PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Slippery Rock University’s Master of Arts degree in Criminal Justice is designed to serve the educational needs of working criminal justice and security professionals in western Pennsylvania and elsewhere. This program also provides master’s level credential for learners who may aspire to doctoral level work. The program offers a thesis, internship, or general degree option.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Whether you are a working professional in the criminal justice field or a traditional graduate learner who values the accessibility of online learning, SRU’s online Master of Arts degree in Criminal Justice offers:

• 100% online
• A 30-credit curriculum that can be completed in 12 to 18 months
• A combination of coursework that focuses on theory, practice, and research
• Faculty with earned doctorate degrees in the field of criminology
• Three degree options: General, Non-Thesis, or Thesis

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must submit the following materials along with a completed online graduate application and non-refundable application fee:

• Essay (approximately 600 words) on a specific topic of interest to you in the field of criminal justice
• Resume’
• Two Reference Forms
• Reference Release Form
• Official undergraduate transcript from the applicant’s baccalaureate granting institution and any graduate transcripts (if applicable)
• Students with a minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 to be considered for unconditional admission
• Students with a grade point average below 3.0 submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT) scores and forward to the Graduate Admissions Office. SRU’s GRE code is 2658 and MAT code is 1660.

Please note: The online application, application fee, essay, resume, reference release form, and recommendations have a direct link to an electronic form for easy submission. Find detailed program information and links to the forms at www.sru.edu/graduate and click on requirements by program.
CURRICULUM (30 CREDITS)

Required Classes (21 credits):
- CRIM 610: Administration of Justice 3
- CRIM 615: Advanced Criminological Theory 3
- CRIM 620: Critical Issues in Corrections 3
- CRIM 625: Contemporary Issues in Policing 3
- CRIM 660: Criminal Justice Ethics 3
- CRIM 630: Statistical Methods in Criminal Justice 3
- CRIM 635: Criminological Research 3

Electives:
- CRIM 602: Forensic Behavior: Crime & the Individual 3
- CRIM 605: White Collar Crime 3
- CRIM 621: Seminar in Community Corrections 3
- CRIM 622: Individual and Group Interventions 3
- CRIM 626: Victimology 3
- CRIM 627: Criminal Justice and the Multicultural Community 3
- CRIM 628: Transnational Crime and Justice 3

Degree Options
General, Internship or Thesis (6 credits)

General:
- Comprehensive Examinations
- Two Elective Courses

Internship Option: (Non-Thesis)
- Comprehensive Examinations
- One Elective Course
- CRIM 750: Internship in Criminology

Thesis Option:
- Comprehensive Examinations
- One Elective Course
- CRIM 800 - Master’s Thesis

TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

Information on current tuition can be found on the main Graduate Admissions website at www.sru.edu/graduate. Financial Aid brochures are available through the Financial Aid Office at www.sru.edu/FinAid or the Office of Graduate Admissions.

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