CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CRIM)

Graduate Degree Program
College: Behavioral and Social Sciences

Abstract
The program of graduate study leading to a Traditional Master of Arts and Doctorate of Philosophy degrees in the area of Criminology and Criminal Justice is intended to prepare students for research, teaching and professional employment in operational agencies within the field of criminal justice. This program combines an intensive background in a social science discipline such as criminology, criminal justice, sociology, psychology and public policy with graduate-level study of selected aspects of crime and criminal justice.

In addition, the Department offers a joint J.D./M.A. degree with the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, located in Baltimore.

A recent study of Department M.A. and Ph.D. alumni reveals that master’s degree graduates have found employment in both public and private institutions in virtually every kind of activity associated with the criminal justice system: research; teaching; federal, state and local law enforcement; courts; corrections; private security; and funded programs. Ph.D. graduates have found employment mostly in teaching, research, and government agency administration.

Financial Assistance
Graduate research assistantships, teaching assistantships, scholarships, and fellowships are available to select individuals applying to our doctoral program. In recent years many admitted doctoral students receive funding through assistantships, and some may be awarded supplemental scholarships or fellowships offered by the Department, the BSOS Dean’s Office, or The Graduate School. Applications should be received by December 1st of the preceding Fall term for best consideration.

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