Criminology and Criminal Justice + College for Public Health and Social Justice

Saint Louis University is a world-class Catholic, Jesuit institution educating nearly 13,000 students on two dynamic, urban campuses - in St. Louis, Missouri, and Madrid, Spain. Founded in 1818, the University will is celebrating its bicentennial.

With a legacy of innovative academics and research, compassionate health care and faithful service, Saint Louis University attracts a diverse community of scholars who push intellectual boundaries in pursuit of creative, meaningful ways to impact the world, striving to serve a higher purpose and seek a greater good.

OVERVIEW

Communities and organizations in the 21st century require professionals with interdisciplinary skills and preparation to handle many complex challenges. The Master of Arts in criminology and criminal justice (M.A.C.C.J.) degree prepares students to meet these challenges by providing them with a core criminological knowledge foundation and the opportunity to gain further skills and enhance their graduate education by selecting one of three divergent concentrations: the administration of justice, emergency management, or treatment and rehabilitation.

The M.A.C.C.J. degree prepares graduates to be advanced practitioners in a variety of community and agency/organizational settings. Whether students are just beginning their careers or looking to advance in their current profession, the M.A. in criminology and criminal justice provides comprehensive education and specialized training necessary for effective individuals in leadership positions in a wide variety of government agencies and community organizations.

Concentrations

Upon completion of core criminological coursework, students select one of the following areas of concentration for the focus of their M.A.C.C.J. degree:

- **Administration of justice**: Prepares students for leadership roles in justice and other organizations through coursework designed to increase knowledge about the justice system, techniques and challenges of administration as well as issues in jurisprudence. Students learn to integrate knowledge developed through rigorous coursework with administrative and systematic solutions to complex social and organizational challenges.

- **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.

- **Treatment and rehabilitation**: Students 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. Students enjoy a blend of in-class training and community-based practice experiences that prepare them to be effective treatment agents.

Variable Course Delivery Formats

The M.A.C.C.J. offers full- and part-time options. Courses are offered in the evening and all courses in the emergency management concentration are offered online.

Individualized Program

Students help to design their graduate degree program to develop competence in a specific concentration area of interest. Students choose 21 of their 33 credit hours of coursework from one of three concentrations and two criminology and criminal justice (CCJ) elective courses.

Taking Knowledge Back to Work

Employers and organizations will benefit from employing graduates of the M.A.C.C.J. program as our students are prepared to identify, understand and apply cutting-edge administrative, emergency management, and treatment and rehabilitative practices to challenging, real-world conditions.
Faculty and Research

SLU’s criminology and criminal justice faculty are nationally recognized as leaders in research and community engagement, many with years of professional experience in the field. CCJ faculty members have diverse research interests, including:

- Bio-social criminology
- Communities and crime
- Correctional treatment of offenders
- Countering biological weapons terrorism
- Disparities in criminal justice outcomes
- Juvenile justice administration and outcomes
- Legal constraints on law enforcement

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Our graduates obtain full-time employment with federal agencies — recent examples include the U.S. Secret Service and the FBI.

Our students earn competitive paid internships — recent examples include the Internal Revenue Service’s Criminal Investigation Division, the FBI and the U.S. Marshals.

Our program is innovative in its approach to enhancing growth and positive change in the criminal and juvenile justice systems by focusing on the human aspects of crime — especially violence — and justice within organizations and in our communities.

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