

# MASTER OF ARTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

AT HOLY FAMILY UNIVERSITY



Designed to develop and sharpen skills appropriate to beginning or continuing practitioners in the criminal justice system. Professionals in the fields of law enforcement, corrections, or the court system can utilize this degree to seek career advancement or personal enrichment. The program consists of 10 courses for a total of 30 credits.

## Program Goals

- Provide students with an understanding of the philosophical, political, and ideological basis for the criminalization of certain behaviors and the enforcement of those behaviors as unlawful.
- Educate students about various perspectives and approaches to explaining and understanding criminal and deviant behaviors and prompt them to critique various explanatory theories as to their scientific merit and socio-cultural origins.
- Encourage students to consider current challenges and predicaments inherent in the various components of the American criminal justice system and stimulate their critical thinking skills in generating possible resolutions to these conflicts.
- Orient students to the ethical dilemmas that may be confronted by criminal justice practitioners and heighten their awareness of the different forms corruption and abuses of power may take.
- Provide students with a cross-cultural perspective on criminality and criminal justice by teaching them about law and social control in different societies and at different points in American history.
- Afford students the opportunity to sharpen their writing, research, and communication skills by requiring them to conduct and present an independent scholarly research project which will integrate theory and practice.

## Admission Requirements

Graduate students seeking full admission to the Master of Arts program must submit an application to the Office of Graduate Admissions and meet the following requirements:

- Submit application with statement of goals
- Submit official transcripts from all institutions attended
- Submit two letters of reference
- Submit a \$25 application fee

Once all the admission materials have been received, the application will be forwarded to the Graduate Chair in Criminal Justice for review.

## Academic Program

### Core Requirements

- CJMA 501 - The American Criminal Justice System: Theory & Practice
- CJMA 502 - Criminological Theory
- CJMA 503 - Research Methods in Criminal Justice
- CJMA 520 - Ethics in Criminal Justice

### Elective Credits Required

(Choose five courses)

- CJMA 510 - Juvenile Delinquency
- CJMA 515 - History of Crime and Crime Control
- CJMA 521 - Terrorism and Counterterrorism
- CJMA 522 - Juvenile Justice
- CJMA 523 - Race and Crime
- CJMA 525 - Correctional Management
- CJMA 530 - Women, Law, and Social Control
- CJMA 532 - Police Administration
- CJMA 535 - Public Policy and Criminal Justice
- CJMA 540 - Serial and Mass Murder
- CJMA 545 - Crime, the Media, and Moral Panics

### Capstone Course

- CJMA 562 - Professional Seminar-Culminating Experience