Saint Louis University is a Catholic, Jesuit institution that values academic excellence, life-changing research, compassionate health care, and a strong commitment to faith and service. Founded in 1818, the University fosters the intellectual and character development of nearly 14,000 students on two campuses in St. Louis, Missouri, and Madrid, Spain. Building on a legacy of nearly 200 years, Saint Louis University continues to move forward with an unwavering commitment to a higher purpose, a greater good.

OVERVIEW

Communities in the 21st century require professionals with interdisciplinary skills and preparation to handle many complex challenges. The Master of Science in criminology and professional practice prepares students to meet these challenges by providing them with a foundation in three diverse tracks: administration of justice, treatment and rehabilitation, and emergency response.

This degree prepares graduates to be advanced practitioners in a variety of community settings. Whether students are looking to advance their career or begin their career, the M.S. in criminology and professional practice provides specialized training that is needed in leadership positions within community organizations.

Concentrations

Upon completion of the core criminology coursework, students select one of the following areas to be the focus of their studies:

• Administration of justice: Prepares students for leadership roles in justice-serving organizations through course work designed to increase knowledge about the justice system, techniques and challenges of administration and issues in jurisprudence. Students will learn to integrate knowledge developed through rigorous coursework with community-based learning opportunities to begin creating solutions to complex social challenges.

• Treatment and rehabilitation: Students will gain an in-depth understanding of essential 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 prepare students to be effective treatment agents.

• Emergency management: Students will learn skills for responding to crises to which justice personnel are among the first responders. They will learn critical thinking, leadership and crisis management skills through seminars and challenging simulations that put their academic knowledge to the test.

Variable Course Delivery Formats

The M.S. in criminology and professional practice program offers multiple course delivery formats to assist students who are working full or part time. The formats include evening and online courses within the emergency response concentration.

Individualized Program

Students design their academic program to develop competence in a specific concentration area that interests them. Students choose 21 of their 33 credit hours from one of three concentrations and three elective courses.

Taking Knowledge Back to Work

Employers and organizations will benefit from the M.S. in criminology and professional practice as students continuously apply cutting-edge administrative, treatment and emergency management practices to real-world conditions.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

M.S.

FALL: Aug. 1
SPRING: N/A
SUMMER: N/A

DEGREES OFFERED

• Master of Science (M.S.) in Criminology and Professional Practice

COURSES AVAILABLE

DAYS ✔ NIGHTS ✔ WEEKENDS ✔ ONLINE ✔

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

• Application form and fee
• Résumé
• Professional statement
• Two confidential reference letters (one professional, one academic)
• Transcript(s)

ADMISSION CRITERIA

• A bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university
• Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0

Note: The admissions committee considers several factors to determine a candidate’s eligibility: academic achievement, strength of the undergraduate program, application information, personal statement, work experience, any graduate degrees earned, motivation, leadership and service. The undergraduate GPA is weighted with other criteria in the admissions process.

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FACULTY

- Brian Boutwell, Ph.D., Associate Professor
- Noelle Fearn, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Interim Director
- Mary Dyan McGuire, Ph.D., Associate Professor
- Norman White, Ph.D., Associate Professor of the M.S. in Criminology and Professional Practice program

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The School of Social Work offers new and continuing students partial tuition remission and merit-based scholarships. Applicants who do not initially meet the scholarship criteria or who have applied for scholarship and are not awarded a scholarship may re-apply during their first semester in the program. Scholarship awards are made based on information in the admission application.

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