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, general and security studies track.

Curriculum (30 credits)

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

Electives (choose one, 3 credits each):
- CRIM 602: Forensic Behavior: Crime & the Individual
- CRIM 605: White Collar Crime
- CRIM 621: Seminar in Community Corrections
- CRIM 626: Victimology
- CRIM 627: Criminal Justice and the Multicultural Community
- CRIM 628: Transnational Crime and Justice
- CRIM 641: Terrorism Law & National Security
- CRIM 651: Fraud
- CRIM 652: Law & Ethics in the Workplace
- CRIM 655: Fundamentals of Terrorism

Thesis Option:
CRIM 800: Master’s Thesis

Non-Thesis Option:
CRIM 750: Internship in Criminology

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 courses
- 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
- An option of a thesis, internship, or general track

Admissions Requirements
Admission to the program is open to anyone who meets the general admission requirements for graduate study at Slippery Rock University with an undergraduate cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. Students with a minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 to be considered for unconditional admission.

Applicants must submit the following materials:
- Online Application and Application Fee (non-refundable)
- Essay (approximately 600 words) on a specific topic of interest to you in the field of criminal justice or security studies
- Two Reference Forms
- Resume
- Reference Release Form
- Official Transcripts – Undergraduate/Graduate (Official transcripts must be sent by institution via electronic transcript e-share to graduate.admissions@sru.edu or via mail). Faxed copies will not be considered official. Students with a minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 to be considered for unconditional admission. Students with a grade point average below a 3.0 must submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT) scores forwarded to the Graduate Admissions Office. SRU’s GRE code is 2658 and MAT code is 1660.

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Curriculum (continued)

General Option:
Select two additional electives

Security Studies Concentration
(21 core credits+3 of the electives below):
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- CRIM 605: White Collar Crime
- CRIM 628: Transnational Crime and Justice
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*The educational policies and procedures are continually being reviewed and changed in keeping with the mission of the university. Consequently, this document cannot be considered binding and it is intended to be used as only an informational guide. Students are responsible for being informed of official policies and regulations for meeting all appropriate requirements.