Master of Criminal Justice (MCJ)

The MCJ program provides an interdisciplinary perspective on crime and the criminal justice system. It focuses on law enforcement, the judiciary, correctional systems, juvenile justice, and the formulation of laws and codes. Individual courses focus on personnel and financial administration, systems analysis, policy analysis, organizational theory and behavior, and program development within the criminal justice system.

Students pursuing professional careers will gain a deep understanding of theory and its applications. Students aspiring to research careers or doctoral work will acquire a strong foundation in criminology and criminal justice research.

Program Details

The MCJ requires 36 credit hours, to include:

- 12 credit hours of core courses
- 3 credit hours of internship (waiver possible)
- 15-21 credit hours of electives
- 3-6 credit hours of capstone or thesis

Average time of completion is one and a half to three years, depending on whether part-time or full-time.

Courses can be completed online, in person, or a combination of both.

Certificate Options

- Grant Writing, Management & Program Evaluation
- Homeland Security & Emergency Management
- National Security Intelligence
- Nonprofit Management
- Public Management
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### Financial Aid/Scholarships

To apply for UCCS Scholarships you must:

- Be admitted to UCCS
- Submit your FAFSA
- Complete online scholarship application (opens Dec 1/Mar 1)

Financial Aid Contact:
Email: finaidse@uccs.edu
Phone: 719-255-3460
www.uccs.edu/finaid

### Application Requirements

- Online Graduate School Application
- Official transcripts
- Bachelor’s degree from accredited university
- Two professional/academic recommendations if undergraduate cumulative GPA is below 3.25
- Statement of goals
- Resume
- Application fee

### Application Deadlines

- **Fall** - August 1
- **Spring** - December 1
- **Summer** - May 1

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.

### Program Contact

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