

# Dual Master of Public Administration and Master of Criminal Justice

The fields of public administration and criminal justice are closely connected. While the Master of Public Administration (MPA) is a generalist degree designed to prepare students for a variety of positions in public and nonprofit management and policy analysis, the Master of Criminal Justice (MCJ) prepares graduates to work in criminal justice organizations.

This dual degree provides an opportunity for students to complete both programs simultaneously in 54 credit hours, instead of 72 credit hours which would be required if completing each degree separately. Dual degree students will complete the core courses in each program, a capstone or thesis in either discipline, and will have flexibility in choosing electives from both programs. Graduates will be equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to work in a number of public service or criminal justice settings.

## Program Details

A minimum of 54 credit hours is required for this program

- 9 credit hours of criminal justice core courses
- 15 credit hours of public administration core courses
- 3 credit hours of CJ Research Methods
- 3 credit hours of internship (waiver possible)
- 18-24 credit hours of elective courses (at least 6 hours
- CJ)  
3-6 credit hours of capstone or thesis

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

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

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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:

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Phone: 719-255-3460

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## 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.

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## Program Contact School of Public Affairs

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