



**MASTER OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

# MCJ



School of Public Affairs  
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **DENVER**

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## DEFENDING VICTIMS. SOLVING CRIMES. CRUNCHING DATA.

### THE WORLD OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE HAS CHANGED. WILL YOU BE READY?

The Master of Criminal Justice degree will make sure you are. The criminal justice field today is incredibly diverse and provides opportunities in a wide range of fields.

While many MCJ graduates work for law enforcement agencies at the local, state and federal level, they serve in a variety of occupations. From analyzing crime data to advocating for victims to administering the courts, graduates of the MCJ program don't just manage the current system. They also work to evaluate and change it to become more responsive to community needs.

The MCJ degree prepares you to work in the nonprofit arena as well. Many organizations focus on critical topics like domestic violence, criminal justice policy, troubled youths, and hate crimes.

No matter what career path you choose, you'll be prepared with a mastery of the concepts and theories of criminology and the criminal justice system, and the skills needed to analyze key issues.

### OUTSTANDING JOBS OUTLOOK

Graduates of the Master of Criminal Justice program earn a highly marketable degree. Job prospects are excellent because a large number of federal, state and local government employees are eligible to retire by late 2017. In addition, employment in the nonprofit sector grew every year in the last decade.

### CURRICULUM

Besides the classic criminology and criminal justice curriculum, students learn about the most pressing current issues through special interest seminars. Students can also focus on a concentration area, including: Crime Analyst; Gender-Based Violence; Emergency Management and Homeland Security; or, Nonprofit Organizations.

All students in the Master of Criminal Justice degree program must complete the following required courses:

- » Criminal Justice Systems, Policies and Practices
- » Criminological Theory
- » Research Methods
- » Statistics
- » Law and Society

Students also choose from a wide range of elective courses. Topics change regularly, but can include:

- » Law Enforcement Analysis
- » Sex Offenders and Offenses
- » Victimology
- » Violence in Society
- » Drugs, Alcohol and Crime
- » Law of All Hazards Management
- » The American Jury System
- » Gang Patterns and Policies
- » Criminal Offenders
- » Crime and Media

MCJ degree can be earned entirely online, in-person, or a combination of both

Online MCJ program ranked 12th nationally

Students can earn the Certified Nonprofit Professional credential, which provides preferential employment consideration

Online courses taught by the same top-notch faculty as in-person courses

Joint degree program in Master of Public Administration/Master of Criminal Justice offered

Earn your degree from a U.S. News & World Report top-ranked school

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All students are encouraged to use the online application system. If you prefer hard copies of the materials or have trouble with the online application, you can download the required materials from our website.

In order to apply please submit:

- » Graduate application, Part I and II ([ucdenver.edu/apply](http://ucdenver.edu/apply))
- » Three (3) recommendation forms
- » Declaration of program form
- » GRE, GMAT, or LSAT scores, or waiver request
  - Applicants taking an examination should specify a graduate major at the University of Colorado in Criminal Justice (Graduate School Department Code Number 2202 for Item 11 on the Application Form; Institution Code R4875)
- » Two official transcripts
- » Current resume
- » Essay: a 1-3 page statement of your educational and career goals
- » Application fee (\$50; \$75 for international students)

Send all of the application materials to:

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## APPLICATION DEADLINES

Semester	Priority Deadline	Final Deadline
Fall	March 15	August 1
Spring	October 15	December 1
Summer	March 15	May 1

