Criminology and Criminal Justice, MS

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Develop the dexterity and leadership skills you could not learn in a traditional criminal justice program. Conveniently located at ASU's Downtown Phoenix Campus, courses are delivered by nationally recognized professors with diverse expertise. You will quickly understand why this degree is consistently ranked No. 5.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MS Criminology and Criminal Justice

The MS in criminology and criminal justice is a research degree program designed to provide students with a high level of theoretical and empirical knowledge about crime and criminal justice.

The program provides students with the advanced research skills needed for careers as criminal justice researchers, leadership roles in criminal justice and related agencies and organizations, and for continued study in doctoral programs in criminology and criminal justice.

At a Glance

• College/School: Watts College of Public Service & Community Solut

• Location: Downtown Phoenix campus

Concurrent Program Options

Students can choose to create their own concurrent degree combination to match their interests by working with their academic advisor during or after their first semester of study. Some concurrent combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum; students should speak with their academic advisor for more details.

This degree is also offered as a concurrent program with an integrated major map with the following:

Public Administration - Downtown Phoenix, MPA

Public Policy, MPP

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Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

- **Criminology and Criminal Justice, BS**

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students will be advised by their academic departments to apply.

Degree Requirements

33 credit hours and a thesis, or
33 credit hours including the required capstone course (CRJ 505)

**Required Core (12 credit hours)**
- CRJ 501 Seminar in Criminal Justice (3)
- CRJ 502 Seminar in Criminology (3)
- CRJ 503 Research Methods for Criminal Justice (3)
- CRJ 504 Statistical Tools for Criminology and Criminal Justice (3)

**Systems Courses (6 credit hours)**
- CRJ 512 Seminar in Policing (3)
- CRJ 513 Seminar in Courts and Sentencing (3)
- CRJ 514 Seminar in Corrections (3)

**Electives (6-12 credits hours)**

**Other Requirement (0-3 credit hours)**
- CRJ 604 Advanced Statistical Analysis (3)

**Culminating Experience: (3-6 credit hours)**
- CRJ 505 Theory and Practice in Criminal Justice (3) or
- CRJ 599 Thesis (6)

**Additional Curriculum Information**

Students select two of the three systems courses listed above.

For the culminating experience, students choose either the thesis option or the capstone course. CRJ 604 Advanced Statistical Analysis is only required for the thesis option. To satisfy the thesis requirements for the degree, candidates must write a thesis and defend it in an oral examination conducted by the student's thesis committee. Students in the capstone option are not required to take CRJ 604.
Each student's program is designed in consultation with the faculty advisor.

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions.

Applicants eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in criminology or criminal justice or another closely related field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. two letters of recommendation
4. personal statement
5. GRE scores
6. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

The personal statement should address the applicant's prior education and professional experience, discuss the applicant's career goals and explain how the degree will help the applicant achieve these goals.

The GRE scores must be from within the last five years.

Applicants should see the program website for application deadlines.

**Application Deadlines**

**Fall**

**Spring**

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