



MARYGROVE COLLEGE CRIMINAL JUSTICE - ONLINE

POSSIBLE CAREERS:

- Provides law enforcement and corrections personnel the opportunity for career advancement
- Prepares students to become trainers and leaders in developing victim-offender reconciliation
- Prepares students for advanced graduate work
- Project Implementation Coordinator



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A rigorous set of core classes, specialized coursework in Restorative Justice, Leadership and Administration, and Youth Justice, a capstone course in either Justice Program Planning, Evaluation and Grant Writing or Applied Project makes our program unique and attainable and it will prepare students to lead by practicing “Competence, Compassion, and Commitment”. Positive social change through innovative approaches to improving our justice systems, and service to the community are at the forefront of the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice program.

FEATURES OF THE PROGRAM

The online master’s program with its core courses and three concentrations challenges students to re-think the traditional approaches to criminal justice issues, to find ways to strengthen community well-being, and to work toward a peaceful and just society. The three concentrations (Restorative Justice, Youth Justice, Leadership and Administration) will allow students to focus on the area that will assist them to develop new approaches to the justice system.

This innovative curriculum in our Master of Arts in Criminal Justice program will deepen your understanding of the criminal justice field in the context of a changing national and international environment. Our graduates will emerge with a firm understanding of key criminal justice and legal issues affecting contemporary urban society. This master’s degree focuses on enhancing and deepening your knowledge of the field, your critical thinking and problem-solving skills, and your ability to communicate effectively in the oral and written form.

PROGRAM FOCUS AREAS:

- Restorative Justice
- Leadership and Administration
- Youth Justice

SPECIFIC PROGRAM INFORMATION

This online master’s degree program will also allow students to critically evaluate the differences in criminal justice and restorative justice practices at the local, regional, national, and international level.

The dominant criminal justice paradigm rests on the dynamic relationship between punishment and deterrence; traditional criminal justice scholars assume that a swift, certain, and severe punishment will deter both the specific offender and potential offenders in the society at large. While the juvenile justice system recognizes the importance of rehabilitation, this focus has only recently taken hold in the criminal justice system. Restorative justice, in contrast, seeks to recognize and sustain personal and social relationships while holding an offender accountable. Restorative justice is a victim-centered response to crime that provides opportunities for those most directly affected by crime—the victim, the offender, their families and representatives of the community—to be directly involved in responding to the harm caused by the crime. Restorative justice helps a community move towards a just and peaceful society, which are reflected in the core liberal arts and urban leadership principles of Marygrove College.

GRADUATE



STUDIES

CURRICULUM:

To fulfill the requirements for the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice, you must complete 30 credits of approved coursework. The Criminal Justice MA curriculum requires you to take 6 core courses covering a broad range of criminal justice topics. These courses provide a foundational understanding of theory, current research, national and international issues, and practices in the criminal justice field. Upon completion of the core courses, you will select one of three concentrations to focus on: Restorative Justice; Youth Justice; or Leadership and Administration.

You will complete the program by taking one of two capstone courses: Justice Program Planning, Evaluation and Grant Writing or Applied Project.

Core Courses (18 credits)

1. Administration of Justice (CJ 500)
2. Theoretical Perspectives of Criminal Justice and Restorative Justice (CJ 520)
3. International Approaches to Criminal Justice and Restorative Justice (CJ 525)
4. Methods of Inquiry (CJ 530)
5. Diversity (CJ 540)
6. Ethics and Leadership Application in the Field (CJ 550)

Students must choose one of three concentrations to finish the degree (9 credits)

A. Restorative Justice Concentration

1. Lessons Learned from Truth and Reconciliation Projects (CJ 600)
2. Victimology and Restorative Justice (CJ 601)
3. Restorative Justice Practices and Applications in the Field (CJ 602)

B. Youth Justice Concentration

1. Advanced Perspectives on Youth Justice and Delinquency Prevention (CJ 610)
2. Youth Interventions (CJ 611)
3. Advanced Legal Issues in Youth Justice (CJ 612)

C. Leadership and Administration Concentration

1. Organizational Behavior in Public Agencies (CJ 620)
2. Criminal Justice Administration Management (CJ 621)
3. Theories of Management and Leadership (CJ 622)

D. Capstone Course (3 credits)

Students must choose either Justice Program Planning/Evaluation and Grant Writing (CJ 640) or Applied Project (CJ 642)

E. Elective Course – students may choose to do the following elective course

Negotiation and Mediation Theory and Practice

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Bachelor's degree from a regionally or nationally accredited college or university.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Admission to graduate study at Marygrove is selective. The student must have completed an undergraduate degree from a regionally or nationally accredited higher education institution. Marygrove requires a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale ("B") in all previous college work for full admission.

Students, whose qualifications cannot be assessed via traditional means, may be considered for admission with Probationary Student Status. (for details, please see "Probationary Graduate Student Status" in the college catalog).

Standardized test results generally are not required.

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APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

- Submit a graduate application.
- Submit a cv.
- Send Official Transcripts indicating the degree(s) earned and any other undergraduate and graduate courses completed directly to Marygrove College.
- Submit a career plan. The "career plan" is a description of the applicant's career goals and an explanation of how the criminal justice program to which the applicant is applying will assist in realizing his or her objectives. It should be word-processed (12 inch Times Roman font size, double space) and is not to exceed two pages.

