to 20 hours a week, are responsible for assisting the professor with many common classroom tasks (e.g., creating exams, grading papers, etc.), assist students understand course material and meet course requirements, and offer an opportunity to practice the art of teaching (usually through discussion sections or guest
lecturing). To maintain their eligibility, students must be in good academic standing and must have a satisfactory record as a teaching assistant. Some students may receive a teaching assistantship after this 12-quarter period. Teaching assistantship is not only an important means of support, but serves a vital role in training Ph.D. candidates, particularly those who intend to pursue academic careers. Teaching assistantships provide a monthly salary and cover fees and tuition.

Research Assistantship. Many students work with faculty on research projects that are funded by external grants or university monies. As with teaching assistants, RAs generally work for up to 20 hours per week and are involved in a wide variety of research activities (e.g., data collection and analysis, article preparation, etc.). Compensation for research assistants is roughly equivalent to that for a teaching assistants, and covers fees and tuition.

Additional funding is available through student loans, departmental and university fellowships, and outside funding sources. In addition to support during the academic year, students are often able to secure research grants from the department for the summer. These grants are allotted on the basis of academic standing and financial need.
Deadline: Sooner the better, look at applications beginning the end of February

Refer to this guidebook: PhD Admission Requirements FAQ:
http://www.cech.uc.edu/criminaljustice/files/2010/05/phd_faq.pdf

University of Cincinnati

Website: http://www.cech.uc.edu/criminaljustice/

The nationally-ranked School of Criminal Justice holds a number one ranking for research productivity, and recognition in U.S. News & World Report as one of the top three doctoral programs in the nation.

With a mission dedicated to research, teaching and service, the School supports these and related activities through the Center for Criminal Justice Research, which includes the Corrections Institute and the Policing Institute. Graduate students are provided opportunities to learn and conduct research, training, and technical assistance in a wide range of criminal justice settings.

The School of Criminal Justice serves more than 1,500 students, preparing them for careers in law enforcement, corrections, or law school by featuring a range of coursework in general criminology as well as specialty areas like policing and crime prevention.

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The criminal justice faculty has devoted considerable time to designing a curriculum that firmly grounds students in the core of the discipline of criminal justice/criminology. Students must complete 135 graduate credit quarter hours beyond the baccalaureate degree with at least a 3.0 GPA. The curriculum is flexible and required coursework is dependent on the substantive areas in which students wish to specialize. Students must specialize in either Criminology or the Criminal Justice System and must complete 15 hours of coursework in their selected area or 9 hours in the other area. Students must also complete
12 hours of coursework in a substantive specialty. Doctoral students must pass 2 comprehensive examinations and complete a dissertation.

**Admission Requirements**

* Full-time students are admitted in the Autumn Quarter only.
* Applicants are expected to have a baccalaureate degree (any major) from an accredited institution.
* Applicants with bachelor's degrees are required to have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
* Applicants with master's degrees are required to have a minimum graduate grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.
* Applicants are also expected to present acceptable scores on the GRE, three (3) letters of reference and a personal statement.
* Admission is competitive.
* International applicants should have a minimum computer based TOEFL score of 187.

The Graduate Admissions Committee will begin reviewing files on February 1. The Division will continue to accept applications until the graduate classes are full.

PhD Admission Requirements FAQ:
[http://www.cech.uc.edu/criminaljustice/files/2010/05/phd_faq.pdf](http://www.cech.uc.edu/criminaljustice/files/2010/05/phd_faq.pdf)

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justice statistics and methods, and 6 credit hours in professional development. Doctoral students must pass 2 comprehensive examinations and complete a dissertation. The dissertation presents original criminal justice research and is defended publicly. A minimum residency of one year is required.

**Funding/Financial Aid**

The School of Criminal Justice offers graduate assistantships, tuition remission scholarships, and support through externally funded research. In addition, the university offers minority fellowships and scholarships. Students who desire financial aid should complete their applications as early as possible, and no later than February 1. A very high percentage of students have received some form of funding to support their graduate studies.
Deadline: February 1
University of Delaware
Website: http://www.udel.edu/soc/grad.html

The Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice offers Masters of Arts and a Doctor of Philosophy degree program in both sociology and criminology. The primary focus of the program is the preparation of members of the next generation of sociologists and criminologists by emphasizing systematic training in theory and research methodology as well as teaching. These advanced education degrees are intended for persons interested in careers in academia, public service, or private enterprise. The Department has a large number of full-time distinguished faculty (28) from the disciplines of Sociology, Psychology, Law, Criminology, History, and Criminal Justice. This allows students to work closely with faculty members while preserving a reasonable breadth of interests. Thus, while both the Sociology and Criminology degrees rely on strong theoretical and methodological foundations, they also allow students to tailor a program that meets their individual needs.

Both the Sociology and Criminology programs are organized around course work, seminars, research, teaching opportunities, and other related work. Our goal is to provide students with a wide range of professional experiences.

Admission Requirements

Admission requirements are established by the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice and the College of Graduate Studies. The decision to admit an applicant to the graduate programs in Sociology or Criminology is primarily based on the applicant's performance on the verbal and math GRE's (ideally a total of 1100 is favorable for combined scores), application, official transcript containing GPA, three letters of recommendation, and statement of objectives (why you want a M.A. or Ph.D. and what you plan to do with it), TOEFL or IELTS for foreign students, writing sample is strongly encouraged. Recommended GPA is at least 3.5 and above. Application deadline is Feb. 1.

The student submits a dossier at least two months prior to the beginning of the semester in which admission to the Ph.D. program is being requested. The dossier includes:
1. A vita from the applicant describing: past academic achievement and activities (including TA, RA, or fellowship awards),
2. A letter detailing the reasons for obtaining the Ph.D. in Sociology or Criminology; and an outline of the intended course of study (including both substance of course work as well as an expected schedule for completion of course work, exams, proposals and dissertation defense).
3. Three letters of recommendation, one of which shall be a letter from the masters thesis
advisor evaluating past graduate performance and future potential for doctoral work.
4. A transcript of all graduate course work.
5. The applicant may, at their discretion, include other materials including the Master’s thesis, seminar papers, published papers or conference presentations.

Normally, the minimum GPA in all graduate course work should be a 3.5 but the Graduate Policy Committee may evaluate the GPA in light of other criteria such as course difficulty. Passage of the Master’s thesis defense with a minimum of a “pass, accept into Ph.D. program level” is also required.

**Program Requirements**

To permit maximum flexibility for developing an individualized Ph.D. program, there are no minimum course hour requirements. However, the following specific courses are required:

- SOCI 605 – Data Collection and Analysis
- SOCI 614 – Advanced Data Analysis
- SOCI 606 – Qualitative Methodology OR
- SOCI 611 – Demographic Data Collection
  [Methods requirement adopted April 12, 1996]
- EDUC 876 – Structural Models in Education OR
- EDUC 873 – Hierarchical Linear Modeling in Education
- SOCI 612 - Development of Sociological Theory
- SOCI 835 - Theoretical Criminology I
- SOCI 836 - Application of Criminological theory and Empirical Tests
- SOCI 667 - Teaching in the Social Sciences (1 credit)
- 4 elective courses (excluding independent studies) from the courses listed in Parts A and B of the M.A. Criminology program
  - Comprehensive exam in Criminology and one additional area, except Social Deviance
  - SOCI 969 - Dissertation (9 credits)

**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

SOCI 837 - Criminology and Systems of Criminal Justice

Candidates for the doctoral degree must be certified in two specialized areas. The department currently offers specialization in the following areas: Collective Behavior/Disaster Studies, Criminology, Deviance, Gender, Law and Society, Methodology/Statistics, Race, Theory. NOTE: Students in Criminology may not select deviance as their second area.

Students are required to take at least one of their certified areas from the standing areas offered by the department. If the candidates wishes to be certified in a specialized area for which there is no standing area committee, she or he must obtain three (3) faculty members willing to serve as examiners in that area by providing reading lists, constructing and evaluating examinations and other certification requirements. The Graduate Policy
Committee must review and approve the petition of the student and inform the Director of Graduate Studies and the Chairperson of the department of its decision.

**Funding/Financial Aid**

Financial aid is available to graduate students in the form of teaching assistantships, research assistantships, tuition scholarships, and University fellowships. Awards are competitive and merit-based. Assistantships and fellowships consist of tuition plus a stipend for the September - May academic period.
Deadline: December 1
University of Florida
Ph.D. in Criminology, Law and Society
Website: http://soccrim.clas.ufl.edu/

Our combination of size, intellectual diversity, and strong specialty areas, plus the ambience of a university community, makes the University of Florida an ideal setting in which to pursue advanced training in criminology or law and society.

The Department of Criminology and Law Studies (CLS) at the University of Florida offers graduate study leading to an M.A. degree, a Ph.D. degree, and a Joint M.A./J.D. degree. Graduate education typically involves training in both crime and justice and law and society. CLS graduate students may also obtain interdisciplinary training leading to certification through programs offered by the Center of Latin American Studies, Center for Gerontological Studies, and Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research. Students with a particular interest in research methodology may also obtain the Social Science Methodology Graduate Certificate.

There are approximately 10 criminologists appointed to the graduate faculty of the Department of Criminology and Law Studies. In addition, several other scholars across the University are affiliated with the Department.

Admissions Requirements

* An admission application.
* The graduate fellowship and assistantship application is required to apply for these types of financial aid.
* Three letters of recommendation: The most useful letters are from college instructors who can address the applicant's readiness to do graduate work in criminology.
* A statement of purpose (two to four pages): The statement of purpose should describe the applicant's reasons for undertaking graduate study in criminology, including both educational and personal experiences that have influenced the decision to attend graduate school. It should also describe the applicant's future career plans. The statement should describe the planned area of concentration within criminology if it has already been chosen.
* Transcripts of all college work. An official, sealed copy of each transcript must be sent to the Admissions Office. The department copy may be an unofficial transcript or a photocopy.
* Test Scores:
All applicants: An official report of scores on the Graduate Record Examination General Test is required for all applicants. The GRE test is a computer-based exam in the U.S. Information on testing options, registration dates, and exam dates is available from college placement offices, directly from the GRE Program, Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 6000, Princeton, NJ 08541-6000, or from the GRE website. Allow adequate time after you take the test for results to be reported to the University of Florida. For applications received after June 30, 1999, the test must have been taken within the previous five years.

**Application fee: $30**

**Deadline**
The deadline for submission of all application materials for fall semester fellowship and assistantship consideration is December 1. We strongly urge all applicants to complete their files by December 1.

The University of Florida permits students to enter graduate study at the beginning of any term. However, spring term admissions are unusual and entry in the fall term is very strongly preferred because it enhances students' ability to take courses in the proper sequence.

The Graduate School requires a minimum GRE score of 1000 (verbal + quantitative), and the average GRE score of entering Criminology and Law graduate students is over 1100. Admission decisions are based on the entire application file; GRE scores are only one component, albeit an important one. Students are occasionally admitted with scores below the minimum if other aspects of their application show considerable achievement and promise. Conversely, average or above-average scores do not guarantee admission.

**Program Requirements**

The student should consult with the supervisory committee chair to develop a detailed plan of courses and timing for completion of the Ph.D. degree. The supervisory committee chair will transmit an approved copy of the plan to the Graduate Coordinator within one month of the supervisory committee's appointment. A copy of the PhD plan of study can be obtained at [http://web.crim.ufl.edu/grad/currgrad.htm](http://web.crim.ufl.edu/grad/currgrad.htm)

**Funding/Financial Aid**

Financial support for graduate study is available in the form of fellowships and assistantships. Assistantships require students to work a certain number of hours and constitute the majority of the department's financial aid funds. Fellowships require no service to be performed. Some awards combine both types of assistance. To be considered for support, complete the Graduate Fellowship and Assistantship application provided with the mailed application package or available for printing from our website. Applicants should check the appropriate spaces on the application form for both assistantship and fellowship consideration.
The financial aid links below are to University of Florida sites outside Criminology.

Graduate Fellowships

The University and Graduate School sponsor a number of competitive fellowships for study. Departments nominate a limited number of qualified applicants each year for these awards.

Graduate Minority Fellowships
The Office of Graduate Minority Programs administers a competitive fellowship program for minority students. Each department nominates qualified applicants for this program.

Teaching Assistantships
The Department awards graduate teaching assistantships. They are awarded competitively. Assistantships generally include waivers of in-state and out-of-state tuition plus a stipend.

Research Assistantships
Research assistantships are funded by research grants received by members of the Department and by needs in programs elsewhere in the University. These assistantships are normally awarded only to students already enrolled at the University of Florida; current students should apply to the research project or individual faculty member holding the research grant.

Other Resources
The Graduate School maintains a useful page of links to other financial aid sources.

Student Loans
Student loans are administered by the Office of Student Financial Affairs. All information requests and applications for loans should be sent to them at the following address:

Office of Student Financial Affairs
P.O. Box 114025
S-107 Criser Hall
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida 32611-4025
phone (352) 392-1275
Deadline for fellowship consideration: January 1
Deadline for application: March 15- domestic; February 15- international
University of Illinois at Chicago
Website: http://www.uic.edu/gcat/LACLJ.shtml

The Department of Criminal Justice includes some of the leading scholars in the country and its graduate curriculum is unique in several ways:
  - Addresses qualitative as well as quantitative methods of research and evaluation
  - Emphasizes community processes and the intersection between informal and formal mechanisms of social control
  - Brings attention to race and gender in research on violence and on systemic efforts to achieve social and criminal justice.

**Admission Requirements:**

Grade Point Average: At least 3.0 (A=4.0) for the final 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) of undergraduate study, with a GPA of at least 4.25 in all graduate courses taken.

Tests required: GRE scores (verbal, quantitative and analytic) with a minimum combined verbal and quantitative score of 1000.

Minimum TOEFL Score: 550. (International students only.)

Letters of Recommendation: Three letters of recommendation from professors addressing the applicant's academic accomplishments and potential.

Personal statement: Required; a statement of academic and professional goals.

Other requirements: An M.A. thesis or other major research paper

Application Deadline: The priority application deadline for fall semester is January 1st. The final deadline is February 1. Applicants who wish to be considered for nomination for university fellowship competitions should file their completed applications by January 1, for the following fall term.

**Program Requirements:**
Students who have received a master’s degree or its equivalent prior to being admitted to the doctoral program may receive up to 32 semester hours of credit toward the 96-hour requirement. Credit for other graduate work in a related field, whether taken at UIC or another institution, may be given on an individual basis. Students may earn up to 20 hours of credit for dissertation research in CLJ 599. Students admitted with a BA degree must complete both the MA and PhD requirements which include the MA comprehensive examination. Students with an MA from other institutions must satisfy UIC Criminology, Law, and Justice MA requirements. The graduate director will evaluate students’ prior preparation and determine remedial work if necessary.

* Minimum Semester Hours Required 96 beyond the baccalaureate.

* Course Work Required Courses: CLJ 500, 520, 540, 547, 560, 561, 562, 564, and 570. Note: For CLJ 570, upon departmental approval, an equivalent methods course may be taken either outside the department or as an independent study course in the department, dependent on the student’s dissertation research.

* Electives, Areas of Concentration: Upon successful completion of the core curriculum students are required to complete 40 additional hours, no more than 12 of which may be taken outside the department. This includes two CLJ Signature Seminars (selected from CLJ 541, 546, and 548), one of which coincides with the student’s area of concentration. Signature Seminars are courses within the areas of concentration that offer further inquiry into central questions in the discipline. Three areas of concentration are offered, each of which typically requires students to complete five additional courses in an area:

  o Law and Society, which examines the nature of formal and informal social norms, their development, use and variation across cultures, societies, and over time.
  o Criminology, which examines the theories of deviance, crime causation, criminal behavior, and explanations of rule breaking from psychological, sociological, economic, and political perspectives.
  o Organizations and Administration, which explores organizations and agencies whose principal function is the application of law, and theories explaining practices of decision making and how organizations are created, maintain and develop resources, and relate to internal and external environments.

* Examinations Departmental Qualifying Examination: None.

* Preliminary Examination: Required; written and oral.

* Dissertation Required.

Teaching:

All PhD students will earn teaching experience while a graduate student, either while serving as a teaching assistant or teaching their own course. The Department will also offer a number of instructional seminars in which criminal justice faculty will relate their experiences and recommendations for being effective instructors. Students are urged to confer with their advisors early in their graduate education to discuss their teaching interests and to develop a plan with the Department's graduate office to gain such experience. Students are also urged to visit various undergraduate classes to observe different faculty in the classroom teaching a variety of course material.
Deadline: December 1  
University of Maryland  
Website: http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/catalog/programs/crim.htm

The program of graduate study leading to Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in the area of Criminology and Criminal Justice is intended to prepare students for research, teaching and professional employment in operational agencies within the field of criminal justice. This program combines an intensive background in a social science discipline such as criminology, criminal justice, sociology, psychology and public policy with graduate-level study of selected aspects of crime and criminal justice.

**Admissions Requirements**

For admission to graduate study at the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice the applicant must first be admitted to the Graduate School. The most efficient and effective method of applying to the University of Maryland, College Park is through our Online Graduate Application. Applying online saves time and money, is more environmentally friendly than the traditional application, and reduces the chances for human error in processing. Please visit http://www.gradschool.umd.edu/gss/admission.htm to apply.

The following Supporting Materials should be sent to:

University of Maryland College Park  
Enrollment Services Operations  
Application for Graduate Admission  
Rm 0130 Mitchell Building  
College Park, MD 20742

* Official transcripts of all previous academic work at institutions of higher learning.  
* (3) Three letters of recommendation from professors, if possible, or employers who are acquainted with the applicant's qualifications  
* Statement of Goals and Purpose (if not completed with online application)

Decisions of admission will first be made for all applicants whose completed applications and supporting materials have been received by the Graduate School and the Department
on or before December 1st. Qualified applicants whose completed applications and supporting materials are received after December 1st, but on or before December 15th, will be granted admission on a first-come, first-served basis, up to the limits of available space in the program.

**Program Requirements**

For completion of the Ph.D. degree, competence in theory, in research methodology and in quantitative techniques is expected, as well as competence in the general field of criminology and criminal justice and in some specialization area within criminology or criminal justice selected by the student with Department approval. The necessary course work is determined on the basis of the student's previous preparation, needs, and interests. The determination of courses which must be made up is determined upon admission into the program. Courses which are needed to prepare the Ph.D. student for his/her comprehensive examinations should be selected on the basis of advice given by the student's faculty advisor. If students admitted to the doctoral program have not completed the equivalent of CCJS 600 (Criminal Justice), CCJS 610 (Research Methods in Criminal Justice and Criminology), and CCJS 651 (Seminar in Criminology), they will be required to complete these courses. All doctoral students must complete CCJS 710 (Advanced Criminal Justice and Criminological Research Methods), and an advanced course in statistics. (See below for list of courses that may be approved to satisfy this requirement). CCJS 710 and the advanced statistics course must be completed with a grade of "B" or better. The candidate is required to pass Ph.D. comprehensive examinations, acquire at least 12 hours of Ph.D. research credits (CCJS 899), and prepare and defend a doctoral dissertation under guidance of his/her Ph.D. dissertation committee.

**Funding/Financial Aid**

The Department's policy is to make financial aid decisions separate from admission decisions. That is, a decision to admit a student to the program is not affected by whether or not the student requests financial aid. The financial aid most regularly available in the Department is in the form of graduate teaching and research assistantships. Other regularly available forms of financial aid are listed in the Graduate Catalogue and the appropriate application procedures are discussed. A small number of Fellowships are also available to the most outstanding new applicants. Applications for graduate teaching and research assistantships should be submitted directly to the Department’s Graduate Office. For new applicants (e.g., students not already enrolled in one of our programs) these applications are due on December 1st. For continuing students, applications for financial aid are due on January 1st.

Please send financial aid application to:

University of Maryland College Park
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice
Attn: Admissions
2220 LeFrak Hall
College Park, MD 20742

Academic Common Market
The Academic Common Market allows out-of-state students to be admitted at in-state tuition fee levels if no college or university within the students' home states offers programs equivalent to the programs pursued by those students. The following states currently participate in this exchange: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. If you feel you are entitled to the Academic Common Market in-state tuition rate, please contact:

Southern Regional Education Board
592 Tenth Street, NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30318-5790
(404) 875-9211 for further information.

Minimum Admission Requirements

The Graduate School requires as a minimum standard a "B" average or a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale, in a program of study resulting in the award of a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university. In addition, the student's undergraduate program should include completion of the prerequisites for graduate study in his chosen field. In individual programs, where resources are available, a few applicants who do not meet this minimum standard for undergraduate work may be provisionally admitted if there is compelling evidence on the basis of other criteria of a reasonable likelihood of success in the program the person desires to enter. If an applicant has studied at the graduate level elsewhere, less weight may be, but is not necessarily, placed on the quality of the undergraduate academic record.

In addition to the general Graduate School requirement, special admission requirements of the Department include the Graduate Record Examination Aptitude Test, and nine hours of course work related to criminal justice or criminology. Applicants are encouraged to have completed at least one course each in theory, statistics, and research methods.
Deadline: February 1
University of Missouri at St. Louis
Website: http://www.umsl.edu/~ccj/index.html

The mission of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice (CCJ) is to conduct and disseminate the findings of basic and applied research on crime and justice, to offer excellent teaching at the BA, MA, and PhD levels, and to provide service to the campus, profession and community. This mission is realized via the research, teaching and service of the CCJ Department’s faculty, staff, and students.

Departmental faculty members publish the results of their research in top-tier, peer-reviewed journals and generate external funding from local, state and national government agencies and private foundations. Teaching activities in the CCJ Department include not only traditional in depth course work, but also intensive research training, especially at the PhD level. CCJ faculty members are actively involved in many local, state, national and international service activities, holding offices in organizations such as the American Society of Criminology and/or editorial positions on major criminological and sociological journals.

Admissions Requirements

To consider an applicant for admission, the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice must have transcripts, three letters of recommendations (each person providing a recommendation should also complete a standard recommendation form), GRE scores, a writing sample, and a personal statement (see guide). 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.

Applicants to the Ph.D. program must apply online. Applicants are informed of admission and funding decisions by mail from the Graduate School.

Students must indicate on their application to the Graduate School and to the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice that they are requesting admission to the Ph.D. program. The Department only admits students once per year. Graduate degrees are conferred by The Graduate School on the recommendation of the Department; therefore students are expected to be familiar with the requirements of the Graduate School as set forth in the latest Bulletin. Admission to the Ph.D. program is competitive.
Program Requirements

Following notification of admission and receipt of registration materials, new students are eligible to register for classes. Before registration, the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice will mail a set of materials to new students naming faculty advisors and stating how to register. Students who have received teaching or research assistantships will be notified of additional requirements in their letter of admission.

Required courses for the Ph.D. are:
6400, Proseminar (3)
6405, Methods (3)
6410, Statistics (3)
5415, Foundations of Criminological Theory (3)
6420, Contemporary Criminological Theory (3)
6440, Nature of Crime (3)
6450, Criminal Justice Organization (3)
6465, Qualitative Research Design (3)
6470, Quantitative Research Design (3)
6471, Evaluating Criminal Justice Interventions (3)
6480, Multivariate Statistics (3)

Please note that the pre-requisites for Quantitative Research Methods (6470) listed in the Bulletin are incorrect. According to the Bulletin, the sequence is supposed to be Statistics (6410), Quantitative Research Design (6470), then Multivariate Statistics (6480). Actually, the sequence is supposed to be Statistics, Multivariate Statistics, then Quantitative Research Design.

Funding/Financial Aid

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice offers a variety of forms of financial support to Ph.D. students, including teaching and research assistantships, university fellowships, and tuition and fee waivers. Financial award decisions are made annually at the time of application review.
The doctoral program in Criminology and Criminal Justice is organized around four components:

A core of courses in theory, research methods, teaching and statistical analysis;
Elective courses in criminology, criminal justice, and related fields;
Comprehensive examination; and Dissertation.

The Ph.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice requires a minimum of 92 graduate credit hours beyond the baccalaureate degree. This includes up to 30 hours earned in a master's degree. Satisfactory completion of a teaching practicum also is required. For more complete information about the doctoral program please read the Doctorate in Philosophy Criminology and Criminal Justice Student Handbook (in PDF format).

**Admission Requirements**

Admission to the program will be governed generally by the requirements specified by the University of Nebraska at Omaha's Graduate College. In addition to the basic requirements established by the Graduate College, the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice will require the following:

An earned Master of Arts or Master of Science degree in criminology and criminal justice (or a related program) from an accredited institution will be required for unconditional admission into the program.

Applicants with a Master's Degree in an allied field (sociology, political science, public administration, etc.) who lack substantial course work in criminology and criminal justice may be granted provisional admission. They will be granted unconditional admission upon successful completion of 18 hours of criminology and criminal justice courses from the core curriculum.

Outstanding applicants who have completed a baccalaureate and wish to be considered for the doctoral program may be provisionally admitted, but must first complete the requirements for the master's prior to unconditional admission into the Ph.D. program.

A combined score of at least 1,000 on the verbal and quantitative portions of the
Graduate Record Examination is required. Students demonstrating exceptional academic potential may be considered with a GRE score of less than 1,000.

Applicants must present at least two letters of reference from academics.

Applicants must present a statement of intent, not exceeding five typewritten, double-spaced pages, describing the applicant's prior education, relevant professional experience, career goals, and the specific relationship of the Ph.D. degree to the achievement of these goals.

Program Requirements

All students will be required to complete all eight courses listed as required. Students also will take elective courses in criminology and criminal justice or a related field.

- 8 core courses = 24 credit hours
- Specialty Area/Electives = 18 credit hours
- Dissertation = 20 credit hours
- Minimum Total Hours Beyond Master's Degree = 62 credit hours
- Minimum Total Hours Beyond Bachelor's Degree = 92 credit hours

After completion of the 42 credit hours of course work, doctoral students will be required to establish a Comprehensive Examination Committee and successfully pass the Comprehensive Examination.

A 20-credit-hour dissertation will be required of all students. The dissertation must reflect original scholarship and contribute to the body of knowledge on criminology and criminal justice. The dissertation topic must be approved by the student's supervisory committee, which consists of a chair and four other members. One committee member must be from outside the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. The dissertation prospectus and the dissertation itself must be approved by the supervisory committee. An oral defense of the prospectus will be scheduled after students have passed their written comprehensive examinations. An oral defense of the completed dissertation also is required.

Enrollment Requirements for Graduate Assistants

Students on a graduate assistantship must be enrolled at UNO in at least 6 credits per semester. Enrollment in the summer is not necessary. There is one exception - a student with a graduate assistantship, who is in his/her last semester, only needs to be enrolled in 1-3 credits. Permission to enroll in fewer than 6 credit hours when on a graduate assistantship must be obtained from Graduate Studies. The form for requesting such an accommodation is available from that office. If a student is in his/her last semester of an assistantship, but is not going to graduate at the end of that semester, s/he must enroll in at least 6 credits. Students with a graduate assistantship are entitled to tuition remission for a maximum of 36 credits per year. With regard to credits for coursework, independent studies, and directed readings:
o Accelerated doctoral program students with a graduate assistantship must obtain approval from the Doctoral Program Chair and the School Director in order to be granted tuition remission for more than 72 credits of course work.

O Doctoral students with a graduate assistantship must obtain approval from the Doctoral Program Chair and School Director in order to be granted tuition remission for credit that exceeds 72 credits minus the number of credits transferred into the program (e.g., a student who transfers in 30 credits needs approval to receive tuition remission for credits that extend beyond 42). With regard to dissertation credits:

O Students with graduate assistantships requesting tuition remission for more than 20 dissertation credits must obtain approval from the Doctoral Program Chair and the School Director in advance with the exception of students who must enroll in at least 6 credits per term to meet Graduate Studies requirements.

Tuition
The Criminal Justice Studies Program at the University of North Dakota was established in 1974 with grant support from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration of the U.S. Department of Justice. Since its inception this interdisciplinary program has pooled the resources of the departments of political science, Psychology, philosophy, sociology, and criminal justice. The program of study leads to a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Studies from the College of Arts and Sciences, and prepares the graduates for positions in criminal justice professions as well as further education in graduate criminal justice programs. In addition, many graduates continue their education in law schools. The program also provides opportunities for current professionals to upgrade their education and for individuals to pursue a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice.

The mission of the Department of Criminal Justice is broadly subsumed within the three functions of teaching, research and service to achieve the production and dissemination of knowledge guided by the principle of a just system of social regulation and control in the advancement of societal well-being. The goals of the teaching mission are achieved primarily through direct classroom instruction supplemented by experiential learning opportunities grounded in establishing foundations for lifelong learning. The research mission addresses both basic and applied research intended to contribute to the advancement of knowledge in the discipline of Criminal Justice as well as operational issues confronting criminal justice agencies and institutions. The Department of Criminal Justice meets its service mission through participation in departmental, college, and university governance, as well as involvement in professional and community activities that contribute to the betterment of the criminal justice discipline, the community and society.

**Admission Requirements**

**Graduate School Requirements:**

**Master's Programs**

1. A four-year bachelor's degree (equivalent of 125 semester credits) from a recognized college or university. For U.S. degrees, the institution must be accredited by one of the following six regional accrediting associations: MSA; NASC; NCA; NEASC-CIHE; SACS-CC; or WASC-Sr. Applicants with a three-year bachelor's degree must complete the equivalent of one year of post-baccalaureate work.
2. A minimum of 20 semester credits of appropriate undergraduate work in the chosen field.

3. A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least *2.75 for all undergraduate work or 3.00 for the junior and senior years of undergraduate work (based on A=4.00). For applicants having the equivalent of one or more years of baccalaureate work reported on a non-graded system, submission of (a) an evaluation of the work and (b) Graduate Record Examination scores on the General Test and the Subject Test, if offered in the discipline.

4. All non-native speakers of English are required to submit the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Applicants must achieve a minimum score of 550 (paper-based), or for the Internet based TOEFL the minimum scores for each category: Speaking 21/30, Listening 19/30, Reading 19/30 and writing 17/30 to be considered for admission. UND recognizes the IELTS test with a minimum overall band score of 6.5 or successful completion of English Language Service (ELS) level 112 as equivalent to TOEFL. This test must be sent directly from ETS—photocopies are not acceptable. The TOEFL requirement will not be waived for any reason, and test scores older than two years are no longer valid. Applicants who have received a bachelor’s degree or higher from the United States or English-speaking Canada are not required to fulfill the English test requirement.

5. Completion of all departmental admission requirements (please check with the department for specifics).

Doctoral & Specialist Programs

1. All general admission requirements listed above.

2. A master's degree from an accredited institution normally in the field of proposed specialist or doctoral study. The Graduate School does not recognize master's degrees from institutions outside of the United States or Canada. NOTE: With the approval of the University Graduate Committee, some departments permit admission to the doctoral program with a bachelor's degree. Please check with the department for specific requirements which may be in addition to the minimum general requirements listed above.

3. A grade point average of 3.00 or above in all graduate level work.

4. Completion of all departmental requirements.

In addition to the Admission requirements of the Graduate School the following requirements must be met for CJ PhD admission:

Candidates, with the exception of those applying under the J.D./Ph.D. specialization, must
complete all requirements leading to the awarding of an M.A./M.S. degree prior to enrollment in the doctoral program with a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 for all coursework taken for graduate credit. All successful applicants must also take and achieve a minimum combined score of 1,000 on the verbal and quantitative components of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).

**Program Requirements**

Students entering the program, with the exception of those admitted to the J.D./Ph.D. specialization, will be required to complete a minimum of 60 credit hours in the doctoral program.

All students will be required to complete 9 semester hours of criminological theory and 15 semester hours of doctoral level research methods and analysis coursework and to successfully complete and defend a dissertation, upon which 18 additional credits hours will be awarded. In consultation with the student’s Graduate Student Advisory Committee, students not admitted to the J.D./Ph.D. specialization will be required to complete an additional 18 credit hours of electives leading to substantive specialization in one or more fields of criminal justice. A minimum of 9 elective credits must be taken in criminal justice courses not previously taken for graduate credit. Up to 9 elective credits, not previously taken for graduate credit, may also be selected from any courses approved for graduate credit at either the University of North Dakota or Minot State University.

All students will be required to successfully complete comprehensive examinations in criminological theory and research methods/analysis prior to submission and approval of their dissertation prospectus. Students not admitted under the J.D./Ph.D. specialization will also be required to successfully complete a comprehensive exam in one area of substantive concentration to be determined in consultation with the Student’s Advisory Committee.

**Funding/Financial Aid**

Students accepted and enrolled in the Ph.D. program will be encouraged to compete for graduate teaching and research assistantships. Assistantships can and may be awarded to students in residence at both campuses, with a preference given to full-time doctoral students. The provision of an assistantship will be the responsibility of the campus at which the assistantship is located.
University of Oklahoma

**Deadline: January 1**
Website: [http://soc.ou.edu/application](http://soc.ou.edu/application)

To apply to the Sociology Department you must:
1. Complete the online application: https://ou.edu/admissions/home.html. Send the following materials to me:
   - The application form available within this packet or on our website: www.ou.edu/soc
   - A statement of purpose outlining your interest in our graduate program
   - Three letters of recommendation from references using the form within this packet
   - An example of your written work
   - Your scores on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). Request that your scores be forwarded to the Sociology Department at the University of Oklahoma.
   - A curriculum vitae if you are applying to the PhD program (but not if you are applying for the MA program).
2. Send the following materials to the Office of Admissions:
   - A copy of your complete college transcript(s) to date
   - Application fee: $40 US/$90 International
   - TOEFL scores (only international students)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Constance Chapple, Ph.D
Associate Professor and Graduate Director
Department of Sociology
University of Oklahoma Graduate Study

The graduate program provides rigorous training in methods, statistics, and theory as well as in the substantive areas of class stratification, criminology, demography, deviance, family, gender, international/macro-comparative, and race/ethnicity. The program also offers numerous research opportunities through collaborative work with faculty and through our affiliation with Oklahoma Population Institute (OPI). Our students also receive training and experience in teaching. Our training program includes an orientation workshop for new teaching assistants, a teaching seminar for PhD students, and an opportunity for PhD students to design and teach their own courses. Over the years, the department has placed its graduates in tenure-track jobs in universities and colleges and in research-based positions in a wide variety of public and private agencies.
The department provides access to a host of resources for research. The department is a member of the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) program, a membership that gives students access to numerous data sets on domestic and international issues related to the economy, education, family, gender, and health. We also house many data sets collected by the National Opinion Research Center (NORC), the Bureau of the Census, and by the faculty themselves. These data sets are available to students for theses, dissertations, course papers, and independent projects. In addition, the department provides graduate students with access to a large computer lab furnished with computers that are equipped with recent statistical software packages, including Stata 12. The department and university also give graduate students travel grants to defray the cost of travel to national and international conferences. Students who are presenting their own research at a conference can receive support for at least one conference per year.
Deadline: December 15
University of Pennsylvania
Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology
Website: http://www.crim.upenn.edu/

The Ph.D. program in criminology is designed around a highly interdisciplinary approach from a variety of academic disciplines in addition to traditional criminology: public health, biology, sociology, demography, law, statistics and others. Applied training and traditional academic training are represented. The faculty in the Department come from a number of disciplines and students are also encouraged to take courses outside of the department. A key feature of the program for Ph.D. students is that they are encouraged to construct their own mix of graduate courses to properly inform their interests.

Program Features

* Admission is directly into the Ph.D. program.
* Students can earn an MA degree as a way station to the Ph.D. after two years of course work with a B average or better.
* Soon after arriving, each student selects a mentor and with the mentor, the graduate chair and one other member of the graduate group, designs a hand-tailored curriculum. That curriculum will include several “core” courses taken in the first year. The proposed curriculum can be revisited and revised as needed.
* There is a “comprehensive exam” designed by the student, the mentor and at least one other member of the graduate group. The exam can take a variety of forms depending on what seems most appropriate. For example, it could be a traditional written examination, an oral presentation, or one or more review papers meant to synthesize areas in criminology and/or related fields. The paper(s) could draw from the material already covered in course work and additional readings to broaden and deepen coverage. Ideally, a significant part of this work will serve as a literature review for the dissertation.
* The Ph.D. dissertation can be a single document or a set of several published papers consistent with the rules of the Graduate Division of the School of Arts and Sciences.
* The Ph.D. program conforms to the course load and time-to-degree requirements of the Graduate Programs in the School of Arts and Sciences.
Admissions Requirements:

Please remember that a complete application consists of:
* Biography/Demographic Information
* Your Awards/Publications, etc
* Personal Statement
* Application Fee of $70 US.
* Three (3) Letters of Recommendation (may arrive under separate cover)
* Two (2) Official Copies of all transcripts

The application deadline for the **Ph.D. Program is December 15, 2010**. NOTE: We encourage interested persons to submit applications early in light of the strong interest being expressed in the program.

Program Requirements

Core Courses
Ph.D. students are required to take seven "core" courses, six in the first two years. The course requirements are defined by subject matter. A given requirement may sometimes be fulfilled by any one of several offered courses. Students are encouraged to finish the core courses rapidly so that they can proceed quickly to their more specialized training and research.

First or Second Year:
1. Criminology Theory --- a survey course covering relevant theory up to the present (two semesters)
2. Criminology and Public Policy --- applications of criminology to policy matters (two semesters)
3. Applied Statistics --- a mix of statistical theory and applications in which data analysis skills are acquired (two semesters)

Second or Third Year:
1. Dissertation Seminar --- students are asked to consider and present initial work on their dissertations (one semester).

Funding/Financial Aid

Students in the Criminology Masters program are eligible for fellowships or assistantships on research grants as available, and limited financial aid is available. However, admissions offers cannot be tied to full financial support. Loans are also available, and there may also be assistantships available to students. Information about loans can be found at http://www.sas.upenn.edu/GAS/finances.html#jobs
Deadline: January 15th for full consideration of funding and May 31st for all other applicants

University of South Carolina
Website: http://www.cas.sc.edu/crju/

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice provides a distinctive education for undergraduate and graduate students through an active program of applied research, program evaluation, and policy analysis. This state-of-the-art program grounded in research methods and criminological theory focuses on the causes of and societal responses to crime and deviant behavior. Accordingly, the department provides its students with a strong foundation in the liberal arts and social sciences and prepares them to address the challenges of crime in society as criminal justice professionals, researchers, and educators.

Admissions Requirements

* Electronic application with The Graduate School at http://www.gradschool.sc.edu/futurestudents/index.html
* Personal statement (500-1000 words) describing your prior education, relevant work experience, criminal justice interests and purpose in pursuing a doctoral degree in criminology and criminal justice at the University of South Carolina
* Three letters of recommendation from faculty members or others capable of assessing your academic potential for graduate studies.
* Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores for both the verbal and quantitative sections.
* Official grade transcripts from each of your prior institutions.
* Writing sample such as a thesis chapter or a course paper written during your previous degree program (please limit the sample to no more than 25 pages and include course number, date, and name of professor).

The DEADLINE for submission of all application materials for doctoral applicants is January 15th for full consideration of funding and May 31st for all other applicants.

**All application contents should be submitted to the USC Graduate School. Address all questions about the Graduate Program to the Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate Director at:

Prospective students applying for admission to the Ph.D. program in Criminology and Criminal Justice must possess a baccalaureate degree or a masters degree from an accredited college or university. An undergraduate or graduate degree in criminology,
criminal justice, or a related social science is desirable. Admissions to the Doctoral program in Criminology and Criminal Justice is competitive and based on the merits of the application materials. In addition to meeting all the requirements of the University’s Graduate School, applicants must submit the following materials directly to the Graduate School:

University application through The Graduate School website (on-line), including a written statement describing prior education, relevant work experiences, criminal justice interests and purpose in pursuing a doctoral degree in criminology and criminal justice (500-1,000 words).

A sole-authored writing sample such as a course paper or thesis chapter written during your previous degree program (please limit the sample to no more than 25 pages and include course number, date, and name of professor). Writing samples are uploaded electronically by applicants at the time they complete the on-line application.

Note: If applicants prefer to submit a hard copy of their writing sample they may do so by sending it to the Graduate Director at following address:

Graduate Director  
Dept. of Criminology & Criminal Justice  
Currell College  
University of South Carolina  
Columbia, SC 29208

Three letters of academic reference from faculty members or other persons qualified to evaluate applicant’s abilities to undertake graduate-level studies.

Scores obtained within the last five years on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE - both verbal and quantitative sections of the general exam). NOTE: we only accept GRE scores for the doctoral program.

Official grade transcripts from all previous institutions.

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice admits doctoral students only during the fall semester. The deadline for applying to the Ph.D. program is June 1st, however students interested in receiving department funding (i.e., graduate assistantships) should submit a completed file on or before February 1st for full consideration of funding. ALL application materials must be received by the university on or before these deadlines.

Address all questions about the Graduate Program to the Graduate Director:

Dr. Abigail Fagan, Associate Professor and Graduate Director  
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice  
Currell College  
University of South Carolina  
Columbia, SC 29208
Program Requirements

Degree requirements include the following for students entering the Ph.D. program in Criminology and Criminal Justice with a master’s degree or law degree:
Core Courses: 15 hours of core classes, all of which must be completed with a grade of B or better (CRJU 706, 810, 814, 821, and either 816 or 817). With approval of the graduate director, substantially equivalent courses from outside the department may be substituted for CRJU 706, CRJU 816 and/or CRJU 817.

Funding/Financial Aid

Graduate research and teaching assistantships are available to graduate students. Graduate assistants work either 10 hours or 20 hours per week and they receive a stipend. Applicants may indicate their interest in an assistantship on the admissions application online through the Graduate School. Because graduate assistantship awards are highly competitive, students who seek an assistantship are encouraged to apply early. The department's Graduate Committee begins reviewing applications for the Ph.D. program on January 1st and for the Masters program on March 1st for fall admission. Questions about graduate assistantships should be directed to Dr. Barbara Koons-Witt (email: bakoons@mailbox.sc.edu, telephone: (803) 777-0107)
Deadline: January 15
University of South Florida
PhD in Criminology
Website: http://www.grad.usf.edu/programs/programinfo.php?pcode=CCJBC-Ph.D.

The Ph.D. or Doctor of Philosophy is granted in recognition of high attainment in a specific field of knowledge. It is a research degree conferred when a student has demonstrated proficiency and distinctive achievement in a specified field. Beyond minimum hours of coursework, examination and residency requirements, the Doctor of Philosophy degree requires a student to complete a dissertation that provides evidence of the ability to do original and independent research that contributes to a body of knowledge.

These web pages contain materials pertaining to admission and completion of the Ph.D. program in Criminology. All Ph.D. students should familiarize themselves with these requirements, as well those contained in the University of South Florida’s Graduate Catalog. The Graduate Catalog may be obtained at www.grad.usf.edu. (See also The Graduate Student Handbook on this website.)

Note that the requirements stated in the University of South Florida Graduate Catalog are minimum requirements for admission to and receipt of the Ph.D. degree in a variety of fields. These minimum requirements are superseded in several areas by the Department of Criminology's requirements.

Admissions Requirements

Each year, students applying to the Doctoral Program in Criminology become part of the admissions pool. To become eligible for the admissions pool, candidates for admission must meet the minimum standards noted below. Because the number of admissions is limited, only the most qualified candidates in each admissions pool shall be accepted to the Ph.D. program in Criminology.

Minimum Standards for Eligibility:

1. A bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited university or college and a GPA of at least 3.0; or a master’s degree from a regionally accredited university or college and a GPA of at least 3.4 (on a 4.0 scale) during their graduate study.  
2. A score of at least 1000 or higher on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) within the preceding five (5) years. (Note that all applicants must submit GRE scores.)
Applicants will be selected for admission on a competitive basis based on the following application materials:

1. Official transcripts for all previous academic work at institutions of higher education.
2. Official report of GRE scores.
3. Three (3) letters of recommendation speaking to the applicant’s academic capabilities.
4. A Statement of Purpose highlighting the applicant’s qualifications and indicating applicant’s (a) reasons for seeking a Ph.D. degree in criminology, (b) research interests, and (c) future career plans.
5. A sample of written work providing evidence of the applicant’s scholarly abilities. For persons who have completed the M.A./M.S., a sample chapter from your thesis or area paper is most appropriate.
6. Proof of language proficiency. This is required of only relevant international students. For more information on international applications, please see http://web.usf.edu/iac/admissions/

Deadlines: Ph.D. students are admitted once each year in the Fall. All applicants will be considered for departmental funding (see “Funding Opportunities”). Applications for admissions for Fall 2010 must be received by January 15th.

All applicants must send the following materials directly to the Graduate Director, Lorie Fridell, at the address provided below:

* Official transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate work.
* Letters of recommendation.
* Statement of purpose.
* Writing sample.
* Proof of language proficiency, if applicable.

Interested students should direct inquiries to:

Dr. Lorie Fridell
Graduate Director
Department of Criminology - SOC 107
University of South Florida
4202 E. Fowler Ave.
Tampa, Florida 33620-8100
(813) 974-6862
lfridell@cas.usf.edu

**Program Requirements**

The Ph.D. in Criminology requires a minimum of 90 hours beyond the B.A./B.S.* In addition, doctoral students are required to complete comprehensive examinations, a prospectus, a prospectus defense, a dissertation, and a dissertation defense.
*Students entering the program with an M.A./M.S. from outside the department or USF may transfer up to 30 hours of credit. Students entering the program with an M.A. in Criminology from USF may transfer up to 33 hours of credit.

Students may petition to have core courses waived if they have taken the class as part of the course of study for their Master’s degree. A written application requesting a waiver must be given to the Director of the Graduate Program. The application must provide specific evidence that the materials covered in the course for which the waiver is requested are equivalent to the department’s requirement. Such information includes a syllabus from the course, course title, title(s) of required books, and the instructor’s name, address, and phone number. Waivers for specific courses, especially those in the statistics sequence, may require that the petitioner pass a written examination. The waiver is given for specific class requirements, and does not exempt the student from completing the 90 hour minimum.

Beyond course work and required hours, the additional requirements for the Ph.D. include:
1. Completion of Doctoral Comprehensive Examinations
2. Prospectus and prospectus defense
3. Dissertation and dissertation defense

**Funding/Financial Aid**

All applicants are considered for Graduate Assistantships; the cream of the crop get this funding. The package is $12k and a tuition waiver for Ph.D. students. Ph.D. students are funded for three years.
The doctoral program is designed to prepare students for productive careers as teachers and practitioners of justice administration and research. This doctoral degree is normally taken after a student has earned a master’s degree, but exceptional students who have earned only a baccalaureate degree are admitted at the discretion of the Doctoral Admissions Committee; and in both cases applicants must meet all university and departmental requirements for regular admission.

Admissions Requirements

The Doctoral Admissions Committee consults a wide range of criteria, including scores on the GRE, grade point averages, letters of recommendation, experience in justice administration and related fields, the nature of proposed dissertation topics, and - in the case of applicants whose native language is not English - a score on the TOEFL examination indicating a high level of proficiency in English language. Letters of recommendation should be from persons qualified to assess the applicant’s readiness for graduate study and should be sent to the department.

The following materials must be submitted directly to the Office of Graduate Studies:
1. A completed application form;
2. Copies of official transcripts from all institutions previously attended;
3. Certified scores on all three components of the Graduate Records Examination (GRE);
4. A full resume (curriculum vita) detailing educational and professional experiences related to the degree being sought;
5. Three letters of recommendation from individuals who are directly knowledgeable of the applicant's suitability for advanced graduate study;
6. A typed statement of 750 to 1,000 words summarizing the individual's motivation for applying to the program as well as the professional contributions s/he intends to make assuming successful completion of the degree;
7. A typed statement of 750 – 1,000 words summarizing a possible dissertation topic including a thoughtful discussion of the need for research within the proposed area as well as a rough description of the methodology to be employed; and
8. A copy of the master's thesis or a professional writing sample.

Program Requirements
1. A minimum of 84 semester hours beyond the bachelor’s degree or 54 semester hours beyond the master’s degree, with a minimum of 30 semester hours completed in specified 600- and 700-level course work in administration of justice (CJ) and the remainder in approved cognates. A minimum grade of B is required in each course credited toward the degree.

2. A qualifying examination

3. Research tool(s). A combination of course work which may include proficiency in a foreign language, statistics, or computer science as determined by the department.

4. A written comprehensive examination

5. Presentation and oral defense of dissertation

6. Residency. Students must meet the residency requirements specified in this Bulletin.

Financial Aid:
Graduate Assistantships, Fellowships, and Financial Aid

Assistantships
At present, the university has available about 1,000 university assistantships in all areas as well as fellowships provided by federal and private agencies. Amounts of assistantships vary from department to department. Contact the specific department for information regarding stipend levels available. Assistantships entail one half time of teaching, research or service assignments.

In addition to academic departments, graduate service assistantships are available in other areas including but not limited to Student Affairs, Residence Life, Recreational Sports, University Clinic, Alumni Association, Community Service Learning, Disability Services, Distance Learning, McNair Scholars Program, Athletics, and the Southern Miss Foundation.

To maintain an assistantship a student must have an average of “B” or better each semester. General tuition and the non-resident fee are waived for graduate assistantship holders. To qualify for this waiver, students on assistantships must be registered for courses totaling twelve (12) hours each semester (nine hours during summer term). Courses taken as audit do not count toward these hours. The university also currently waives out-of-state tuition for students on sabbatical leave with pay from schools and colleges. Inquiries regarding assistantships should be directed to the chair of the department to which the student is applying. Applications for assistantships must be filed by the department’s deadline. Check with the department chairs or directors for the deadline and additional materials.

Fellowships
Southern Miss also participates in several national fellowship programs. The Southern Regional Educational Board (SREB) offers competitively selected fellowships to minority
doctoral students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics who plan to become university professors. Additionally, several departments participate in the Government Assistance in Areas of National Need (GANN) program that provides fellowships to doctoral students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics also. We are also introducing the Ford Foundation fellowship which is offered to minority students in various majors.

Financial Aid
The Perkins Loan Program (formerly NDSL), the Stafford Loan Program, and the Federal Work-Study Program are also available to graduate students. Applicants for Perkins Loans and Federal Work-Study Program should apply by March 15 (priority date) for loans and work to begin the fall term. To apply for the Perkins Loan Program, Stafford Loan Program, and the Federal Work-Study Program applicants should complete the free Application for Federal Student Aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Applicants may also contact Southern Miss Office of Financial Aid at financial.aid@usm.edu.
Deadlines: February 15 (with full documentation) for funding consideration; otherwise July 1

University of Texas at Dallas
PhD in Criminology

Website:  

The Doctor of Philosophy degree in Criminology is an interdisciplinary, research-oriented program that provides students with a coherent and intellectually challenging research degree that prepares them for an academic appointment as a university professor or an administrative appointment with oversight of research and development within criminal justice organizations. Graduates of the Ph.D. program will be competent to teach and conduct interdisciplinary research at both graduate and undergraduate levels in aspects of criminology and/or criminal justice depending on their specific areas of specialty. They also will be well prepared for analytical and administrative posts in international and domestic research and policy institutions and in the private sector.

Admission Requirements

The Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology Program seeks applications from individuals with a baccalaureate, masters of Art or Masters of Science degree in Criminology, Sociology, or a relevant discipline. A GPA of least 3.2 GPA or better and a minimum combined verbal and quantitative GRE score of 1200 are required to enter the program. A score of at least 4.5 in analytical writing is desirable. Students who marginally fail these requirements may be admitted at the Graduate Committee’s discretion. Students must also submit all transcripts, three letters of recommendation (preferably academic references), and a one-page essay describing their background, education, and professional objectives. All applications will be reviewed by the Criminology Graduate Studies Committee. For more information about what should be included in the application package, please visit our web site.

Program Requirements

On admission to the Ph.D. in Criminology, a student must complete a minimum of 90 semester credit hours of graduate coursework and requirements (including a writing
requirement, qualifying exam, and doctoral dissertation). Specifically, students will be required to take graduate classes across three tiers of course work. Tier 1, or the Core Curriculum, involves 36 hours, including 9 hours of research methods and statistics, 21 hours in various aspects of criminology (i.e., contemporary criminological theory, pro-seminar in criminology, law and social control), and six hours of independent research to satisfy a writing requirement.

Upon successful completion of these 36 hours the students must pass a qualifying examination which tests a student’s knowledge in key areas of criminology (i.e., historical and contemporary criminological theory, research methods, policy). Students who successfully complete the examination are admitted into candidacy and form a dissertation committee, and move into Tier 2 graduate coursework, which consists of 18 hours: 6 hours of Criminology electives (e.g., Victimology, Communities and Crime) and 12 hours of advanced methods and statistics. Students, who fail the qualifying examination or seek to leave the program for some reason, including transfer to another program, may complete the M.S. degree by writing a thesis or analytical paper.

The remaining 36 credits (to arrive at U.T.Dallas’s requirement of 90 hours for the Ph.D.) will consist of (a) 6 hours of a criminology research seminar; (b) no less than 18 hours of dissertation credit; and (c) up to 12 hours of electives (which can include courses in other disciplines as well as independent studies) or 12 more hours of dissertation credit.

Students would be required to defend a dissertation proposal and complete and defend a dissertation. Upon Committee approval, the student does further work on the doctoral dissertation while enrolling continuously for credit in research seminars and in dissertation.

The dissertation has multiple chapters that consist of a clear statement of the research problem, the theoretical framework and research design, the methods of analysis and findings, and an appropriately development conclusion.

**Funding/Financial Aid**

Graduate teaching and research assistantships are available to the most outstanding new applicants. Prospective students interested in receiving assistantships must submit materials including application forms are due February 1. Applications may be obtained from the program director’s office.

**Graduate Student Financial Aid**

There are a number of opportunities available to you to fund your graduate education. To learn more, visit the Graduate Admissions - Financial Aid web page for information on scholarships, grants, loans, and more.
Additionally, most programs in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences offer teaching assistantships, research assistantships or fellowships for graduate students. Select a program below to learn more:

- Criminology Graduate Student Financial Aid Opportunities
- Economics Graduate Student Financial Aid Opportunities
- Geospatial Science Graduate Student Financial Aid Opportunities
- Public Policy and Political Economy Graduate Student Financial Aid Opportunities
- Political Science Graduate Student Financial Aid Opportunities
- Public Affairs Graduate Student Financial Aid Opportunities
The program is the second oldest in the United States. It was established in 1943 as the Department of Police Science by V.A. Leonard. Dr. Leonard founded Alpha Phi Sigma, the national criminal justice honor society, and was one of the founding members of the organization that later became the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

The department's name was changed in 1975 to the Department of Criminal Justice. The criminal justice department merged with the Department of Political Science in 1982, when it became the Criminal Justice Program.

Criminal justice is a set of policies pursued by private and public crime institutions that promote and seek to sustain control, order, and justice. Students, hence, are required to take courses in criminal justice, public policy, public administration, public law, sociology, research methods, and statistics. The goal is to produce graduates who understand crime and criminal justice policy and who embody the highest academic, professional, and ethical standards in their work and careers.

Admissions Requirements

We consider an application only after all of the relevant information is on hand. Be sure to complete your online application for admission from the Graduate School also. Please complete the following to facilitate our admission process:

* A form, "Reviewer Comments to Supplement Application for Admission," from 3 professors or others who are qualified to speak to your academic activities and potential.
* A brief (1-page) statement, outlining your career objectives and areas of interest in criminal justice.
* An official copy of your GRE scores sent to our department.

In order for your application to be considered for admission, all application materials, including recommendation forms and official GRE scores, must be sent to the Criminal Justice Program by January 10 for fall admission Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.
**Program Requirements**

A student aspiring to the Ph.D. should expect to spend three to four years, depending on the individual, in study and research beyond the M.A. degree, of which at least two years must be enrolled at Washington State University, and at least two consecutive semesters must be spent in residence as a graduate student in criminal justice. This degree program is designed for the student entering the graduate program with an M.A. Students currently enrolled in the M.A. program at WSU must submit a regular application to the Ph.D. program.

There are four components (or milestones) involved in successfully completing our Ph.D program:

**Coursework**
72 credits total - 48 graded credits and 24 ungraded dissertation research credits

**Teaching/Research**
In addition to the course requirements, each student in the Ph.D. program is required to have formal teaching and/or research experience in an institution of higher learning before receiving the Ph.D. degree. Serving as a teaching assistant in the Criminal Justice Program satisfies this teaching requirement. Collecting original data also fulfills this requirement.

**Preliminary Exams**
The Ph.D. aspirant becomes eligible to attempt qualifying ("preliminary") examinations when he or she is in the process of completing the final courses included in his or her Ph.D. program. Only after a student has successfully passed "prelims" does he or she become formally a "candidate for the Ph.D." (or ABD, "All But Dissertation").

**Dissertation**
The next requirement for the Ph.D. candidate beyond the prelims is preparation, under the guidance of a dissertation committee, of a dissertation presenting the results of a thorough and systematic investigation of a significant problem related to one of the specialty areas of the candidate.

**Funding/Financial Aid**
The department has 3 types of funding for graduate students: permanent assistantships, temporary or "soft" funding, and adjunct instructor or part-time grader positions.
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