



SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

# Master of Arts in Criminal Justice

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## Advance Your Knowledge in the Program with a Rich History in Criminal Justice

Gain the recognition that comes with a degree from one of the nation's oldest criminal justice graduate degree programs founded on the campus of Wichita State University by renowned police chief and scholar O.W. Wilson, who is considered one of the most important reformers in American police history.

Over the years, the Criminal Justice program at Wichita State University has evolved from strictly a police science focus into a program that encompasses the entire criminal justice system.

Faculty in the program have a national reputation and have

conducted research and published books and academic papers in the areas of policing, crime prevention, sexual violence, comparative criminology, human trafficking, cybercrime, racial profiling, terrorism, and corrections.

*Founded in 1934, the Criminal Justice program at Wichita State University is the second oldest program of its type in the United States. The program aims to teach students to assimilate knowledge, acquire skills, and develop professional judgment and behaviors appropriate for wise and ethical practice. Our faculty members are dedicated to graduating fully competent students for additional academic degrees as well as skilled professionals in the criminal justice field.*

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Apply online at [wichita.edu/apply](http://wichita.edu/apply)

- \$60 Graduate School application fee
- Official transcripts submitted to the Graduate School with minimum 3.0 GPA
- Letter of intent, detailing specific goals for earning the degree
- Two letters of reference

QUESTIONS? CONTACT GRADUATE COORDINATOR  
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# Degree Requirements

All degree candidates are required to complete each course with a grade of B- or better. All core courses should be completed in the first two semesters of study.

Students pursuing the MA degree in Criminal Justice may follow either a thesis or a non-thesis option. Both program options require a minimum of 36 hours. Students selecting the thesis option may count up to 6 hours of thesis credit toward the required 36-hour total and must pass an oral defense of the thesis.

## CORE COURSES (12 HOURS):

CJ 802 - Quantitative Methods for Public Sector Professionals  
CJ 893 - Seminar in Application of Criminological Theory  
CJ 894 - Proseminar in Criminal Justice  
CJ 897 - Advanced Research Methods (or an approved graduate-level methods course)

## ELECTIVE COURSES (24 HOURS – 12 hours must be 700-level or above):

CJ 501 - Integrity in Public Service  
CJ 513 - Violent Crime  
CJ 515 - Sex Crimes  
CJ 516 - Profiling  
CJ 517 - Homicide Investigation  
CJ 518 - CJ & Crime in Film  
CJ 521 - Forensic Social Work  
CJ 530 - Private Security  
CJ 593 - Crime Causation & CJ Policy  
CJ 598 - Contemporary Issues in CJ  
CJ 600 - Forensic Anthropology  
CJ 610 - Correctional Counseling  
CJ 641 - Forensic Psychiatry  
CJ 652 - Juvenile Justice & Social Policy  
CJ 692 - Community Policing  
CJ 781 - Cooperative Education/Internship  
CJ 783 - Advanced Special Topics in CJ  
CJ 796 - Criminal Typologies  
CJ 817 - Crime in Popular Culture  
CJ 820 - Terrorism & Modern Societies  
CJ 853 - Crime Prevention through Environmental Design  
CJ 855 - Seminar in Juvenile Justice  
CJ 861 - Police Administration  
CJ 873 - Advanced Criminal Law  
CJ 874 - Qualitative Methods  
CJ 882 - Individual Directed Study  
CJ 891 - Seminar in Judicial Process  
CJ 895 - Seminar in Policing  
CJ 896 - Seminar in Corrections  
CJ 898 - Applied Research Paper  
CJ 900 - Thesis

Some of CJ783 Advanced Special Topics in CJ include:

Combating Human Trafficking  
Criminal Mind & Behavior  
Forensic Victimology  
Racial Profiling  
Serial Killers  
Domestic Violence  
Victims & Victim Services  
3D Laser Scanning/Mapping

# Faculty

**Andra Bannister:** PhD, Michigan State University, 1995. Community policing, terrorism, law enforcement.

**Michael Birzer:** EdD, Oklahoma State University, 2000. Police behavior, police operations, qualitative research methods, racial profiling.

**Breanna Boppre:** PhD, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2018. Corrections

**David Klamm:** Senior Special Agent (Ret.), Kansas Bureau of Investigation; IAI-certified crime scene investigator. 3D scanning/mapping, forensic photography, bloodstain pattern analysis.

**Martha Smith:** PhD, Rutgers University, 1996; JD, New York University, 1981. Crime and transportation (including taxis), situational crime prevention, decision making models, crime victims.

**Yumi Suzuki:** PhD, University at Albany, SUNY, 2011. Victimization, sexual violence, criminal behavior, comparative criminology, criminal justice education.

**Szde Yu:** PhD, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 2010. Cybercrime, computer forensics, criminal mind modeling, cyber psychology.

## Graduate Assistantship Opportunities

Our program awards approximately six graduate assistantships on a semester-to-semester basis. Students awarded graduate teaching assistantships assist faculty teaching, including coordinating instructional activities and grading assignments. Additional teaching opportunity is available. The appointments are typically twenty hours per week. Assistantships provide a stipend and, for non-Kansas residents, a waiver of non-resident tuition rates. Students awarded a graduate assistantship may also qualify for a waiver of up to 100% of their tuition.