

MASTER'S DEGREE CRIMINAL JUSTICE

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

THE SEATTLE UNIVERSITY MASTERS PROGRAM IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE IS DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE PROFESSIONALS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE FIELD AS WELL AS STUDENTS ENTERING UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR BACHELORS DEGREE. GRADUATES FROM THE MACJ PROGRAM WILL HAVE: AN UNDERSTANDING OF CRIMINOLOGICAL THEORY AND ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONS; THE ABILITY TO CRITICALLY ANALYZE AND EVALUATE POLICY AND PRACTICE; AND THE NECESSARY SKILLS TO CONDUCT METHODOLOGICALLY SOUND RESEARCH IN SPECIALIZED AREAS IN THE FIELD.



SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

EDUCATING LEADERS FOR A JUST AND HUMANE WORLD

THE MASTER OF ARTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

Seattle University's MACJ Graduates will be prepared for positions and advancement in law enforcement, courts, corrections, social service, victim services, and research agencies in private, county, state, and federal agencies. The MACJ curriculum consists of 55 credits: 18 three-credit courses and 1 one-credit course. Students take ten foundation courses (28 credits) and nine elective courses (27 credits)—four of which (12 credits) can be selected as concentration area courses. Optional concentration areas include: Criminal Justice Research & Evaluation, Investigative Criminology, and Victimology. All courses are offered in the evening and/or weekends to accommodate working professionals. Graduates will be prepared for positions and advancement in law enforcement, courts, corrections, social service, victim services, and research agencies in private, county, state, and federal agencies.

FOUNDATION COURSES



A number of MACJ courses are taught in a seminar format, allowing open discussion of course content.

STUDENTS

Our students bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the classroom. The diversity in race, age, educational and career backgrounds makes for rich interaction in a supportive, rigorous learning environment. Students enjoy the emphasis placed on peer learning and application of coursework to real-world problems.

The majority of our MACJ students work full-time while attending graduate school. Students take one, two, or three classes per quarter depending on their schedules and course offerings.

Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice

Critical analysis and comprehensive overview of contemporary practices, procedures, and problems in the processing of offenders.

Advanced Criminological Theory

Examination of classic and contemporary theoretical explanations of crime from multiple criminological perspectives.

Law & Social Control

Study of theory and research on the nature of law and legal institutions.

Organizational Theory and Analysis in Criminal Justice

Application of organizational theory to micro and macro level interactions and structures in the criminal justice system.

Criminal Justice Ethics and Decisionmaking

Exploration of ethical dilemmas faced by professionals in law enforcement, courts, and corrections.

Statistical Analysis

Examination of the basic concepts and measures in statistical analysis, probability theory, statistical inference, and bivariate and multivariate analyses, correlational relationships, t-tests, ANOVA, and regression.

Statistics Lab

Quantitative analyses with SPSS and then application of these quantitative techniques to interpret current criminal justice research.

Advanced Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Current methods and techniques for conducting research in criminal justice including research design, sampling, survey research, field research, and program evaluation.

Theory and Research in Policing, Courts, Corrections

Review and seminar discussion of key research findings in policing, courts, and corrections.

Criminal Justice Capstone Seminar

Seminar discussion of program course content areas including major research findings and classic readings in criminal justice.



MACJ graduates are empowered to make knowledgeable, ethical, sound, innovative, and responsible decisions in their leadership roles as scholars, researchers, administrators, and practitioners in the criminal justice field.



The MACJ program is committed to the professional development of its students through on-campus career fairs, professional development seminars, recruiting/information sessions, as well as offering a number of internships and research assistantships with local agencies.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applicants will be accepted into the program fall quarter only. Applicants for other quarters will be considered as non-matriculating students. Admission to the MACJ program is competitive and the file review is holistic. Applicants' academic history, graduate exam performance, motivation, aptitude for graduate education, personal goals, and professional experiences will be considered. Applicants are required to send the following documents for consideration:

- Completed Application for Graduate Admission and a non-refundable \$55 application fee (waived for Seattle University alumni)
- Evidence of a four-year equivalent baccalaureate degree in criminal justice or related social, behavioral, or physical science from a regionally accredited academic institution. Applicants with degrees in a field outside of these disciplines may be considered with 45 quarter (30 semester) credits of related course work or significant supervised work/volunteer experience as outlined on the MACJ Supplemental form.
- Minimum GPA of 3.00 as calculated from official transcripts of all post-secondary institutions attended in the last 90 quarter/60 semester credits of the bachelor's degree, including any transfer credits earned during this time, and any post-baccalaureate course work. In special cases, those with less than a 3.00 GPA may be admitted on a probationary status based upon other criteria.
- Undergraduate introductory statistics course with a grade of C or above. Applicants who do not meet this criteria may be considered on a case by case basis for provisional admission.
- Statement of purpose (maximum 3 pages) discussing background, interests, and reasons for wanting to pursue a master's degree in criminal justice.
- Three letters of recommendation from academic and/or professional references who have evaluated academic work/supervised applicants practical experience and is able to assess their potential as a graduate student. Letters must be forwarded to graduate admissions in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature across the flap.
- Writing sample (for example, an undergraduate paper).
- Professional résumé or curriculum vita. Special consideration will be given to applicants with prior work, internship, or volunteer experience in the criminal justice system.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

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Application Deadlines

Fall Admission Deadline: March 15

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The Master of Arts in Criminal Justice, offered through the College of Arts and Sciences, is a two-year degree that serves part-time working professionals and full-time students with courses offered mostly in the evenings and weekends.

TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

Courses in the MACJ program is \$563 per credit hour. For additional information about tuition and fees, payment, and financial aid, contact Student Financial Services at www.seattleu.edu/sfs or (206) 296-2000, option 2.

UNDERSTANDING CRIME AND PROMOTING JUSTICE THROUGH RESEARCH, LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE

Criminal Justice is an interdisciplinary social science involving the study of crime and societal responses to it. The goals of the Criminal Justice Masters program are:

- Develop in students the knowledge, insight, critical thinking skills, values and ethical consciousness essential to becoming responsible practitioners, researchers, and leaders in criminal justice.
- Provide comprehensive, rigorous, analytic, focused study of crime and justice issues with emphasis on the application of theory and research in criminal justice to criminal justice initiatives, policies, and practices.
- Provide a strong foundation in criminology, research methods, statistics, organizational theory, criminal justice ethics, issues of diversity in criminal justice, and broad-based analysis of the criminal justice system with focus on law enforcement, the adjudication process, and corrections.
- Prepare students for positions and advancement in law enforcement, courts, corrections, social service, and research agencies in private, county, state, and federal agencies.



Graduate faculty are committed to challenging our students to critically analyze the criminal justice system.

FACULTY

Stephen K. Rice, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
Research and teaching interests in procedural and restorative justice, race/ethnicity and justice, terrorism, the social psychology of punishment, and criminological theory.

Bonner, Fred, JD, Adjunct Professor, Judge, Seattle Municipal Court.

Correa, Fanny, M.S.W., Adjunct Professor, Director, Victim Services Families and Friends of Violent Crime Victims and Director, Virginia Mason Separation and Loss.

Gleason, Tag, J.D., M.A., Adjunct Professor, Captain, Seattle Police Department Office of Professional Accountability, Investigations Unit.

Himick, Bev, Ph.D., Adjunct Professor, Supervising Forensic Scientist, DNA Unit/ Crime Scene Response Team, Washington State Patrol Crime Lab and formerly forensic scientist for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Kerlikowske, Gil, M.A., Adjunct Professor, Chief of Police, Seattle Police Department.

King-Stargel, Trisha, M.A., A.B.D., Adjunct Professor, Retired law enforcement officer/detective with the Honolulu and Kent Police Departments, Doctoral Candidate Seattle University School of Education.

Mahoney, Robert, Ph.D., Seattle Police Advanced Training Unit Officer, Seattle Police Department.

Marshall, Julianne, M.A., Adjunct Professor, Special Agent, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms.

McTighe, Tim, M.A., Adjunct Professor, Chief of United States Pretrial Services, U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services.

Niebusch, Rich, MA, A.B.D., Adjunct Professor, Public Information Officer, Snohomish County Sheriff.

O'Brien, Al, MA, Adjunct Professor, Representative, 1st Legislative District, Washington State House of Representatives, Retired Seattle Police Sergeant.

Pevey, Mac, M.A., Adjunct Professor, Washington State Department of Corrections Supervisor.

Shields, Wallace, M.A., Adjunct Professor, Special Agent in Charge, United States Secret Service.

Stampfl, Brian, Det., Adjunct Professor, Detective, Seattle Police Department CSI Unit.

Reed, Edward, Ph.D., Adjunct Professor, Lecturer, Matteo Ricci College, specialty in race, ethnicity, and crime and community policing.

Richards, Henry, PhD, Adjunct Professor, Superintendent, Special Commitment Center/ Forensic Psychologist, Washington State Department of Social and Health Services.

Roberts, Sarah, J.D., Adjunct Professor, Prosecuting Attorney, Shoreline and Lake Forest Park.

Taylor, Kathy, Ph.D., Adjunct Professor, Forensic Anthropologist.

Washington, A. Scott, J.D., Adjunct Professor, Executive Director, Interaction Transition.

Williams, Mike, M.A., Adjunct Professor, Retired Associate Superintendent Monroe Correctional Complex, Washington State Department of Corrections.

Zeff, Riva, M.S.W., Adjunct Professor, Clinical Director, Seattle University Social Work Program. Formerly Lead Juvenile Probation Counselor, King County Superior Court Juvenile Probation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Inquiries relating to these policies may be referred to the University's Associate Vice President of Human Resources and Equal Opportunity Officer. Consistent with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and its implementing regulations, Seattle University has designated three individuals responsible for coordinating the University's Title IX compliance. Students or employees with concerns or complaints about discrimination on the basis of sex in employment or an education program or activity may contact any one of the following Title IX coordinators: Philip Irwin, Associate Vice President of Human Resources and Equal Opportunity Officer, University Services Building 107, (206) 296-5869, irwinp@seattleu.edu; Robert Kelly, Assistant Vice President for Student Development, Student Center 140B, (206) 296-6066, rkelly@seattleu.edu; and Jacquelyn Miller, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, Casey Building 406W, (206) 296-5446, jmiller@seattleu.edu. Individuals may also contact the Office for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education.