Master of Arts in
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Master of Arts in Criminal Justice (MACJ) Program at Stockton University provides a quality graduate program that promotes advanced inquiry and application of new knowledge and fosters advanced-level career opportunities. The program aims to serve the criminal justice educational and research needs in the southern New Jersey area. Program faculty participate in research and service activities that benefit criminal justice and social service agencies locally, statewide and nationally. The faculty’s involvement in research and community affairs enhances the classroom experience, as faculty members are able to engage students in discussions of current dilemmas and controversies. The program provides students with the education needed to advance in the practitioner realm of criminal justice, but it also prepares those who want to continue with their education by giving them the research and analytic skills to pursue those goals.

Program Accreditation:
Unlike other social science disciplines such as psychology and social work, there is no academic accreditation for programs in criminal justice. There is, however, optional certification. The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) offers certification for criminal justice and has developed approximately fifty standards as evidence of excellence in graduate criminal justice education. Stockton University’s MA in Criminal Justice Program is the only graduate program in the tri-state area that has earned this certification. That means that we have provided evidence that we meet or exceed every single standard, and that translates into an excellent educational experience for our students. Students graduate from MACJ better prepared to work and lead in the criminal justice field, because they emerge from the program not just more knowledgeable about current criminal justice issues, but they are better writers, speakers, and critical thinkers. These skills are essential as our field matures and becomes more selective with hiring and promoting decisions.

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CURRICULUM OPTIONS

The MA program in Criminal Justice is a 36 credit program and offers tracks in Justice Studies, Forensic Psychology, and Homeland Security. Our program also offers students the option to do an internship, so they can gain first-hand experience working in criminal justice. The program welcomes both full-time and part-time students. Most of our courses are offered during the evening, so students with full-time jobs may complete the program.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

• Completed on-line application. This includes an essay explaining why the applicant wishes to study criminal justice and how the applicant’s goals relate to his or her academic and professional career thus far;

• Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution (official transcripts from all colleges attended are required);

• Completion of an undergraduate Introduction to Criminal Justice class, an undergraduate Research Methods class, and undergraduate Statistics course.

• 3 Letters of Recommendation (2 recommended from faculty);

• Official GRE Test Scores. School Code: 2889. Not required if applicant has a master’s degree or above a 3.5 GPA at the time of application;

• Minimum college/university cumulative GPA of 3.0; and, if applicable,

• The TOEFL Exam is required of students for whom English is the second language.
FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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