

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY, MS/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, MPA

Both departments collaboratively offer a program designed to provide students with theoretical and practical exposure to evolving professional practice in the field of criminal justice.

Requirements

Admission Requirements

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart (<http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines/>) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found by using the One Stop calendars (<https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines/>).

Admission

Students are admitted to both graduate programs separately and admission requirements are consistent with those specified by the UWM Graduate School, the MS in Criminal Justice & Criminology and the MPA program.

Credits and Courses

Students accepted into this MS/MPA program complete the following courses:

MS in Criminal Justice & Criminology

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
CRM JST 773	Criminological Perspectives	3
CRM JST 743	Proseminar: Administration of Criminal Justice Systems	3
CRM JST 756	Proseminar: Analysis of Criminal Justice Research	3
Electives		
Select 12 additional credits within the criminal justice & criminology program		12
Select 12 additional credits with the consent of the student's advisor		12
Total Credits		33

Master of Public Administration

Students entering the MPA program will be placed, at the discretion of the MPA Director, in one of two tracks (A or B) within the core. The minimum degree requirement is 39 credits for Track A and 42 for Track B.

Track A

Students with significant public or nonprofit sector work experience may, at the discretion of the MPA Director, have PUB ADM 921 waived. Students seeking placement in this track will need to meet with the MPA Director to discuss this possibility and will be required to provide documentation of current public or nonprofit sector work experience.

Track B

Students with no significant public or nonprofit sector work experience are required to enroll in and successfully complete PUB ADM 921. As part of the requirements for this course, Track B students are required to obtain, with the assistance of the MPA Director, one or more internships in either the public or nonprofit sector while enrolled in the MPA program.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Core		
BUS ADM 738	Human Resource Management	3
PUB ADM 763	Scope and Dynamics of Public Administration	3
PUB ADM 769	Analyzing and Evaluating Public Policies and Programs	3
Select one of the following:		3
BUSMGMT 709	Predictive Analytics for Managers	
PUB ADM 792	Decision-Making for Nonprofit and Public Organizations	
CRM JST 756	Proseminar: Analysis of Criminal Justice Research	
Select one of the following:		3
BUS ADM 441	Diversity in Organizations	
BUS ADM 443	Special Topics in Human Resources Management:	
BUS ADM 737	Managerial Decisions and Negotiations	
Capstone		
PUB ADM 959	Capstone Seminar in Public Administration ¹	3
General Public Administration		
Select three of the following:		9
BUSMGMT 724	Accounting for Nonprofit Organizations	
PUB ADM 400	Ethics and Responsibility in Public Administration	
PUB ADM/URBPLAN 630	Budgeting and Finance in the Public Sector	
PUB ADM 750	Public Administration Risk and Analysis	
PUB ADM 914	Seminar in Intergovernment Relations	
PUB ADM 958	Seminar in Public Administration:	
PUB ADM 965	Municipal Management	
Concentration		
Select 12 credits in CRM JST		12
Internship		
PUB ADM 921	Public Service Administrative Internship ²	3
Total Credits		42

¹ Every student will be required to take the capstone seminar, PUB ADM 959. The course requirements will include the completion and written and oral presentation of a project on a topic selected with the assistance of the instructor. This course will also be devoted to coverage of special issues and problems of the public administration profession, including administrative ethics.

² An internship is mandatory for students with no public sector work experience.

Total Degree Credits for Master of Public Administration: 48-51 cr.

The total credits for the coordinated program would typically be completed in both programs at the same time, rather than one program after the other. A student not completing the requirements for the coordinated degree program would need to complete all requirements for an individual program in order to receive a degree.

Additional Requirements

Time Limit

Students in the coordinated MS/MPA degree program must complete all degree requirements within seven years of the first enrollment semester as a degree student.

Criminal Justice and Criminology MS Learning Outcomes

Students graduating from the MS in Criminal Justice & Criminology Program will be able to:

1. Explain the relationship between criminal justice organizations, administration, and policy. They will be able to critically assess current criminal justice policies and organizational practices.
2. Explain and critically assess criminological theories to patterns of behavior. They will be able to articulate how criminal justice policies were developed in relation to these theories.
3. Explain social science research methods and basic statistical applications. They will be able to apply social science research methods and statistics to criminal justice and criminology problems, including the ethical treatment of research subjects.
4. Analyze and synthesize empirical research, and construct analytically synthesized written academic papers and responses.
5. Develop and implement a strong research project in a substantive area of interest within criminal justice and criminology, tying together the components of theory, methods, and policy.