UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE PROGRAMS AT
ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- RYAN SARASIN '13
Program Coordinator, Massachusetts Department of Criminal Justice Information Services
The decision to get my graduate degree at RWU has proven to be one of the most valuable decisions I’ve made to enhance my career in law enforcement. The outstanding faculty challenged me with courses that gave me the background I need to address the evolving issues in the field, and I established a network with my fellow students that I still call upon today.

- CHIEF RICHARD N. RAMSAY ’04  
Chief of Police, West Greenwich, R.I.
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.

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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
CJS 511 Criminological Theory
CJS 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:
CJS 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
CJS 523 Organized Criminal Enterprises
CJS 524 Homeland Security
CJS 526 Managing Crisis and Disaster
CJS 527 Violence and the Family
CJS 528 Special Topics in Criminal Justice
CJS 529 Directed Research in Criminal Justice
CJS 530 Women and Crime
CJS 531 Witnesses, Suspects and Investigative Interviewing
CJS 532 Psychology and the Legal System
CJS 533 Crime Prevention
CJS 534 Youth Gangs
CJS 540 Digital Forensics Hardware and Acquisition
CJS 542 Digital Forensics I
CJS 543 Computer Forensics II
CJS 544 Computer Forensics III
CJS 545 Law for Forensics Professionals
This program really gave me the tools to become a well-rounded professional in the corrections field and better understand all aspects of criminal justice. I’m prepared to someday move into a management or teaching role, but at the same time the electives let me tailor my classes to things that would really help me with the clients I work with on a daily basis.

- KERRI GIORGIO ’14
Parole Officer, R.I. Department of Corrections
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
- Joint M.S.C.J./J.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 StudentAid.gov/eligibility for more information. Learn more about our student consumer information: http://rwu.edu/go/student-consumer-info

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