

PROGRAM OVERVIEW



CRIMINAL JUSTICE

THE WCU ADVANTAGE

- Quality
- Affordability
- Convenience
- Experienced Faculty
- Kiplinger's Best Buy

WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY IN PHILADELPHIA MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Your Future is Here!

The **M.S. in Criminal Justice at West Chester University** offers students the unique opportunity to receive a quality education at an exceptionally affordable rate. Students are immersed in the study of contemporary issues impacting the criminal justice system. Courses relate to personal and national threats (cybercrime, bioterrorism and counterterrorism), criminal investigations (criminal profiling and victimology), diversionary programs from incarceration (restorative justice and addiction), and fundamentals of criminal justice (theory, ethics and research methods).



The M.S. in Criminal Justice is designed to provide students with a set of advanced skills to work in the field of corrections, law enforcement, investigative units, juvenile justice and security. Most criminal justice agencies require an M.S. degree for promotion to managerial or supervisory positions.

Students in the M.S. in Criminal Justice Program have access to experienced faculty. Each member has associations with prominent criminal justice professionals in various fields. Members of WCU faculty are experienced practitioners and researchers in the areas of alcohol & drug addiction, animal cruelty, capital punishment, corrections, courts of law, FBI, gang violence, offender rehabilitation, policing, probation & parole, and public policy.

Students are exposed to prominent and celebrated professionals through WCU's Crime and Lecture series. **The speaker series can be customized to present-day issues in corrections or law enforcement.**



CONVENIENCE

- Evening hours to accommodate working professionals
- Center city location: 701 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19106

MS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

30 CREDITS

REQUIRED COURSES:
15 CREDITS

CRJ ELECTIVES:
15 CREDITS



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

CURRICULUM:

The master of science in criminal justice is a 30-credit program of advanced study of the multi-disciplinary aspects of criminal justice. A 15-credit core is supplemented by an equal number of criminal justice electives chosen by the student. **We can tailor courses to meet the field of corrections or law enforcement via topical seminars and electives.**

CORE COURSES:

- CRJ 505 Advanced Criminological Theory
- CRJ 507 Criminal Justice System: Contemporary Ethical Issues
- CRJ 508 Research, Design and Analysis
- CRJ 509 Criminal Jurisprudence
- CRJ 600 Proseminar

SAMPLING OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE ELECTIVES:

- CRJ 507 Advanced Leadership and Management
- CRJ 522 Corporate and Financial Crime
- CRJ 526 Contemporary Issues in Law Enforcement
- CRJ 528 Advances in Law Enforcement Technology
- CRJ 530 Advanced Interviewing Skills for the Criminal Justice Professional
- CRJ 545 Profiling
- CRJ 546 Addiction
- CRJ 555 Topical Seminar (topics vary each semester)
- CRJ 565 Victimology
- CRJ 566 Contemporary Issues in Corrections
- CRJ 580 Cyber Crime

FACULTY

Faculty in the master's degree program possess advanced degrees in the discipline. For applied courses, faculty also possess extensive experience in the field. This provides our students with a rich exposure to both theory and practical application.



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