

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY

MA IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY

The Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology is dedicated to providing a comprehensive, analytic, and rigorous education. Its goal is to produce highly motivated and well-educated leaders in the field of criminal justice and criminology.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The degree offers part- and full-time enrollment

Average time to completion: 16 months (full time with a summer class), 2 years (part time)

Classes are conducted one evening per week, making it convenient for you to work and earn your degree. The program allows flexibility to pursue special topics. A master's thesis is not required.

INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

The department has strong, collaborative connections with many criminal justice agencies, non-profit organizations, social service agencies, and policymaking bodies. Faculty and graduate students routinely use their research skills to address important and timely practical issues that have an impact on criminal justice system operations or address why people commit crimes.

EXPECTATIONS AFTER GRADUATION

We encourage you to develop and maintain a close professional relationship with your advisors and faculty. Such relationships enhance the educational experience and assist in job placement and related professional opportunities. The department is committed to assisting you in your job search. The University's Office of Career Counseling and Placement can also help you make informed decisions about career-related issues.

Graduates are employed in all areas of the criminal justice system, across all branches and levels of government, including agencies such as municipal police departments, the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, county adult and juvenile probation departments, the FBI, U.S. Secret Service, Federal Probation, Homeland Security, and the DEA. Graduates have also moved on to continue their studies in PhD programs or law schools.

- Career services are available—learn more at [LUC.edu/career](https://luc.edu/career).

PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS

Some of our distinctive features include:

- A DEDICATION TO INTELLECTUAL AND SCHOLARLY DEVELOPMENT. You will accumulate a broad knowledge of the foundations of the field, an understanding of the organizational relations and processes of criminal justice practice, and an ability to critique the implementation and evaluation of programs and policies.
- A CLOSE CONNECTION TO LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCIES. The department is well-connected to local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies, giving you the opportunity to pursue internships in a wide variety of agencies.

STUDENT LIFE

Many of our students participate in campus life. Various symposia and seminars, featuring leading professionals from the field, are sponsored by the department each year. We encourage you to attend these important events as well as related symposia held off campus.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDE: Criminal Justice Graduate Student Organization and Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society

FACULTY

Because of the interdisciplinary nature of the field, the department's faculty members have earned their PhD degrees in various disciplines such as criminology, justice studies, law, psychology, political science, and sociology. Their varied backgrounds add diversity and strength to the department and provide students with different insights and perspectives.

PREREQUISITES

You need a bachelor's degree to apply. A background in criminal justice is not necessary, but those without criminal justice experience may be required to take additional courses.

FINANCIAL AID

Begin the financial aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov.

The Graduate School has limited funds available for financial assistance, but the department has been able to provide graduate research assistantships to an average of four to five students per year.

Financial aid from Loyola's Financial Aid Office will not impact your ability to apply for financial aid through the Graduate School. To learn more about these financial aid opportunities, visit LUC.edu/finaid/graduateschool.

LEARN MORE

APPLY

gpem.LUC.edu/apply

For all application requirements and deadlines, please visit LUC.edu/gpem/info.

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