

# ONLINE MASTER OF ARTS IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Kent State University's [online Master of Arts \(MA\) in Criminology and Criminal Justice program](#) is designed to prepare you to be a next-generation leader in a complex, global and interconnected field. You will choose from four available concentrations—Corrections, Global Security, Policing or Victimology—in order to tailor your degree to your specific career goals. However, you will also complete core courses with peers from across these disciplines, as our integrated curriculum prepares you to be a multi-talented leader in your field who can see and work across disciplinary boundaries.

## PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Learn from our full-time, [expert faculty](#) with substantial experience across the intersecting disciplines of criminology and criminal justice
- Study within a flexible online program structure designed for full-time working professionals
- Concentrate your studies in one of four professionally-focused fields: [Corrections](#), [Global Security](#), [Policing](#) or [Victimology](#)
- No GRE requirement

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited university
- Completed [online application form](#)
- Goal statement
- Three letters of recommendation from professors or employers
- Official transcripts from all prior institutions attended
- Resume/CV

## PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- 33 credits total
- 11 [courses](#)
  - Seven required courses, consisting of “breadth” classes and one course from each of the four concentration areas (21 credits)
  - Three additional courses from your chosen concentration (9 credits)
  - One required capstone project (3 credits)
- Courses last 7 weeks each
- Graduate in as few as 2 years
- 3 annual start dates: January, May, August

## THE CURRICULUM

- CRIM 56705 – Community Corrections
- CRIM 56708 – Treatment Methods
- CRIM 56709 – Emerging Trends and Issues in Corrections
- CRIM 56800 – Intelligence and National Security
- CRIM 56801 – Homeland Security
- CRIM 56802 – Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism
- CRIM 56803 – Information and Cyber Security
- CRIM 56904 – Issues in Police Work
- CRIM 57002 – Human Service Agencies and the Law
- CRIM 57003 – Restorative Justice and Victim Assistance
- CRIM 57004 – Legal Perspectives and Rights in Victimization
- CRIM 66761 – Law, Justice, and Society
- CRIM 66762 – Proseminar in Issues in Contemporary Justice
- CRIM 66763 – Theories of Crime and Delinquency
- CRIM 66766 – Institutional Corrections
- CRIM 66767 – Justice Administration
- CRIM 66768 – Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice
- CRIM 66770 – Justice Institutions
- CRIM 66772 – Victimology
- CRIM 66773 – Contemporary Policing

## WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Students in the online MA in Criminology and Criminal Justice program will receive a broad education across the interconnected disciplines of the field as well as an in-depth focus on theories and their practical implication relevant to their chosen concentration.

The **Corrections concentration** is designed for those pursuing career advancement or seeking expanded knowledge in probation, parole, institutional corrections, treatment or similar professional areas.

The **Global Security concentration** focuses on issues related to global security, U.S. national security policy and strategy, and transnational issues, and it prepares students for analytical, operational and leadership careers in global security in the public and private sectors.

The **Policing concentration** aims to examine historical theorizations of police service, explore research that has challenged and reshaped those theories, and analyze the implications of contemporary research to guide new innovations in policies, management, strategies and tactics of police service delivery.

Finally, the **Victimology concentration** provides specialized knowledge about the scientific study of crime victims, their treatment within the criminal and juvenile justice systems, the legal rights of victims, and victim assistance and restorative justice programs in order to prepare students to develop and lead initiatives that help prevent victimization, to engage in victimological research and evaluation, and to respond to victims in culturally appropriate ways.