



ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE OF
LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts in Criminology and Justice

ABOUT THE M.A. IN CRIMINOLOGY AND JUSTICE

The 33-credit Master of Arts program in Criminology and Justice at St. John's University combines theory with practical application. You develop a rigorous academic foundation in criminology, as well as the skills to analyze crime-related data and research. You also hone your critical thinking and analytical skills to prepare for further graduate study, research, teaching, policy research and practice, or employment in the public or private sector.

To accommodate working professionals, the program is designed for both full-time and part-time students. Full-time students can complete the requirements for the M.A. in three semesters, and part-time students in four or five semesters.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN M.A. IN CRIMINOLOGY AND JUSTICE?

An M.A. in Criminology and Justice helps you advance through a variety of professional arenas, including government departments, criminal justice agencies, legal settings, and nonprofit organizations.

Some of the departments and organizations hiring graduates with degrees in criminology and justice include

- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
- Central Intelligence Agency
- Department of Homeland Security
- Drug Enforcement Administration
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Legal Aid Society of New York
- New York City Department of Investigation
- New York City Division of Youth and Family Justice
- Social Security Administration
- United States Secret Service



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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I would like to encourage both undergraduate students and alumni who are already working full time to consider what an M.A. in Criminology and Justice from St. John's University can do for their careers. Our student body is very diverse, with undergraduate backgrounds in physics, art history, computer science, criminal justice, biology, psychology, and sociology. But they all share the desire to make a difference in the growing field of criminology. If you would like to set up an appointment to discuss how a master's degree in criminology and justice can help you achieve your goals, please feel free to contact me directly.

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RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As a graduate student in the Criminology and Justice program, you are encouraged to link your academic work with experiential learning through internships in government and nonprofit agencies based in New York City. In addition to valuable work experience that may lead to future employment, you are able to earn academic credit for your service. Some agencies and organizations where students in the Criminology and Justice program have done internships include

- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
- Legal Aid Society of New York
- New York City Department of Investigation
- Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor for the City of New York
- Offices of the Brooklyn and Queens District Attorneys
- United States Secret Service
- US Probation and Pretrial Services
- Various social service agencies

Faculty members teaching in the criminology program are active scholars and experts in their field. They have valuable professional connections that they use to help students find internships, career placement, and build their own networks.

ASSISTANTSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FINANCIAL AID

Uniformed officers in the New York Police Department are entitled to a 33 percent tuition discount, which is equivalent to 12 free credits for the M.A. degree.

The University also awards a limited number of graduate assistantships to highly qualified students each year. These positions provide tuition remission and a stipend and involve assisting faculty with their research. For more information about assistantships, as well as other types of financial aid and scholarship awards, please visit the Graduate Admissions page at stjohns.edu/admission/graduate.

PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS

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