College of Arts & Sciences
Master of Arts in Criminal Justice

Application Instructions and Procedures

All application materials must be received by the application deadline to receive full consideration. For application deadlines and entry terms, refer to the priority deadlines. International applicants and those with international transcripts should consult the International Requirements Page, for deadlines and other requirements, as they may differ.

- Complete graduate application form and submit the $55 non-refundable application fee. The fee is waived for Seattle University alumni and employees.
- Evidence of minimum of earned four-year baccalaureate degree from regionally accredited institution or U.S. equivalent. As evidenced submit a degree-posted transcript from last 90 quarter/60 semester graded credits of your bachelor’s degree, including any transfer institution credit earned during this time period. Transcripts from any post-baccalaureate institution also required.
- Applicants with undergraduate degree in field outside of criminal justice or related social, behavioral, or physical science stated disciplines may be considered with 45 quarter/30 semester credits of related coursework or significant supervised work/volunteer experience.
- Applicants with a GPA below 3.00 in last 90 quarter/60 semester credits or have graduated from non-graded institution, submit official scores from Graduate Record Exam (GRE).
- Graduate and post baccalaureate applicants who received a baccalaureate degree or higher from Seattle University or a recognized college or university in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia, Bahamas, Jamaica, Kenya, Singapore, and Trinidad and Tobago will not be required to submit English proficiency test scores. Students earning a degree in a country other than those listed above may provide official documentation from the degree-granting institution verifying that all instruction was in English. A minimum of three years of enrollment at the university is required. English proficiency may be met with an official TOEFL score of 86 (IBT), or the IELTS exam with a minimum score of 6.0; PTE score of 63; or Duolingo score of 110
- Undergraduate introductory statistics course with ‘C’ grade or better. Exceptions considered on individual basis.
- Three letters of recommendation from academic and/or professional references who are able to assess potential to do graduate study
- Statement of purpose (3 pages maximum) discussing background, interests, and reasons for wanting to pursue MACJ.
- Writing sample (for example, an undergraduate paper).
- Professional résumé or curriculum vita.
- Selected candidates may be contacted for interview with MACJ faculty.
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