

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (PHD)

Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (<http://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/>) (GA)

Department: Criminal Justice (<http://louisville.edu/justice/>)

Program Webpage (<http://louisville.edu/justice/graduate-degree-programs/doctor-of-philosophy-in-criminal-justice-program/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): JA_ _PHD

Program Information

The Department of Criminal Justice offers a Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice. The PhD in Criminal Justice prepares graduates for academic careers (e.g., teaching and research) as well as public sector (e.g., research, policy analysis and development, planning, program development and evaluation) organizations.

The program consists of a core curriculum and electives that students may use to develop their particular areas of specialization. The core provides a broad orientation and the electives enable students to develop expertise in a particular field. The curriculum requires 54 credit hours: 18 credit hours of core courses, 18 credit hours of specialization courses, six (6) credit hours of qualifying project, and twelve (12) credit hours of dissertation research. Students qualify for official candidacy to the PhD by satisfactorily completing all course work and the qualifying project.

Admission Requirements

- Completed graduate application (<http://louisville.edu/graduate/futurestudents/apply-materials/application/>)
- Transcripts of previous undergraduate and graduate study
- Three letters of recommendation
- Personal statement
- Writing sample
- Curriculum vitae (CV) or resume

Additionally, applicants must show evidence, on their transcript, of the completion of both graduate-level statistics and research methods courses. The Department of Criminal Justice has adopted the Council of Graduate Schools recommendation for a holistic approach to our admission criteria. Successful applicants will typically have strong scores on the standardized test, a strong undergraduate and master's degree record, and excellent letters of recommendation that speak to the nominee's scholarly ability and potential to succeed in a doctoral program. However, candidates may have other documented strengths that speak to the potential for success as evidenced by: prior research experience; exceptional community engagement or service; leadership experience; evidence of creativity or resilience; unique experiences or background that will contribute to our program. The holistic review of applications allows our faculty to select the students who best fit the research areas offered within the department.

Those applicants whose native language is not English and who do not hold a degree from a university where the language of instruction is English must also submit scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), with a minimum score of 80 on the Internet-based test (iBT); IELTS scores of at least 6.5 overall band score from the academic module exam; or Duolingo overall score of 105.

Both full and part-time study is permitted. Part-time students are required to meet residency requirements consisting of four continuous semesters

of enrollment and participation in departmental activities offered to meet the need for scholarly integration and academic immersion in the program.

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Criminal Justice Core Coursework		
CJ 745	Advanced Criminal Behavior	3
CJ 748	Seminar in Criminal Justice Program Planning & Evaluation	3
CJ 749	Advanced Statistical Analysis in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 750	Field Research in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 751	Advanced Statistical Computer Applications for Criminal Justice	3
CJ 752	Advanced Research Methods in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 795	Criminal Justice Qualifying Project	6
CJ 799	Dissertation Research in Criminal Justice	12
Elective Coursework ¹		18
See list of CJ electives below		
Minimum Total Hours		54

¹ Electives outside the department must be approved by the Director of Graduate Studies

Criminal Justice Electives

Code	Title	Hours
CJ 602	Criminal Justice History	3
CJ 605	Police and Society	3
CJ 606	Personnel Management in the Criminal Justice System	3
CJ 607	Seminar in Law and Justice	3
CJ 609	Economic Analysis of Crime	3
CJ 610	Theoretical Foundation of Corrections	3
CJ 611	Critical Issues in Corrections	3
CJ 612	Criminal Justice Administration: Police	3
CJ 613	Advanced Comparative Criminal Justice	3
CJ 614	Seminar in Policing	3
CJ 626	Emergency Management	3
CJ 627	Computer and Cyber Crime	3
CJ 630	Critical Infrastructure Protection and Resilience	3
CJ 644	Seminar in Juvenile Justice	3
CJ 652	Constitutional Issues in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 653	Communities and Crime	3
CJ 655	International Perspectives on Violence	3
CJ 656	Crime Mapping	3
CJ 665	Special Topics in Justice and Criminology	3
CJ 670	Directed Studies/Readings	3
CJ 690	Practicum	3
CJ 740	Seminar in Crime Prevention and Social Control	3
CJ 798	Mentored Research in Criminal Justice	3