



WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

FAIRMOUNT COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

School of Criminal Justice

MASTER OF ARTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Traditional (In-Person) & Online Formats



Law Enforcement Training Center (LETC)

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Master's degree program in Criminal Justice at Wichita State University is one of the oldest in the United States. Founded by renowned police chief and scholar O.W. Wilson in 1937, only one other active criminal justice department has a longer history.

Over the years, the Master's program has since evolved from strictly a police science program into a program that encompasses the criminal justice system in its entirety and criminological theory. The integration of theory and practice prepares students for positions in criminal justice system practice, management, policymaking, as well as in research, teaching, and preparation for law school or further graduate study. Students can work with faculty members with diverse areas of expertise, including policing, crime prevention, sexual violence, comparative criminology, human trafficking, cybercrime, racial profiling, terrorism, and corrections.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- \$60 Graduate School application fee
- Official transcripts
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Letter of intent: A brief autobiographical statement describing particular interests, experiences, and goals related to academic and professional work
- Two letters of recommendation from professional references (i.e., former instructors, supervisors)

APPLY ONLINE AT
WICHITA.EDU/APPLY



QUESTIONS? CONTACT

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS



All degree candidates are required to complete the core courses with a grade of B- or better. Students must complete elective courses with a grade of C or better. All core courses should be completed in the first two semesters of study. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA.

Students may follow either a thesis or a non-thesis (coursework only) option. Both program options require a minimum of 36 credits. Students selecting the thesis option may count up to 6 hours of thesis credit toward the required 36-credit total and must pass an oral defense of the thesis.

Students must submit a Plan of Study form to the Graduate Coordinator upon taking their first 12 credits and a final version during their last semester.

More information about the program requirements can be found online through the School of Criminal Justice website: <http://www.wichita.edu/cj>

REQUIRED CORE COURSES: 12 CREDITS

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 (500-level or above): 24 CREDITS

A full list of courses is available here: <http://catalog.wichita.edu/graduate/courses/cj/>

FUNDING YOUR DEGREE

The School of Criminal Justice 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. The appointments are typically 20 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 75-100% of their tuition.

Opportunities for financial aid, scholarships, and awards are also available through the Graduate School: https://www.wichita.edu/academics/graduate_school/graduate_school.php