

Online Master of Arts in Criminal Justice

100%
online

30
credits

2
years



Advance Justice. Stand Out From Your Competition.

For more than 80 years, Michigan State University (MSU) has prepared professionals for careers in public service. Benefit from our long history of education and innovation, and gain up-to-date knowledge from the field in our online Master of Arts in Criminal Justice.

You'll learn from faculty with decades of real-world experience and influence—from leading municipal police departments to serving in the U.S. Secret Service. Our instructors have researched topics including terrorism, cybercrime, violence, and white-collar/corporate crime and their research continues to make an impact.

Gain the skills you need to succeed across criminal justice settings, from the courts and corporate security to corrections and law enforcement. Learn more about 21st-century innovations such as counterterrorism, intelligence-led policing, and cybersecurity.

Career Outlook: Take Your Calling Further

- Graduates employed by General Motors, Michigan State Police, Quicken Loans, Detroit Police Department
- Networking opportunities with U.S. Secret Service, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Homeland Security and other state, local, federal, and international agencies.

With a master's in criminal justice, you can distinguish yourself from competition in your organization. Prepare for a variety of positions, including anti-money laundering or fraud investigator, crime analyst, and FBI or DEA agent.

As an online MSU student, you will benefit from our extensive network of alumni and public and private sector connections. Network with fellow students, connect to our global community of graduates, explore new career paths, and meet with a variety of potential employers.

\$64,000+

Average salary for Security Managers, Crime Intelligence Analysts, Federal Agents^{1,2,3}

About Michigan State University

Michigan State University's School of Criminal Justice was one of the first criminal justice schools in the world—and continues to be one of the most renowned. Our graduates go on to distinguished careers in public service, private security, and other areas of criminal justice.

As one of the world's top research universities, MSU pushes the boundaries of discovery, forges enduring partnerships to solve pressing contemporary challenges, and offers life-changing opportunities to a diverse, inclusive academic community.

80+

Years educating criminal justice professionals

200+

Programs in 17 degree-granting colleges

No. 85

Among National Universities by U.S. News & World Report

Ranked No.

10

For Best Online Graduate Criminal Justice Programs

U.S. News & World Report, 2019

“The MSU online criminal justice program is the best in the nation I have experienced. All the instructors are brilliant and all course materials were clear and accessible to students.”

Morris Brown, MSU Alum

CURRICULUM DETAILS:

Cutting-Edge Skills and Knowledge

Your coursework will go beyond theory to include an emphasis on public policy and practice. Master social science techniques, apply them to contemporary criminal justice problems, analyze issues facing today's systems, and understand how public policies are drafted and evaluated. Core courses include:

- 3 credits** **Crime Causation, Prevention and Control**
- 3 credits** **Proseminar in Criminal Justice**
- 3 credits** **Design and Analysis in Criminal Justice Research**
- 3 credits** **Criminal Justice Management Seminar**
- 3 credits** **Quantitative Methods in Criminal Justice Research**
- 3 credits** **Policy Analysis Under Conditions of Change**

In addition to these core courses, you can pursue a specialization in security management or choose from electives that best suit your career goals. Combined with leadership-level skills in communication and technology, this curriculum prepares you to make an immediate impact in the field of criminal justice.

Graduate Certificate Option

MSU also offers an online Graduate Certificate in Cyber Criminology and Cyber Security. With this 15-credit-hour certificate, you will build your essential digital skills and learn the basics of internet architecture and computer systems. Complete your program in as little as one year and get an introduction to digital forensic investigation and how social dynamics and policy impact cybercrime.

1. Average Security Manager Salary. (n.d.). PayScale. Retrieved December 20, 2018, from https://www.payscale.com/research/US/Job=Security_Manager/Salary | 2. Paysa (2018). "Criminal Research Analyst Salaries." Retrieved December 21, 2018, from <https://www.paysa.com/salaries/criminal-research-analyst--t> | 3. Average Federal Agent Salary. (n.d.). PayScale. Retrieved December 20, 2018, from [https://www.payscale.com/research/US/Job=Special_Agent_\(Federal\)/Salary](https://www.payscale.com/research/US/Job=Special_Agent_(Federal)/Salary)