

Career Opportunities

There are numerous career opportunities for students graduating from the Department of Criminology at California State University, Fresno. Local, state and federal career opportunities are fostered through research and competitive graduate internships.

Local Opportunities

- Municipal police departments
- County sheriffs' offices
- Probation departments
- Halfway houses and pre-release centers
- Group homes
- Crisis centers
- Juvenile halls and detention centers
- Welfare fraud units
- Private security agencies
- Victim services organizations

State Opportunities

- State Police
- Departments of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- Parole agencies
- Alcohol and Beverage Control
- California Juvenile Services
- Bureau of Narcotics
- Department of Insurance
- Department of Fish and Game, and Forestry
- Office of Criminal Justice Planning
- Department of Motor Vehicles
- Department of Justice
- Victim advocacy services

Federal Opportunities

- Border Patrol
- Marshalls Service
- FBI
- Secret Service
- Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
- Department of Homeland Security
- Federal Park Service
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- Federal Bureau of Prisons
- Office for Victims of Crime

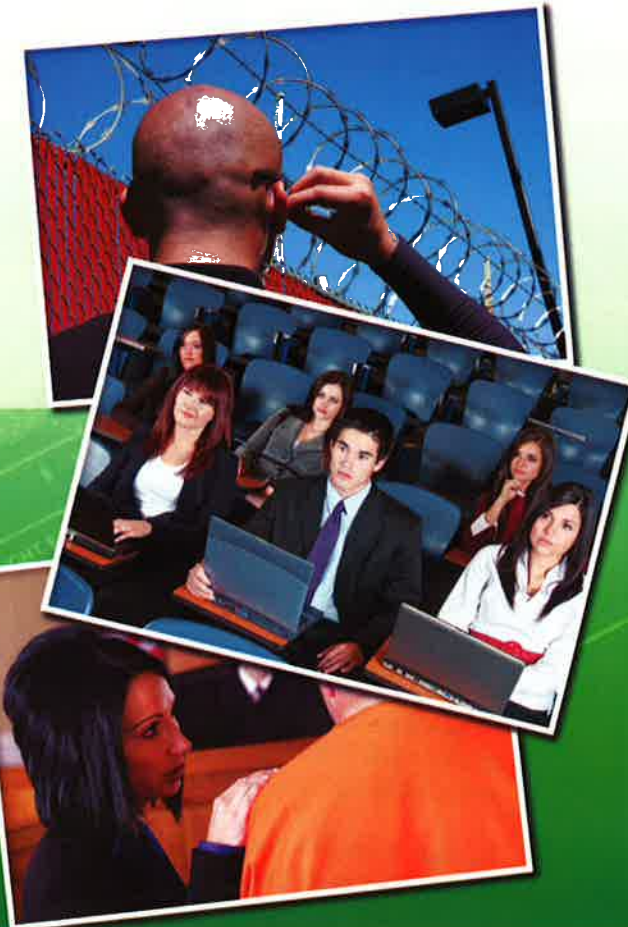
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Department of Criminology

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Graduate Program
College of Social Sciences
California State University, Fresno



Building the Future of Criminology Students

The Graduate Program within the Department of Criminology at California State University, Fresno prepares its students for professional careers in the criminal justice field. This diverse program reflects the wide range of opportunities available in the field.

Diverse, Specialized, Integrated

Courses within the Master of Science Program provide advanced studies for students who have achieved Bachelor's degrees in the foundations of criminal justice.

What are some of the requirements of the Criminology Graduate program?

The Master of Science degree in Criminology is a 30-unit, flexible program that prepares students for a variety of occupations, including in-service education, administrative education and management, community college teaching, doctoral studies, law, and research.

Under the direction of a graduate adviser, each student prepares and submits a coherent program that is individually designed within the degree requirement framework. In addition to core studies, students must demonstrate graduate level writing abilities by passing the graduate writing skills component of CRIM 200, Research Methods in Criminology.

Applications for graduate work in Criminology will be accepted from August to March. All applications received throughout the admittance period will receive full consideration. Please contact the Graduate Coordinator at 559.278.2305 for further information.



Advanced Certificate in Homeland Security

The purpose of this online program is to provide professional education that will significantly enhance resilience, preparedness, response, and recovery of society from human and natural caused disasters utilizing an "all-hazards approach." Program students from all hierarchical levels of employment will greatly benefit from a better understanding of homeland security and the related challenges of balancing public safety with modern democratic ideals.

For more information please contact the Criminology Department at 559.278.2305



POLICE



Graduate Student Opportunities

- Graduate Research Symposium
- Student Participation in professional organizations, including: American Society of Criminology, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, American Corrections Association, and the Western Society of Criminology

California State University, Fresno
Department of Criminology

Master of Science in Criminology
Admission and Program Requirement Information Bulletin

Completing a Master of Science Degree at CSUF involves six major steps. These are listed below:

1. Admission to graduate studies at CSUF.
2. Admission to the Department of Criminology Graduate Program.
3. Advancement to candidacy.
4. Completion of 30 units of course requirements.
5. Completion of theses (Crim 299) or project (Crim 298) (Plan A).

OR

Successful completion of the Departmental Comprehensive Examination (Plan B).

These steps are described in greater detail below:

A. Admission to the University:

1. Admission to CSUF graduate standing is prerequisite to admission to the Department of Criminology Graduate Program. *This requires that the GRE be taken prior to a student being admitted into graduate criminology course work, or to graduate status.*

B. Admission to the Department of Criminology Graduate Program

1. The Department of Criminology requires:

- a. An acceptable baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution with a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 (on a 4 point scale) in the last 60 semester units attempted.
- b. A baccalaureate degree equivalent to the degree in Criminology at CSUF and prerequisite course work with a minimum grade of "B".
- c. Completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The Department must receive GRE scores **before** final admission by the Department can be determined.
- d. A completed Application for Graduate Study in Criminology form.
- e. Three completed recommendation forms for Graduate Study in Criminology.

2. Additional Information

- a. Completion of the above will allow a student to be admitted with classified standing (full admission).
- b. Conditional classified standing may be granted to students who are deficient due to the lack of prerequisite baccalaureate course work. Any serious deficiencies, those where substitutions cannot be made, must be made up during the first semester of graduate study.
- c. The following content represents prerequisite knowledge for entry into the Criminology Graduate Program. A meeting with the graduate coordinator is suggested for clarification. If students lack the required knowledge, they may take the following courses which may not be used toward the master's degree:

Criminology	100---Criminology
	102---Criminal Justice Organization and Management
	117---Criminal Legal Process
	170---Research Methods

C. Advancement to Candidacy:

Classified graduate standing gives a student permission to work towards qualifying for candidacy. Advancement to candidacy gives a student permission to proceed toward qualifying for the degree. Requirements for advancement to candidacy include the following:

1. Classified graduate standing.

If a student is not classified by the semester in which a minimum of ten units to be used toward the master's degree is completed, then not more than ten units (including transfer and post-baccalaureate credit) completed before achieving full classified standing at CSU, Fresno, may be listed on the Petition for Advancement to Candidacy. Work taken during the semester of classification is considered to be completed in classified standing and may be listed on the Petition for Advancement to Candidacy.

2. Completion of any additional prerequisites which the adviser specifies in writing.
3. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 (both overall and at CSU, Fresno) on all upper division and graduate course work from the date of embarking on the first course of the proposed master's degree program.
4. Completion of core courses.
5. Submission to the Office of the Dean, Division of Graduate Studies and Research, of the properly signed petition for advancement to candidacy. Advancement to candidacy must be attained no later than the semester (or summer) preceding the semester (or summer) in which the student applies for, and is granted, the master's degree, and prior to the semester in which they register for the culminating course (Crim 298 or 299) or plan to take the comprehensive examination. The student is responsible for adhering to deadlines established by the Graduate Division for the submission of Advancement forms. Approximate deadlines are: October 1 (Spring) and March 1 (Fall). Students may not expect to be advanced to candidacy and to graduate in the same semester. (This does not apply to students who plan to complete the degree within one academic year.)
6. In keeping with the University Writing Skills Requirement, all graduate students must demonstrate their competence with regard to writing skills prior to advancement to candidacy. This is met by passing the writing component of Crim 200.
7. All required work must be completed within **five years** of the first course work.

D. Completion of Required Course Work:

Under the direction of a graduate adviser, each student prepares and submits a coherent program individually designed within the following framework:

Required courses in Criminology 200 series (see specific requirements)	15
Electives in criminology or related areas 200 series	15
At least 21 units must be CSUF resident credit, excluding credit by examination and 300 level course work.	
TOTAL	30

Specific Requirements:

Thesis or Project Program: Crim 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, and 298 or 299.

Non-Thesis Program: Crim 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 295, and successful completion of the comprehensive examination.

1. Project or Thesis

- a. Recommended for those who intend to continue graduate education.
- b. Must have been advanced to candidacy.
- c. Complete core courses: Crim 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, and 15 additional units of 200 level courses (total 27 units).
- d. Complete 298 Projects (3 units) or 299 Thesis (3 units). Prepare, complete, and submit an acceptable project or thesis for the Master of Science degree.
 - (1) Committee assignment
 - (a) Project (298) students will be assigned a committee of at least two Department of Criminology graduate faculty.
 - (b) Thesis (299) students select a three-person committee, two of whom must be criminology faculty. After approval, the Chairman of the Graduate Committee will contact the faculty involved and if everyone is in agreement, assign the committee as requested.
 - (e) Must meet all conditions as required by committee chair (Project 298 or Thesis 299)

2. Comprehensive Examination

- a. Recommended for those who do not plan graduate education beyond the Master of Science degree.
- b. Must have been advanced to candidacy.
- c. Complete core courses: Crim 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 295 (total 18 units).
- d. Successfully complete a comprehensive examination which is usually scheduled at the end of the fall and spring semesters. Exact time and date will be announced well in advance of the examination.

The above summarizes the major requirements for the Master of Science Degree in Criminology. Please refer to CSUF catalog section on Criminology Graduate Program and Division of Graduate Studies and Research for more detailed information on program requirements and restrictions. Graduate advisers are also available for counseling.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO
APPLICATION FOR GRADUATE STUDY IN CRIMINOLOGY
CRIMINOLOGY GRADUATE PROGRAM

Department of Criminology
 California State University, Fresno
 2576 East San Ramon M/S ST 104, Fresno, CA 93740-0104

Date ____ / ____ / ____

Application information is considered **CONFIDENTIAL**. Use of this material is restricted to the Department of Criminology, California State University, Fresno. (Please print or type, and use additional 8½ x 11 sheets where necessary).

Semester and YEAR applying for: _____ Have you previously applied for graduate study in the Department of Criminology?
 NO ____ YES ____ if yes, when? (Indicate YEAR)

Fall _____ Fall _____
 Spring _____ Spring _____
 Summer _____ Summer _____

Name _____
 Mr. _____
 Ms. _____
 Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Local Address _____
 No. _____ Street _____ Apt. No. _____ City _____ Zip _____ Local (_____) Telephone _____

Permanent Address _____
 No. _____ Street _____ Apt. No. _____ City _____ Zip _____ Permanent (_____) Telephone _____

Birth Date _____ Birthplace _____ Soc. Sec. No. _____

Country of Citizenship _____

The following test scores must be submitted before admission can be approved:
 Graduate Record Examination (GRE) - General Aptitude:

Verbal: _____ Quantitative: _____ When Taken: _____

(For Foreign Students Only):

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): Score: _____ When Taken: _____

Bachelor's Degree Held In _____

Institution Where Obtained _____

When Obtained _____ Overall Grade Point Average _____ Last 60 Units _____

In which area of Criminology are you interested?

IMPORTANT ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

One set of official transcripts must be sent to the Criminology Graduate Program. Two sets of official transcripts must be sent to the CSUF Admissions Office, in addition to an official completed Admission Application.

Please attach a typewritten statement of no more than 500 words explaining your reasons for wanting to pursue a master's degree in Criminology and what benefits you expect to derive from your studies. **Return this application to:**

CRIMINOLOGY GRADUATE PROGRAM • DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO
 2576 EAST SAN RAMON M/S ST 104 • FRESNO, CA 93740-0104

Recommendation Form
CRIMINOLOGY GRADUATE PROGRAM
(At least two recommendations should come from academicians)

APPLICANT: Please print your name and sign the confidentiality waiver option.

Name of Applicant: _____
Last First Middle

I, the above-named applicant, WAIVE _____ DO NOT WAIVE _____ any right to read or obtain copies of this form after it has been completed by the recommender.

Signature of Applicant

TO THE RECOMMENDER:

We appreciate your candid assessment of this applicant for graduate study in Criminology. Using official letterhead, please provide your assessment for this applicant in the following areas:

- The length of time and in what capacity you have known the applicant
- Quality of previous and academic preparedness
- Scholarly potential and promise for the study of the academic field of Criminology
- Degree of originality and intellectual curiosity
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- Logical and analytic potential
- Aptitude to conduct research in Criminology
- Motivation, initiative and ability to work independently
- Personality, integrity and character relevant to graduate study of Criminology
- Particular strengths or weaknesses

Overall, please rank the applicant's overall potential for graduate study in Criminology:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No basis for judgment | <input type="checkbox"/> Highly Recommended |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Below average | <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Average | <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended with reservations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Top 40% | <input type="checkbox"/> Not recommended |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Top 25% | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Top 10% | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Top 5% | |

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Position/Title: _____

College/Organization: _____

Address: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Below average | <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Average | <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended with reservations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Top 40% | <input type="checkbox"/> Not recommended |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Top 25% | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Top 10% | |
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