



# MASTER of SCIENCE in CRIMINAL JUSTICE

AT ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY

Today's criminal justice professionals face an increasingly complex work environment – one in which it is essential to be equipped with the expertise to make effective decisions when confronted with the innate challenges that accompany such complexity. To meet the growing need for competent, well-rounded individuals in the justice system, the School of Justice Studies at Roger Williams University offers the Master of Science in Criminal Justice.

As a graduate student at RWU, you will be exposed to both the theory and practice of the justice system. This comprehensive program allows for the exploration of both criminology – the nature and causes of crime – as well as justice system management, which focuses on modern administrative theory, legal issues and management of criminal justice agencies.

Throughout your studies, you will take advantage of individual attention from the University's distinguished faculty members, the hallmark of a Roger Williams graduate education. You will also benefit from opportunities for research and collaboration in the School of Justice Studies, which offers a dynamic learning environment for students interested in all aspects of the criminal justice system.

The 36-credit hour M.S. in Criminal Justice is available full-time, part-time and online.

# Course Requirements

(All courses are three credits unless otherwise indicated)

## **Core Courses:**

- CJS 501 Criminal Justice System Overview
- CJS 503 Survey of Research Methods
- CJS 505 Legal Issues in the U.S. Justice System
- CJS 509 Crime and Public Policy
- CIS 511 Criminological Theory
- CIS 513 Analysis of Criminal Justice Data

# **Thesis Track:**

- CJS 605 Thesis (up to 6 credits)
- CJS Electives (up to 15 credits)

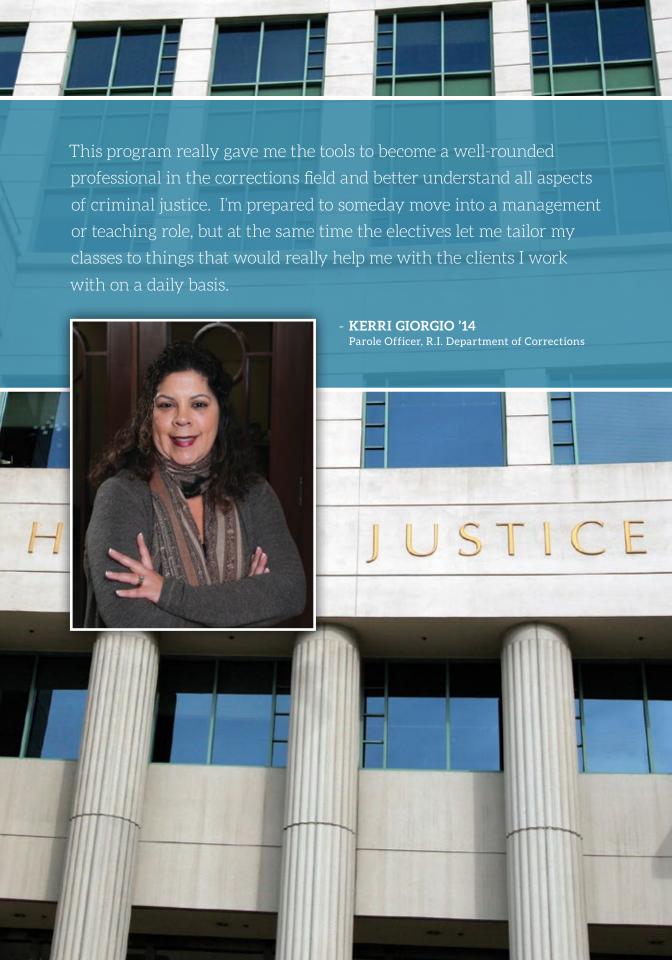
#### Non-Thesis Track:

CJS Electives (18 credits)

Comprehensive Exam (no credit given)

## **Electives:**

- CIS 510 Constitutional Issues in Criminal Law
- CJS 515 Psychological Factors in Crime Causation
- CJS 516 Legal Issues in Personnel Administration
- CJS 517 Correctional Systems and Practices
- CJS 518 Special Problems in Criminal Justice Management
- CJS 519 The Juvenile Justice System
- CJS 521 Drugs in Society
- CIS 523 Organized Criminal Enterprises
- CJS 524 Homeland Security
- CJS 526 Managing Crisis and Disaster
- CJS 527 Violence and the Family
- CIS 528 Special Topics in Criminal Justice
- CIS 529 Directed Research in Criminal Justice
- CJS 530 Women and Crime
- CIS 531 Witnesses Suspects and Investigative Interviewing
- CJS 532 Psychology and the Legal System
- CJS 533 Crime Prevention
- CJS 534 Youth Gangs
- CIS 540 Digital Forensics Hardware and Acquisition
- CJS 542 Digital Forensics I
- CJS 543 Computer Forensics I
- CJS 544 Computer Forensics III
- CIS 545 Law for Forensics Professionals



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# **Application Requirements**

To be considered for admission to the Master of Science in Criminal Justice program, applicants must hold an earned bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. To apply, submit the following:

- 1. Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate coursework
- 2. Personal statement (two double-spaced pages maximum) describing your interest in Criminal Justice, relevant past experiences and career goals
- 3. Two letters of recommendation attesting to your potential to succeed in graduate school
- 4. If your first language is not English, an official report of TOEFL or IELTS results
- 5. Completed application form accompanied by the \$50 application fee

Note: Applicants with an overall GPA below 3.00 (B) are strongly encouraged to take either the GRE or MAT.

# **Preferred Application Deadline:**

August 1 for Fall December 15 for Spring April 15 for Summer

# **Additional Graduate Programs**

Offered by the School of Justice Studies:

## Master's Degrees:

- Cybersecurity
- Leadership
- Ioint M S C I /I D
- Public Administration

#### **Graduate Certificates:**

- Cybersecurity
- Cyberspecialist
- Digital Forensics
- Health Care Administration
- Leadership
- Public Management

Financial Aid is available for eligible students. Contact the Graduate Financial Aid Office at 401.254.4510 or visit Student Aid.gov/eligibility for more information. Learn more about our student consumer information: http://rwu.edu/go/student-consumer-info

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