

# UMSL | Graduate School

## Master of Arts Criminology and Criminal Justice

### Degree Program

A minimum of 33 credit hours is required, at least 21 of which are in Criminology and Criminal Justice. 12 of these hours represent the core of the curriculum.

- **Non-thesis option:** requires a minimum of 33 credit hours, which includes the 12-hour core course requirement, and at least 9 hours of option courses.
- **Thesis option:** preferred option for students planning to continue graduate studies. Students must complete the core, option course requirements, AND 6 thesis research hours (taken in 3 hour increments over two semesters).

### Program Website

- <http://www.umsl.edu/ccj/Prospective%20Students/masters.html>

### Application Requirements

1. Application - <http://www.umsl.edu/gradschool/prospective/apply-now.html>
2. Essay
  - a. Briefly explain why an advanced degree in criminology and criminal justice is of interest and why the applicant merits serious consideration.
3. Official transcripts from all universities attended
  - a. Successful applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree before beginning the master's program.
4. Entrance examinations
  - a. The Graduate Record Examination General Test is not required but may add value to the application (see <http://www.gre.org/ttindex.html>).
  - b. International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.
5. Grade Point Average
  - a. Minimum of 3.0 on 4.0 scale.
6. Two Letters of recommendation
  - a. Letters of recommendation from persons qualified to evaluate the applicant's recent academic performance are required.

### Application Deadlines

Deadline for receipt of all admission materials

- Fall semester: April 1

### Application Fee

\$50 for domestic applicants; \$40 for international applicants

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