

Professional Statement Guidelines

Applicants to Saint Louis University's Master of Arts in Criminology & Criminal Justice Program

The following are guidelines to help you prepare a professional statement:

1. What knowledge, values and skills do you have now that are critical to criminology & criminal justice?
2. Describe your strengths and areas of growth.
3. What are your future aspirations in criminology & criminal justice?
4. 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.
5. What are your experiences interacting with diverse populations? (Diverse populations include groups distinguished by age, race, gender, sexual orientation, class, religion, and ethnicity.)

The statement must not exceed three, double-spaced pages.

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

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