CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MA

School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, College of Public Affairs & Community Service

Vision Statement
The Master of Arts (MA) degree is a 30-hour non-terminal degree designed to emphasize research activity and independent inquiry. This degree is recommended for those students seeking an intermidiate degree prior to pursuing a doctoral degree. To complete the MA degree, students must write and orally defend a thesis. The thesis is an independent research project and an academic exercise that is written to the standards of the faculty members on the thesis committee. A thesis requires a committee of three faculty members and typically takes two semesters to complete.

Program Specifics:

• The admit term must be after the completion term of the undergraduate degree.

Admissions
General Application Requirements and Admission Criteria (http://catalog.unomaha.edu/graduate/admission/)

Program-Specific Requirements
Application Deadlines (Spring 2023, Summer 2023, and Fall 2023)
Applications for this program are accepted on a rolling basis. All materials must be submitted prior to the beginning of the semester in which the student has elected to begin coursework. For those interested being considered for a graduate research assistantship, an April 1 deadline for full admission is recommended.

Other Requirements

• Entrance Exam: Graduate Record Exam (GRE), a score of 300 or higher is typically required for admission to the MA program, or to be considered for a research assistantship

• English Language Proficiency: Applicants are required to have a command of oral and written English. Those who do not hold a baccalaureate or other advanced degree from the U.S., OR a baccalaureate or other advanced degree from a predetermined country on the waiver list, must meet the minimum language proficiency score requirement in order to be considered for admission.
  • Paper-based TOEFL: not accepted, Internet-based TOEFL: 95 with a minimum of 21 in each of the four areas, IELTS: 7.5 (8.0+ preferred), Duolingo: 115

• All ESL students are required to take a proficiency assessment examination at UNO upon admission, which will be used to determine whether further assistance is required.

• Statement of Purpose: One page discussing reasons for pursuing a graduate degree, research interests, and career goals for the future

• Letters of Recommendation: Two letters of recommendation are required, preferably from faculty or instructors familiar with your academic ability

• Unconditional Admission:
  • Possession of a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution
  • Student has a 3.00 GPA (average of “B”) overall in undergraduate work
  • At least 12 credit hours of criminal justice courses or related courses that meet the requirements of the current school undergraduate curriculum, including a basic statistics course, a research methods course, an introductory criminal justice course, and a criminal justice course.

• Provisional Admission:
  • Student has not completed all of the undergraduate prerequisite course requirements for unconditional admission to graduate study
  • Student has no less than a 2.75 overall GPA for the last two years of undergraduate work and not less than a 2.75 GPA in the undergraduate major

Degree Requirements

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### CRCJ 8950
- **Statistical Applications in Criminal Justice & Public Admin**

### CRCJ 8130
- **Seminar in Women and Criminal Justice**

or CRCJ 9030
- **Seminar on Race, Ethnicity, and Criminal Justice**

#### Optional Course
Students can also take a diversity class from any field at the 8000 level or higher with adviser approval.

#### Electives
Select nine hours of CRCJ courses at the 8000 level or higher, with adviser approval: 1

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**Total Credits**: 30

1 If CRCJ 8130 or CRCJ 9030 is taken, they will serve as a diversity class, so another class should be selected to fulfill the 9 credit hours of CRCJ electives.

### Exit Requirement
- Thesis 6 hours CRCJ 8990

All candidates should carefully review the Graduate College requirements for forming a Supervisory Committee, Thesis/Thesis Equivalent Proposal Approval forms and final approval and submission of a thesis.