

CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, M.A.

Communities and organizations in the 21st century require professionals with interdisciplinary skills and preparation to handle many complex challenges. Saint Louis University's Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice degree provides students with a core criminological knowledge foundation and the opportunity to gain additional skills.

Enhance your graduate education in criminology and criminal justice by selecting one of three diverse concentrations:

- Administration of justice
- Emergency management
- Treatment and rehabilitation

SLU's Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice degree prepares graduates to be advanced practitioners in various community and justice agency/organizational settings. The program is offered in variable formats. Part-time and full-time degree options are available. Most classes are offered on campus in the evening, but one concentration, emergency management, is currently offered online only.

Curriculum Overview

SLU's M.A. in criminology and criminal justice prepares students to take on leadership roles in various community settings. Students must select one of the following areas as the concentration of their graduate studies:

Administration of Justice

Prepare for leadership roles in justice-serving organizations through coursework designed to increase your knowledge about the justice system, techniques and challenges of administration, and issues in jurisprudence. Students integrate this knowledge through rigorous coursework with community-based learning opportunities to create solutions to complex social and organizational challenges.

Emergency Management

Justice personnel are often among the first responders to a crisis. Students in our emergency management concentration learn critical thinking, leadership, and crisis management skills through seminars and challenging simulations that put their academic knowledge to the test. All courses in this concentration are offered online.

Treatment and Rehabilitation

Students in our treatment and rehabilitation concentration gain an in-depth understanding of human behavior, issues related to the treatment of high-risk populations, and evidence-based practices for improving the health of offenders and the communities in which they reside. A blend of in-class training and community-based practice experiences prepares students to become effective treatment agents.

Careers

Graduates of the administration of justice concentration are prepared for leadership roles in justice-serving organizations.

Graduates of the treatment and rehabilitation concentration are prepared to be effective treatment agents.

Graduates of the emergency management concentration are trained to be leaders in emergency response.

Recent graduates from SLU's M.A. in criminology and criminal justice program have accepted professional opportunities with the FBI, U.S. Marshals, Secret Service, IRS and the St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office.

Admission Requirements

Successful applicants to SLU's Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice degree program possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00. Conditional admission may be considered for students with cumulative GPAs below 3.00.

Application Requirements

- Application form
- Transcript(s)
- Two letters of recommendation (one academic, one professional)
 - One academic letter of recommendation from a professor who has evaluated your academic performance in the classroom
 - One professional letter of recommendation from a supervisor who has evaluated your work in the field or related volunteer experience
 - If you have been out of school for five or more years, you may submit two professional letters
 - If you are entering the program directly from an undergraduate program, you may submit two academic letters
- Résumé
- A professional statement not to exceed three double-spaced pages with the following information:
 - What knowledge, values and skills do you have now that are critical to criminology and criminal justice?
 - Describe your strengths and areas of growth.
 - What are your future aspirations in criminology and criminal justice?
 - Describe a social justice issue that is important to you and what you as a criminologist or criminal justice professional would do to make a difference.
 - What are your experiences interacting with diverse populations? (Diverse populations include groups distinguished by age, race, gender, sexual orientation, class, religion, and ethnicity.)

The professional statement informs the Student Affairs Committee of the applicant's background and professional goals and is an indicator of the applicant's writing ability. The content and the quality of the composition will be used to judge your preparedness for graduate school. Following a review of admissions materials, an on-site writing sample may be required.

Requirements for International Students

SLU's M.A. in criminology and criminal justice requires a TOEFL of 92 or higher.

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students. International students must also meet the following additional requirements:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency/>)

- Financial documents are required to complete an application for admission and be reviewed for admission and merit scholarships.
- Proof of financial support that must include:
 - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the student's time at Saint Louis University
 - A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of the student's study at the University
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include:
 - Courses taken and/or lectures attended
 - Practical laboratory work
 - The maximum and minimum grades attainable
 - The grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations
 - Any honors or degrees received.

WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Application Deadlines

All applicants who apply are reviewed for merit-based scholarships. Applications will continue to be accepted and reviewed for admission until August 1.

Review Process

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. The admissions committee considers several factors to determine a candidate's eligibility:

- Academic achievement
- Strength of the undergraduate program
- Application information
- Professional statement
- Work experience
- Any graduate degrees earned
- Motivation
- Leadership and service

The undergraduate GPA is weighted with other criteria in the admissions process.

Tuition

Tuition	Total Program Cost
MA Criminology and Criminal Justice	\$33,000

Additional charges may apply. Other resources are listed below:

Net Price Calculator (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs/calculator.php>)

Information on Tuition and Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition/>)

Miscellaneous Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/fees/>)

Information on Summer Tuition (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition-summer/>)

Financial Aid

We recognize that cost can be a concern when choosing to continue your education and have identified the following financial aid resources to assist you.

FAFSA and Other Resources

All incoming students should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (<https://studentaid.gov/>) application. A step-by-step guide to submitting your FAFSA is available online (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/apply-accept/>). Saint Louis University Student Financial Services provides a Graduate Financial Aid Handbook (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/pdf/24y-grad-financing-guide.pdf>) that outlines the process of financing your graduate education.

The following links to resources in Saint Louis University Student Financial Services may also be helpful:

- Graduate Loan Options (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/student-loan-information/>)
- Confirming Your Award (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/apply-accept/accept.php>)
- Paying Your Bill and Payment Plans (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/paying-your-bill/>)

Scholarships

New and continuing students are eligible for merit-based scholarships. Prospective students will be automatically screened for scholarship eligibility. No additional application is required; awards are based on information provided in the admission application.

Please note that the terms of the scholarship are subject to change if a student petitions for a degree transfer or fails to remain in good academic standing.

Fellowships

The Doerr Fellowship for Equity and Inclusion (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfm2_e0471QjdlAe-bl6SRD8R3uzbU9K7yVvLp7CBILaSSkUQ/viewform/) is a full-tuition fellowship funded by the School of Social Work for new and continuing students. A separate application is required with a deadline of **March 1**. This fellowship requires that recipients serve as members of the School of Social Work's Equity and Inclusion Committee. Recipients will also be expected to actively participate in the diversity, equity and inclusion activities sponsored by the Doerr Center throughout the year.

Newly accepted master's or doctoral students and students in the first year of a program are eligible to apply for a University-wide diversity, dissertation or presidential fellowship. Find more details on application components here (<https://www.slu.edu/academics/graduate/graduate-scholarships-fellowships-assistantships-awards.php>).

Graduate Assistantships and Internships

By filling out a graduate assistantship/internships application (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNqSum4-se7Fb12RLPwltCdczSKN50Wb_kfKiQb1KykbUQ/viewform/), you will automatically be considered for a graduate assistantship or a graduate internship with the School of Social Work. Assistantships are appointed for one year. Students must reapply to be considered for a second year, and recipients are not guaranteed to receive subsequent/continuing internships.

Graduate assistantships are University-funded assistantships awarded by the School of Social Work. They are assigned and funded for two semesters (a duration of nine months, 20 hours per week), working with designated faculty. Benefits include 12 months of health care coverage, a stipend and 18 credit hours of tuition remission.

Depending on faculty needs, the graduate assistant works with one or two faculty members. Time is divided between both faculty mentors if the student is assigned to two. Students who receive a fully-funded University-funded assistantship in one year may not receive it in subsequent years. However, they remain eligible for graduate internship while pursuing a graduate degree in the School of Social Work.

Graduate internships are funded and awarded by the School of Social Work. They are assigned and funded for two semesters (a duration of nine months, 8-16 hours per week), working with assigned faculty. Graduate interns may be assigned to assist with administrative work, research or faculty teaching. Depending on the hours assigned, tuition benefits will differ; health insurance and stipends are not awarded for graduate internships.

Other Funding for Current Students

Current students may be eligible for conference/training funding, graduate assistantships and scholarships.

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to assess relevant criminology and criminal justice literature/scholarly contributions.
2. Graduates will be able to apply criminology and criminal justice theories, practices, policies, or research methodologies.
3. Graduates will be able to apply knowledge from criminology and criminal justice to address problems in broader contexts.
4. Graduates will be able to articulate criminology and criminal justice explanations/arguments to a disciplinary/professional audience in both written and oral formats.
5. Graduates will be able to evidence scholarly/professional integrity (ethics) in criminology and criminal justice.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
CCJ Core Courses		
CCJ 5000	Criminological Theory	3
CCJ 5100	Ethics in the Administration of Justice	3
CCJ 5200	Research Methods	3
CCJ 5300	Foundations of Criminal Justice	3
CCJ 6400	Issues in Jurisprudence	3
CCJ Elective Courses		
Select two (6 credits) of the following:		6
CCJ 5910	Criminology and Criminal Justice Internship	
CCJ 5990	Thesis Research (6 hours required if student chooses a thesis)	
CCJ 6000	Issues in Policing	
CCJ 6100	Issues in Corrections	
CCJ 6200	Issues in Juvenile Justice Administration	
Concentrations		
Select one of the following concentrations:		12
Administration of Justice (p. 3)		

Emergency Management (p. 3)	
Treatment and Rehabilitation (p. 3)	
Total Credits	33

Administration of Justice Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
CCJ 6000	Issues in Policing	3
or CCJ 6100	Issues in Corrections	
MGT 6000	Management	3
or MGT 6300	Management of Human Resources	
Select two additional graduate courses		6
Total Credits		12

Emergency Management Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
CCJ 6000	Issues in Policing	3
BSDP Foundational Course		
Select one of the following:		
BSDP 5100	Public Health and Disasters	
BSDP 5101	Fundamentals of Disaster Planning	
BSDP 5206	Disaster Management and Risk Analysis	
Select two other graduate level BSDP classes		6
Total Credits		12

Treatment and Rehabilitation Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
SWRK 5762	Diagnosis & Assessment in Clinical Practice	3
Select three other graduate level SWRK classes		9
Total Credits		12

Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

¹ CCJ Core classes can be taken in any sequence and are offered on a rotating basis given a student's starting semester (Fall or Spring). They are rotated on a four-semester basis.

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Administration of Justice Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
CCJ Core (p. 4)		3
SWRK 5786	Death, Dying, & Grief: Professional Practice & Self-Awareness	3
POLS 5310 or POLS 5325	Issues in U.S. Public Administration or Public Sector Budgeting	3
Credits		9
Spring		
CCJ Core (p. 4)		3
CCJ 5200 or SWRK 5708	Research Methods or Research and Evaluation in Social Work Practice	3
CCJ Elective (p. 5)		3
Credits		9
Year Two		
Fall		
CCJ Core (p. 4)		3
SWRK 5798	Introduction to Non-Profit Organization Management	3
MGT 6300	Management of Human Resources	3
Credits		9
Spring		
CCJ Elective (p. 5)		3
CCJ Core (p. 4)		3
Credits		6
Total Credits		33

Emergency Management Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
CCJ Core (p. 4)		3
BSDP Elective		3
BSDP Elective		3
Credits		9
Spring		
CCJ Core (p. 4)		3
CCJ 5200 or SWRK 5708	Research Methods or Research and Evaluation in Social Work Practice	3
CCJ Elective (p. 5)		3
Credits		9
Year Two		
Fall		
CCJ Core (p. 4)		3
BSDP Elective		3
CCJ Elective (p. 5)		3
Credits		9

Spring

CCJ Core (p. 4)	3
BSDP Elective	3
Credits	6
Total Credits	33

Treatment and Rehabilitation Concentration

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
CCJ Core (p. 4)		3
SWRK 5736	Advanced Clinical Practice with Families and Groups	3
SWRK 5742	Evidence Based Practices in Community Mental Health	3
Credits		9
Spring		
CCJ Elective (p. 5)		3
SWRK 5744	Substance Use Disorder Interventions	3
CCJ 5200 or SWRK 5708	Research Methods or Research and Evaluation in Social Work Practice	3
Credits		9
Year Two		
Fall		
CCJ Core (p. 4)		3
SWRK 5772	Cognitive Behavior Therapy for Social Work Practice	3
CCJ Elective (p. 5)		3
Credits		9
Spring		
CCJ Core (p. 4)		3
CCJ Elective (p. 5)		3
Credits		6
Total Credits		33

CCJ Core Courses

Classes for the MA program are offered on a 4-semester cycle which means students should register for CCJ core classes when they are offered. If students miss an offered class, it is likely it will not be available for another 4 semesters which will delay the degree completion date.

Electives and courses required for the concentrations are offered on a variable schedule.

In the **Fall of even numbered years**, the following CCJ classes are usually offered:

- **CCJ 5000 Criminological Theory (3 cr)**

In the **Fall of odd numbered years**, the following CCJ classes are usually offered:

- **CCJ 5100 Ethics in the Administration of Justice (3 cr)**
- **CCJ 5300 Foundations of Criminal Justice (3 cr)**

In the **Spring of even numbered years**, the following CCJ classes are usually offered:

- **CCJ 6100 Issues in Corrections (3 cr)**
- **CCJ 6400 Issues in Jurisprudence (3 cr)**

In the **Spring of odd numbered years**, the following CCJ classes are usually offered:

- CCJ 6000 Issues in Policing (3 cr)
- CCJ 5200 Research Methods (3 cr) OR SWRK 5708 Research and Evaluation in Social Work Practice (3 cr)

Code	Title	Credits
CCJ 5000	Criminological Theory	3
CCJ 5100	Ethics in the Administration of Justice	3
CCJ 5200	Research Methods	3
CCJ 5300	Foundations of Criminal Justice	3
CCJ 6000	Issues in Policing	3
CCJ 6100	Issues in Corrections	3
CCJ 6400	Issues in Jurisprudence	3
SWRK 5708	Research and Evaluation in Social Work Practice	3

CCJ Electives

Two classes (6 credits) of **CCJ electives** will be offered on a rotating basis across the 4-semester cycle with the exception of CCJ 5910 Criminology and Criminal Justice Internship (3 cr) and CCJ 5990 Thesis Research (0-6 cr) which can be taken during any semester. Students need to make arrangements in advance with the Director of the Internship Program, Kenya Brumfield-Young or their thesis advisor to take these classes. Students may also take electives in related fields, e.g., SWRK 5771 Intimate Partner Violence (3 cr) or SWRK 5744 Substance Use Disorder Interventions (3 cr), as electives. In addition, 1 (3-credit) class at the 4000 level may be taken, with the CCJ Director's approval, and counted as a CCJ elective.

Contact Us

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