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

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 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 diverse 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 community-based learning opportunities to begin developing 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.S. in criminology and professional practice 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. in criminology and criminal justice 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.
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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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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
• 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.

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