

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 to foster 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; it also prepares those who want to continue with their education through developing research and analytical skills needed to pursue those goals.

Three graduate **Certificates in Criminal Justice** are offered at Stockton through the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice (MACJ) Program: Administration and Leadership, Forensic Psychology, and Homeland Security. These certificate programs were designed to serve the educational needs for criminal justice professionals looking to advance into leadership roles, mental health professionals working with victims or perpetrators of crime, law enforcement officials working with individuals with criminal backgrounds, and homeland security professionals. Each certificate is based on 15 graduate credits that includes a combination of mandatory courses and electives. Students who show great academic promise in the certificate program have the option to seamlessly transition into the full MA program if the student decides to continue their education. Students who decide to continue onto the MA degree will be able to apply all of their certificate credits to the MA.

Stockton University is proud to offer actively employed criminal justice and law enforcement professionals a **20% tuition discount** for the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice program or the Certificate in Criminal Justice Administration.

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CURRICULUM OPTIONS

The MA program in Criminal Justice is a 36-credit program and offers tracks in Administration and Leadership, Justice Studies, Forensic Psychology, and Homeland Security. Our program also offers students the option to do an internship to 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.

MACJ ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

- Completion of an on-line application with an essay describing the most important social justice issue facing the criminal justice system today;
- Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution (official transcripts from all colleges attended are required);
- Completion, with a C or better, 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.

CERTIFICATE ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

- Completion of an on-line application with an essay on describing the most important social justice issue facing the criminal justice system today;
- Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution (official transcripts from all colleges attended are required);
- Completion of an undergraduate Introduction to Criminal Justice class, or at least two years or relevant Criminal Justice professional experience
- 3 Letters of Recommendation (2 recommended from faculty);
- 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.



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The cumulative undergraduate GPA includes all of an applicant's college or university historical coursework drawn from all institutional transcripts on record. Once all transcripts are entered into the application, your cumulative GPA is calculated.

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