



M.S. in Criminology and Criminal Justice

UT's master's degree in criminology and criminal justice prepares students for both practitioner and management careers in criminal justice and public safety. It is ideal for those embarking on a new career or seeking advancement in law enforcement, corrections, probation and parole, victim advocacy or criminal justice management. It also provides excellent preparation for students wishing to pursue doctoral studies.

Comprehensive Curriculum

Students gain the theoretical groundwork along with the research and statistical skills needed to design and evaluate effective public safety policy and practice. They also learn the structure of the criminal justice system and the nature of successful crime prevention programs.

Thesis and Non-Thesis Tracks

Students may choose between thesis and non-thesis tracks. The thesis option is ideal for students planning to enter a doctoral program following graduation. The non-thesis option is designed for those currently employed or seeking employment in the criminal justice system.

Flexible Schedule

Students may begin the program during the fall, spring or summer terms. Courses can be taken in any sequence, with degree completion within two years.

4+1 M.S. in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Current qualified undergraduates majoring in criminology and criminal justice may apply for enrollment in the combined B.S./M.S. program.

SAMPLE COURSES

- Criminal Justice Policy and Program Evaluation
- Criminological Theory
- Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice
- Statistics for Criminal Justice Research
- Policing and Public Policy
- Justice, Law and Public Policy
- Victimology
- White Collar Crime

BENEFITS

- Launch or advance your career in law enforcement, corrections, probation and parole, victim advocacy or criminal justice management
- Begin program in fall, spring or summer
- Finish degree within two years
- Choose thesis or non-thesis option based on educational or career goals
- Receive one-on-one faculty advising on academic and professional development
- Conduct research with faculty members
- Earn credentials to pursue doctoral studies, or to teach at the college level
- Convenient downtown campus