

A 3.00 GPA is generally required for the most recent bachelor's degree. Applicants with a master's degree are exempt from the GPA requirement. Applicants below a 3.00 GPA may be eligible with qualifying GRE scores.

START WHEN IT WORKS FOR YOU

Applications are accepted for fall, winter, and spring terms.

- **Fall: September 1**
- **Winter: December 10**
- **Spring: March 10**

ONLINE & FLEXIBLE

Take your courses online during the fall, winter, and spring terms while continuing your career and other commitments.

All you need is a computer, reliable internet connection, and video conferencing capability.



READY FOR WHAT'S NEXT?

Deepen your expertise. Strengthen your research skills. Prepare for leadership, teaching, or further graduate study.

Earn your Master of Arts in Criminal Justice from Western Oregon University.

**ADVANCE YOUR CAREER.
EXPAND YOUR IMPACT.**

**WITH A MASTER'S DEGREE IN
CRIMINAL
JUSTICE**

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UNIVERSITY**

The criminal justice system is constantly evolving. Professionals need a strong understanding of law, policing, corrections, criminology, public safety, leadership, and the administration of justice.

Whether you're advancing an existing criminal justice career or exploring a new professional path, Western Oregon University's Master of Arts in Criminal Justice prepares you with advanced knowledge, research skills, and practical tools for today's criminal justice field.

100% Online • 45 Credits
Fall, Winter & Spring Start Options

WHERE CAN THIS DEGREE TAKE YOU?

The MA in Criminal Justice prepares students for:

- Management and leadership roles in criminal justice
- Community college teaching
- Doctoral programs and further graduate study
- Advanced professional and research roles

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Develop the skills to understand complex criminal justice issues and apply research and theory to real-world challenges.

You will learn to:

- Analyze criminal justice organizations and management challenges
- Conduct research using social science research methods
- Apply theory to practice in criminal justice settings

CURRICULUM

Complete 45 credits through a combination of core courses, advanced electives, and a research-focused capstone.

PROFESSIONAL CORE

CREDITS

CJ 608	Workshop	1
CJ 612	Research in Criminal Justice	4
CJ 618	Theory of Criminal Law	4
CJ 619	Ethics and Leadership in Criminal Justice Organizations	4
CJ 653	Advanced Corrections	4
CJ 660	Advanced Criminology	4

RESEARCH & CAPSTONE

Build your research project through a three-course sequence:

CJ 623	Explore and Initiate	4
CJ 624	Construct and Compile	4
CJ 625	Compose and Complete	4

ELECTIVES

Choose three 500- or 600-level CJ or JS courses based on your interests and professional goals.

EXIT REQUIREMENT

Complete a thesis or professional project.

IS THIS PROGRAM FOR YOU?

You may be a great fit if you:

- Have a bachelor's degree
- Want to advance your criminal justice career
- Are interested in leadership, research, or teaching
- Want to strengthen your analytical and research skills
- Are considering a doctoral degree

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants will submit:

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Current résumé with three references
- Biographical letter describing your academic and professional goals
- Writing sample of at least four pages demonstrating academic or professional writing ability