Master of Science in Criminal Justice

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About University of Louisville

The University of Louisville (UofL) is a state supported research university located in Kentucky’s largest metropolitan area that offers 170 majors, degrees, certificates and professional development programs.

The University of Louisville’s mission is to be a premier, nationally recognized metropolitan research university with a commitment to the liberal arts and sciences and to the intellectual, cultural, and economic development of our diverse communities and citizens through the pursuit of excellence.

With a student body exceeding 22,500 and with more than 6,500 faculty members, the University of Louisville paves the way for students of all ages to achieve their academic, professional and personal goals through quality education.

About UofL Online Learning

The University of Louisville understands the challenges of adult professionals who want to earn a college degree and extends its education offerings through UofL Online Learning to connect nontraditional students with flexible online education options that help them acquire the necessary knowledge and skills in a convenient and affordable manner and secure or advance their career.

UofL Online Learning delivers a wide variety of online courses and in-demand undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs completely online to students in the U.S. and around the world.

About University of Louisville’s Department of Criminal Justice

The Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Louisville is recognized as a nationally prominent academic unit that provides quality career-driven educational programs. These programs include undergraduate and graduate degrees offered by UofL, as well as courses and seminars offered by the Southern Police Institute and the National Crime Prevention Institute. The department has a strong commitment to the practice of Criminal Justice through the activities of a nationally recognized faculty and professional staff who engage in education, research, and practice.

The mission of the Department of Criminal Justice is to enhance public safety and the quality of life in communities through education, research, and practice to achieve the goals of integrity, accountability, equity, effectiveness, and efficiency in justice practice and provide education and professional training for individuals seeking employment and career development within criminal justice organizations. Furthermore, conduct and disseminate research that achieves an integration of theory and practice with an emphasis on applied methods and issues, maintain strong partnerships with agencies and organizations in the community and share education resources and expertise as a means of generating “best practice” within criminal justice system processes.

Accreditation

The University of Louisville is accredited by the Commission on the Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate, bachelor’s, master’s, specialist, doctoral, and first-professional degrees (D.M.D., J.D., M.D.).
From the Desk of Gennaro F. Vito, Ph.D.

Dear Prospective Graduate Student,

As you browse through this digital brochure you will experience what makes UofL such a great choice for your graduate education. From our award-winning, nationally-recognized faculty to our flexible program format, UofL’s Master of Science in Criminal Justice is truly answering the educational needs of the 21st century.

In a tough economy, education matters more than ever. Our graduate degree program will keep you competitive in the job market, increase your earning potential and provide you with a satisfying academic experience. Plus, our flexible format means you don’t need to sacrifice the other important things in your life – like family and work – in order to pursue your master’s degree.

I’m sure you’ve come across a lot of different programs during your degree research process. I hope that after reviewing this brochure, you see the exceptional quality and value of our master’s program. We are honored that you are considering UofL for your degree and would love to have you as part of our academic community.

Regards,

Gennaro F. Vito, Ph.D.
Professor & Chair, Department of Criminal Justice

About Dr. Vito

Gennaro F. Vito is a Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and the Department Chair at the University of Louisville. He also serves as a faculty member in the Administrative Officer’s Course at the Southern Police Institute where he offers a course on police leadership. He holds a Ph.D. in Public Administration from The Ohio State University.

Active in professional organizations, he is a Past President, Fellow, and recipient of the Bruce Smith Award (2012) of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. He has been recognized as one of the “Top 25 Criminal Justice Professors” by the Forensic Colleges web site as ranked by the U.S. News & World Report’s criminology ratings. Pursuant to his research agenda, Dr. Vito has been principal or co-principal investigator on 37 research grant projects. He is the author of 98 professional, refereed journal articles (in such journals as Criminology, The Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology, Justice Quarterly, Police Quarterly, and The Prison Journal), 17 book chapters, 8 book reviews and 43 technical research reports. He has published on such topics as: capital sentencing, police consolidation, police leadership, police traffic stops, policing strategies for drug problems in public housing, attitudes toward capital punishment, and the effectiveness of criminal justice programs, such as drug elimination programs, drug courts, and drug testing of probationers and parolees. He has made 125 presentations at professional meetings, including invited sessions to practitioners on capital sentencing and police leadership. He is the co-author of eleven textbooks in criminal justice and criminology including Practical Program Evaluation in Criminal Justice (Elsevier, 2014).
Master of Science in Criminal Justice – Online Program

The Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Louisville offers a Master of Science in Criminal Justice (MSCJ) degree 100% online. The program focuses on the administration of justice through various social processes and specifically, the components, processes and procedures that constitute the criminal justice system.

Our online MSCJ program provides students with advanced knowledge and skills in social and behavioral science as well as a detailed and thorough understanding of crime, criminal justice and related processes. Graduates of our program are prepared to continue on to advanced studies in criminal justice, law or other social sciences and to assume varied positions with criminal justice programs and agencies.

The core curriculum includes an overview of the criminal justice system, theories of crime and delinquency, legal issues in criminal justice and advanced statistics and research methods. Elective courses cover specialized topics within criminal justice such as capital punishment, violent crime, domestic violence, criminal justice in media, international terrorism, substance abuse and justice policy, and issues in policing and ethics in criminal justice practice.

Degree Value

- 100% online
- 36 credit hours (12 classes) in the program
- 6 week terms (accelerated format)
- Multiple starts per year
- Degree may be completed in as little as two years or in three intensive enrollment semesters
- Students may transfer in 6 credit hours of graduate courses from other accredited universities
- Students may be admitted provisionally pending receipt of all application materials
- Professional student advisers are available to assist with degree planning

UofL – SPI Educational Partnership

Graduates of the Southern Police Institute, Administrators Officers Course – graduate track – can transfer their credits to UofL and are considered to have completed 12 hours (33%) of the MSCJ degree.

Delivery Format:

The accelerated format allows you to take one course every 6 weeks and really focus on class material, as well as the flexibility to spend time with family while pursuing your career. You can earn your Master of Science in Criminal Justice in as little as two years, taking 100% of your courses online.

Graduation Requirements:

The MSCJ requires 36 credit hours for graduation: 15 credits for core courses, 18 credits for electives and 3 credits for the completion of a professional paper.

Apply Today!
Careers and Salary Information

Nationally, almost 2 million individuals are employed in the criminal justice system. Careers in criminal justice are rewarding, providing practitioners with ever-changing challenges.

Most employment sectors of criminal justice are expected to grow 11% between 2006 and 2016. (Bureau of Labor Statistics www.bls.gov)

**MSCJ graduates are typically employed as:**

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**Hear it from our graduates**

**Police Chief Terri A. Wilfong**

“I am grateful for the program and how it has complemented my years of experience. I have recommended it to officers in my agency.”

Terri Wilfong earned her Master of Science in Administration of Justice from the University of Louisville in May 2009. Chief Wilfong has more than 28 years of experience in law enforcement, beginning in 1981 as a Deputy Sheriff at the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office.

In 1983, Chief Wilfong joined the Kentucky State Police until going to work for the Jefferson County Police Department, later Louisville Metro Police Department, in 1985. Wilfong became the 24th Chief of Police for the Greenville Police Department in March 2007. She arrived at Greenville by way of the Louisville Metro Police Department where she was the Assistant Chief/Support Bureau Commander.

Now at the Greenville Police Department, Wilfong directs law enforcement efforts in this agency of 193 sworn officers and 52 civilian personnel. Quickly putting her knowledge to work, Wilfong implemented re-engineering teams geared toward restructuring the department for greater accountability and enhanced efficiency.
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Admission

With terms of only 6 weeks per class, we are able to offer multiple starts per year, therefore admission in our program is granted on a rolling basis. We do, however, encourage applicants to submit all required credentials six weeks prior to the beginning of a term.

Admission Requirements

Those seeking admission to the Graduate School at the University of Louisville in the Master of Science in Criminal Justice program must provide the following documentation:

- Transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work completed. The minimum requirement for admission is the Baccalaureate degree or its equivalent earned from an accredited institution
- Two recommendations from individuals who can speak to the applicant’s academic or professional capabilities.
- Proof of a 3.0 GPA or higher (on a 4.0 scale) and combined quantitative and verbal scores of 900 (former GRE) or 292 (new GRE) on the General Test Section of the GRE
- An original essay identifying the applicant’s background, professional interest and goals, and the applicant’s motivation and potential for graduate work
- Complete application for admission to the Graduate School, University of Louisville
- $65.00 application fee, check or money order made payable to the University of Louisville

Send all admission materials to our Graduate Admissions office at the following address:

Graduate Admissions
University of Louisville
Louisville, KY 40292
OR gradadm@louisville.edu

Conditional Admission

The MSCJ admissions requirements outlined above are mandatory. However, conditional and non-degree admission is possible on a case-by-case basis for those who do not meet all listed requirements. Generally, the following factors are taken into consideration:

- Grade point average in the applicant’s major and/or final 60 hours of undergraduate work
- Amount of time that has transpired between the applicant’s undergraduate degree completion and application to the graduate program in Criminal Justice
- Applicant’s work experience and accomplishments in their profession
- Grade point average in graduate work at other accredited academic institutions
- A less than 3.0 grade point average that is “offset” by a combined GRE score greater than 900 (former) 292 (new) OR a combined GRE score less than 900 (former) or 292 (new) GRE scale that is “offset” by a greater than 3.0 grade point average
- Completion of 12 graduate course credits with a minimum of 3.0 GPA may eliminate the GRE requirement

You may contact our office for more information on conditional and non-degree admission.

For more Application Instructions go to http://louisville.edu/graduate/futurestudents/apply-materials/application.

To complete your Application Packet, please use our Application Checklist on the following page.

Apply Today!
Application Checklist

A complete application packet includes:

- Completed online application: http://louisville.edu/graduate/futurestudents/apply-materials/application

Please note in the “Comments” section on the last page of the application if you are applying to the MSCJ ONLINE PROGRAM.

- $60 non-refundable application processing fee: It is recommended that you apply online at the above website and pay your application fee with a credit card. If you submit the hard copy application, attach a personal check, money order or cashier’s check (U.S. dollars) payable to the University of Louisville to your completed application. Note: Application fees paid with a check will delay the process for 8 days. Recipients of certain government assistance programs may be eligible to waive the application fee. See details at louisville.edu/admissions/apply/fee. Note: AOC course graduates may obtain reimbursement for their $30 readmission fee.

- Transcripts: An official, final academic transcript (or official current, if currently enrolled) is required from each college/university you have attended, including those at which you were enrolled for academic credit as a non-degree student and for any credits transferred to another college. All transcripts must bear the official seal and signature of institution and should be sent directly to UofL Graduate Admissions. UofL provides transcripts for UofL graduates automatically.

- Test Scores: Scores from the General Test Section of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) are required. Applicants must contact the Education Testing Service (ETS) and request that the score report is sent directly to UofL.

- Recommendation forms: Two recommendations from individuals who can speak to the applicant’s academic or professional capabilities. Select the online option when completing your online graduate school application to have this form sent to your recommender electronically. Note: Avoid personal references from co-workers, advisors, friends, clergy, etc.

- Personal statement: An original essay (300-500 words) identifying your background, professional interest, goals, motivation, and potential for graduate work together with any accompanying addenda (resume) may be sent in after submitting your online application (recommended). Be sure to include your name and email address.

- Variance requests: Applicants with a cumulative grade point average of less than 2.75 are required to submit a Variance Request form (http://louisville.edu/graduate/forms/variance-request-form/view). If there are gaps or deficiencies in your academic record, please explain. The School of Interdisciplinary and Graduate Studies’ standards require a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5, thus students with a cumulative undergraduate GPA less than 2.5 may be considered for non-degree admission.

Additional requirements for international applicants or non-native English speaking applicants:

- TOEFL or IELTS: International students for whom English is not their primary language must show English language proficiency through the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or by successfully completing the exit examination for the advanced level of the Intensive English as a Second Language Program at UofL or by proof of a degree awarded by an acceptable English language institution. A score of 550 or higher on the paper-based TOEFL; a score of 213 or higher on the computer-based TOEFL; or a score of 79 or higher on the internet-based TOEFL is required. A minimum score of 6.5 is required for students who have taken the IELTS.

- International applicants: International applicants may be required to have their transcripts evaluated by a credential evaluation service in the U.S., such as World Education Services, Inc. at www.wes.org and Educational Credential Evaluators at www.ece.org.

- Send admission materials to the Graduate Admissions office at the following address:

  University of Louisville
  School of Interdisciplinary and Graduate Studies
  2211 S Brook St, Houchens Bldg, Rm 105
  Louisville, Kentucky 40292
  United States of America
  Or email to: gradadm@louisville.edu

  For more application instructions, go to http://louisville.edu/graduate/futurestudents/apply-materials/application

  Admission materials may be sent all at once or one at a time as they become available or are completed. Applications will be reviewed by the JA Graduate Admissions Committee after all documents are received.
Tuition and Financial Aid

Tuition for the Master of Science in Criminal Justice is one of the most affordable in the state and in the nation. Tuition for online courses is the same for both in-state and out-of-state students.

Online Degree Tuition

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*Active-Duty is defined as on orders for 180 days or more.
**The Department of Defense tuition assistance rate of $250 per credit hour also applies to certain members of the Reserve Component and Kentucky National Guard.

The tuition rates above apply only to online courses and may be different than, or in addition to, tuition costs for non-online courses. Tuition does not include costs associated with a specific course or program, such as textbooks.

Note: Tuition and fees are subject to change at any time without prior notice. The summary on this page is intended to provide a quick reference for students. For more information and updates, visit the UofL Bursar’s page.

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available for all online students who qualify. For student loans to disburse in a timely manner, it is critical that you complete all required steps.

Here are the steps for first time financial aid applicants:

1. Assemble your tax and asset information, such as your W2s and 1040s.
2. Go to www.fafsa.gov to file your FAFSA form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Be sure to apply for your PIN during the FAFSA filing process. Use the PIN to electronically sign your FAFSA. UofL’s FAFSA school code is 001999.
3. Once your FAFSA if processed by the U.S. Department of Education, you will be sent a Student Aid Report (SAR). If you filed electronically, the SAR will be sent to you via email. If you filed by paper or did not provide an email address, the SAR will be sent to you by mail.
4. Review the SAR for comments and incorrect information. If accurate, keep the SAR for your records. If you find any errors, you can correct this by returning the paper SAR or by making corrections to a processed FAFSA www.fafsa.gov. If you used estimated tax return information when completing the FAFSA, remember to update your FAFSA with actual tax information by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool after you file your federal income tax return.

We know the cost of education is one of the most important considerations when deciding where to pursue a degree. The University of Louisville is committed to ensuring you’re knowledgeable about all of your financial aid options. Please visit us for more Financial Aid information at https://louisville.edu/financialaid.

UofL's Financial Aid Office offers flexible payment options for all students who qualify and can help you create a payment plan that meets your needs. In addition, we work with all those who qualify for military benefits or employer tuition assistance.

Contact Financial Aid: Email: finaid@louisville.edu Phone: 502.852.5511
Scholarships

In addition to financial aid and payment plans for military students, the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Louisville (UofL) works with various entities to create educational partnerships and provide additional financial support through scholarships to all students who qualify. The savings make our MSCJ program one of the most affordable in the nation.

How to Apply – Upon application to the graduate program, acceptance and successful enrollment, students must contact the Criminal Justice department at UofL to process their scholarship application.

Blue Coats Scholarship

This year, the University of Louisville will award 10 scholarships in the amount of $3,000.00 each to first responder/public safety practitioners, including but not limited to police, firefighters and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel currently employed in the Greater Louisville (Kentucky) region or the surrounding 7 counties (Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, Bullitt, Hardin, Meade, Nelson).

Applications must be submitted by January 15. The scholarships are awarded no later than March 1 for the following academic year. Applicants must be enrolled in a degree or certificate granting program in the Department of Criminal Justice. Applicants are selected by the scholarship selection committee of the Student Financial Aid Office in consultation with the Chair of Criminal Justice department or their designee.

Exception: Scholarship is currently not available for corrections officers.


NSA Scholarship

The Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Louisville (UofL) is an educational partner of the National Sheriffs’ Association (NSA) and offers a scholarship for all current NSA members who qualify, when they enroll in the Master of Science in Criminal Justice online program at UofL.

The scholarship represents 15% of the tuition per credit hour rate for the online programs. Also, there is no application fee, no technology fee and no GRE* required.

*Applicants who have earned a master’s degree or a minimum of 12 applicable graduate credit hours from a regionally accredited institution are eligible for a GRE waiver.

AOC Graduate Track – MSCJ Online Completion

Graduates of the Southern Police Institute, Administrative Officers Course – graduate track – will complete 12 qualified credit hours (33%) of the Master of Science in Criminal Justice (MSCJ) degree. All 12 SPI credits can be transferred to the MSCJ online program.

Upon admission to the MSCJ program, students may receive a reimbursement of $160 OFF regular/current online learning tuition per credit hour. Applicants may also qualify for re-admission fee reimbursement.

For more information about scholarship opportunities available for students enrolled in the criminal justice program at UofL, please contact our enrollment counselors.
Get Ready For Your Online Classroom

Tech Requirements

You will need the following hardware and software in order to access your courses online, work on and submit assignments, communicate with professors and peers, and successfully complete your courses and your degree program:

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Go to http://uofl.me/28NEZTT to ensure that your computer is properly set up and that your browser is compatible.
**FAQs**

1. **What are the benefits of online learning?**
   The biggest benefit of online learning is that you can work on earning your degree while raising a family, working full-time or experiencing particular life circumstances that make commuting to campus difficult or impossible. No presence on campus is necessary to attend online classes – you can learn from the comfort of your own home, office or anywhere else in the world.

2. **Is the online degree different than the degree earned on campus?**
   No, there is no difference between the two. Your diploma will not indicate whether you attended college on campus or online and your credentials will be the same. In fact, learning online enables you to gain additional skills like time management, written communication or self-discipline, and helps you acquire the necessary credentials to move up in your organization, pursue a different career or reach your personal and professional development goals.

3. **Are courses taught by UofL faculty?**
   Yes, at UofL you are taught by the same world-class faculty as our on-campus students. You read the same books, do many of the same assignments and earn the same degrees. The biggest difference is that you are able to do it in a way best fits your lifestyle.

4. **I am deployed on active duty. Can I take online classes at UofL?**
   Yes! You can take online classes from anywhere in the world, provided you have consistent Internet access. Our faculty and staff are very supportive of those who serve the country here in U.S. or around the world and work hard to provide all needed learning resources so you can succeed.

5. **Can I receive credit for graduate courses completed at another institution?**
   Earned graduate credit may be transferred from accredited institutions that offer advanced degrees. Generally, the maximum number of semester hours transferable, upon request, is six.

6. **Is the GRE required?**
   Yes, unless you have completed the AOC graduate program or you have earned a terminal degree PhD, JD, MD, etc. 
   *Note: You can petition to have the GRE waived if you have completed 12 graduate credit hours.*

7. **Do I have to submit GRE scores when I apply?**
   Yes, a score of 292 (new GRE) or 900 (former GRE) is required for admission. 
   *Note: A GMAT score is not acceptable as a replacement for the GRE score, unless you have already completed a graduate degree or relevant coursework.*
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