M.S. IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Department of Sociology offers a Master’s of Science degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice. The program provides training in fundamentals of the criminal justice system and criminological theory, as well as foundational training in research methods and statistics. Students may tailor their programs to best fit their goals through their selected electives, curricula tracks, and choice of one of three completion options. At present, curricula tracks (comprised of six credit hours) include such areas as leadership and management, criminal law, research methods and statistics, and geographic information systems (GIS). Students have the program completion options of preparing for and taking a comprehensive examination, completing an internship and accompanying paper, or completing a Master’s thesis.

For more information, please see our website: http://www.as.miami.edu/sociology/graduate-programs/mscriminology/.

Admission Requirements

Students are evaluated for admission based on a holistic assessment of the following requirements. Students must submit:

1. A statement of purpose.
   a. In this personal statement applicants detail their reasons for pursuing the degree, both in general and in our program specifically. The statement will help evaluate applicants’ writing abilities as well as fit with our program.

2. Transcripts from all academic institutions attended.
   a. Official transcripts from all academic institutions attended must be submitted. Transcripts should show that students attained a minimum of 3.0 in the last 60 credits of upper division undergraduate coursework and/or 3.0 in graduate coursework. Applicants with lower averages may be admitted to the Certificate program.

3. Letters of recommendation.
   a. At least three letters of recommendation must be submitted. These should be positive and strongly indicate that the applicant has the aptitude and stamina necessary to successfully complete a graduate degree.

4. GRE scores.
   a. A minimum GRE score of 950 (or a combined 294 on the revised Test) is necessary for admission to the M.S. program. Applicants with lower scores may be admitted to the Certificate program. The GRE requirement may be waived for applicants based on a) Five or more years of relevant professional experience or b) Prior degree in related field/area.

Academic Standing

Graduate students are expected to maintain a minimum of a 3.0 overall GPA in all coursework. Should the average fall below that minimum in a semester, the student will be notified and will work with his/her advisor to rectify the performance issues. If the student has a second consecutive semester with an average overall GPA below 3.0, he/she will be placed on academic probation. Three semesters of below average performance may result in suspension from the program in accordance with guidelines for the University’s Graduate School.

Curriculum Requirements

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Electives 9

One course from within Sociology 3

Specialization Track 6

Choose 6 credits from one of the following specialization tracks:

Research Methods and Statistics
- EPS 625 Program Evaluation
- EPS 674 Lifestyle and Career Counseling
- PSY 633 Structural Equation Modeling
- SOC 611 Advanced Sociological Statistical Analysis I
- SOC 613 Qualitative Research Methods

Geographic Information Systems
- GEG 691 Geographic Information Systems I
- GEG 693 Geographic Information Systems II

Legal Issues in Criminal Justice
- LAW 320 Substantive Criminal Law
- LAW 332 Criminal Procedure Adjudication

Public Administration
- POL 622 Introduction to Graduate Public Administration
- POL 646 Public Policy Process and Implementation
- POL 647 Human Resource Management in Public Service
- MGT 620 Managing Through People

Completion Track 6

Choose one of the following tracks:
- SOC 690 Directed Studies (Comprehensive Exam)
- SOC 791 Graduate Internship and Paper
- SOC 810 Master’s Thesis

Total Credit Hours 30