



FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (MA)

The Master of Arts (MA) in Criminal Justice provides opportunities for graduate training in theory, methods and research. The areas covered include, but are not limited to, policing, corrections, social services, and policy development.

Applications for the following Fall entry open online each November (e.g., For entry in September 2024, online application are open November 1, 2023 until February 1, 2024). We do not have a January intake.

Because of its flexibility and options for practical and applied studies, the MA in Criminal Justice will appeal to both traditional students pursuing advanced studies in the social sciences as well as in-service professionals. Students in the program gain an in-depth understanding of the criminal justice system, as well as advanced skills in research methodology, study design and application, and policy development.

Students can pursue either a course and project-based program of study, or a course and thesis-based program of study.

This program may be completed on a part-time or full-time basis. The expected time to graduate is 24 months (full-time) or 48 months (part-time); maximum is 6 years.

SAMPLE CAREERS

Graduates of our program are well-positioned for multiple paths after graduation. Some of our students have gone on to PhD programs, while others have entered mid-level planning, policy, and/or research officer positions in government or the non-profit sector.

SAMPLE COURSES

- Conceptualizing Criminal Justice
 - Critical Criminal Justice Theory
 - Criminal Justice Policy
 - Constitutional Issues in Criminal Law
 - Seminar in Research Design
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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants who hold an Honours degree in a related social science discipline (e.g., Criminal Justice, Criminology, Psychology, Political Science) with an overall grade point average of at least 3.0 are preferred candidates.

Students with a four-year social science degree, strong backgrounds in theory and methods and a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher will also be considered.

Students without a strong background in criminology or criminal justice may be asked to take additional courses at the third or fourth-year level or complete a qualifying year.

Individuals with five or more years of experience at the line level (police officer, probation officer) in the justice field may be given credit for CJ-3800/6 field placement, although this will only be put towards qualifying year courses. There may be other professional experiences that can be considered.

NOTE: Individuals with law, or other non-social science, degrees who apply must demonstrate some proficiency or potential to succeed in a social science graduate program. This is not a Master in Law.

English Requirement (if applicant's first language is not English): A minimum TOEFL iBT score of 100, with a score of at least 22 on the writing and speaking components, or an IELTS score of 7.5, or Duolingo score of 125. The test must have been taken within two years of the date a completed application is filed.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete the online application form (Applications open in November for the following year):

uwinnipeg.ca/apply-to-grad-studies

2. Transcripts are required from ALL recognized, post-secondary institutions attended, whether or not a degree has been awarded. For initial assessment purposes only, copies of unofficial transcripts uploaded on the online application are acceptable and preferred. Official transcripts will only be required if you are recommended for admission. All official transcripts are to be sent directly from the post-secondary institutions. If the final transcript does not show that a completed degree has been conferred, an official/notarized copy of your diploma is also required.

3. Provide contact information for two individuals familiar with your academic work and who will provide letters of recommendation.

4. Provide a statement of interest of 500 words, which includes your reasons for applying to this program and your interest in the field. If applicable, attach a curriculum vitae or résumé.

5. In 500 words or less, concisely outline the major work or research you would like to pursue, and which faculty member you would like to work with. This is a key part of your application, so we encourage applicants to give these research proposals careful attention.

6. Include an academic writing sample.

7. If applicable, provide results of English proficiency test, taken within two years of the date of application.

Start date for the program is in **September**.

Deadline to submit a complete application package, including all supporting documents: **February 1**.

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