The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, which enjoys a national and an international reputation for quality research and education, offers the Master of Arts degree and a Doctoral degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice. The mission of the graduate program in Criminology and Criminal Justice is to provide high quality graduate education in criminology and criminal justice. The program focuses on analyzing criminal justice, social justice, and crime prevention problems and solutions. The program prepares its graduates with the analytic capabilities and problem-solving skills that enable them to succeed in professional careers in criminal justice and related agencies, in policy analysis and research, or in continued graduate or professional education in preparation for an academic career. The focus of the curriculum is theoretically driven, empirically-based criminal justice and crime prevention that takes a problem-solving approach.

Supplementing the academic program, there are opportunities for graduate students to work with faculty members who are conducting research. In addition, students may take Supervised Field Experience credit to blend practical experience with classroom education.

**Admission to the Criminology and Criminal Justice Program**

Application forms for both the Graduate School and the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice must be submitted separately. Upon request to the department, an application form from the department will be sent. Acceptance in the program is contingent on the final approval of the Criminology and Criminal Justice graduate committee after admission to the Graduate School.

This program requires a nonrefundable $50.00 application fee that must be submitted with the application for
Admissions to Graduate Study in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Applicants may pay this fee by credit card when applying electronically to the Graduate School. Applicants submitting a paper application must pay by personal check, cashier’s check, or money order made out to SIU, and payable to a U.S. Bank.

A more detailed description of the graduate program, as well as information about graduate assistantships and fellowships, may be obtained by writing: Graduate Secretary, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Faner Hall – Mail Code 4504, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 1000 Faner Drive, Carbondale, IL 62901.

Masters Requirements

Admission

Full admission to the graduate program requires a grade point average of at least 2.70 or better (A = 4.00) on approximately the last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework and acceptance by the faculty. Scores on the Graduate Record Examination (aptitude portion only) are also required. The Test of Written English will be required as a component of the regular TOEFL exam.

Students who do not have an undergraduate degree in criminology or criminal justice should have a minimum of 12 units in sociology, psychology, political science, or other social sciences. In cases where these criteria are lacking, additional selected undergraduate courses may be required for acceptance in this program.

Required Core Courses

All candidates for the Master of Arts degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice are required to complete four core courses.

- CCJ 500-3 Foundations of Criminal Justice
- CCJ 504-3 Criminological Theory
- CCJ 510a-4 Research Methods in Criminal Justice: Methods and Concepts
- CCJ 510b-4 Research Methods in Criminal Justice: Data Analysis and Interpretation

Thesis Option

A total of 32 semester hours are required for the thesis track of the Master of Arts degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice. A thesis is required. Students may take a total of 6 thesis semester hours (CCJ 599-1 to 6); however, only 3 hours are counted towards the degree requirements. An oral defense of the student’s thesis is required.

Non Thesis Option

A total of 35 credit hours are required for the Non-Thesis Master of Arts degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice. A research paper that exceeds the expectations in terms of rigor and quality for the graduate level term paper and another research paper, poster, or problem analysis project are required.

Doctoral Requirements

Admission

Admission to the doctoral program requires a grade point average of at least 3.0 or better (A=4.00) in all prior graduate coursework and the last 60 credit hours of undergraduate study. Applicants must submit scores on the Graduate Record Examination. Students with an MA degree in criminal justice or a related social science at the time of matriculation must still submit GRE scores. The test of written English will be required as a component of the regular TOEFL exam.

Students are expected to have a sufficient background in CCJ, but an MA is not required for admission into the PhD program. Students who do not have an undergraduate or master’s degree in CCJ should have a minimum of 12 graduate units in sociology, psychology, political science, or other social sciences.

Advisement

Initial advisement will be given by the department’s director of graduate studies. As soon as possible, the director of graduate studies, in consultation with the student, will request an appropriate member of the department’s graduate faculty to serve as the student’s academic adviser. It is the student’s responsibility to develop, in consultation with his/her adviser, a plan of study leading to timely completion of coursework, the comprehensive examinations, and a dissertation. This plan of study will be filed in the student’s permanent file. Change of adviser should be filed with the department’s Director of Graduate Studies.

Program of Study

All candidates for the Doctoral degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice are required to complete a minimum of 83 graduate credit hours. The Graduate Committee will evaluate the academic records (i.e., transcripts and syllabi) of students with a master’s degree from another institution and/or in another discipline to determine whether some requirements in this program of study have been satisfied through the completion of comparable courses. The Graduate Committee will also have the discretion to count courses from other institutions and/or disciplines toward the Guided Electives requirement.

Core Courses (12 hours)

Doctoral students must complete 12 credit hours of core courses that include the following:

1. Three core courses: CCJ 500, CCJ 504, and CCJ 505.
2. One of the following: CCJ 562 or CCJ 576.

Required Research Tools (12 – 15 hours)

The Ph.D. in Criminology and Criminal Justice is a research degree; students must learn the tools and methods of quantitative and/or qualitative research. The minimum methodology requirement for Ph.D. students is 12 to 15 hours. The total number of required credits in this area depends on selected courses: some are 4 credit hours rather than 3 credit hours. Students must have courses selected from the following:
1. One from research design and methods: CCJ 510A, POLS 500A, or SOC 512A.
2. One from statistics: CCJ 510B, or SOC 526A.
3. One of the following: CCJ 517, POLS 500C, SOC 526B, CCJ 518, or SOC 514.
4. One additional graduate methods course, chosen in consultation with advisor.

Guided Electives (32-35 hours)
The guided electives should be chosen in consultation with the student's advisor and committee to meet the career interests of the student. A minimum of 15 credits must be in criminology & criminal justice. Only 6 credits at the 400 level will be accepted in the combined degree program of M.A. and Ph.D. Students also may take up to 12 directed study credits for individualized instruction from faculty members on content not available in substantive courses (i.e., a specialized technique of analysis). Students are encouraged to consider the wide array of course offerings at SIU.

Comprehensive Examination
Comprehensive exams are required to advance to candidacy. The exams will be offered every fall and spring semester. The committee will grade the exam within 30 days and determine if the student has passed. A final copy of the exam should be deposited with the graduate secretary. In the event of a revision, only one revision is permitted per exam. An oral defense of the revision may be required at the faculty's discretion.

Dissertation (24 hours)
Each candidate for the Ph.D. degree must write a dissertation showing high attainment in independent, original scholarship and creative effort. A total of 24 semester hours is required. A maximum of 8 hours of dissertation credit taken prior to passing the comprehensive examination will count. The student must successfully defend orally his or her prospectus, giving the faculty two weeks to review the written prospectus before an oral defense, which shall be open to the public. A student may not hold a dissertation prospectus meeting before successful completion of the comprehensive examination.

A dissertation must be written under the direction and approval of a four member committee of faculty possessing doctorates, one of whom must be from outside the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. The student must successfully defend orally his or her final draft of the dissertation, giving the faculty two weeks to review the dissertation before an oral defense, which shall be open to the public. The faculty are not required to meet for a prospectus or dissertation defense during holidays or summer months. The success of a final oral examination devoted primarily to a defense of the dissertation and open to the public will complete the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree. A final copy of the dissertation must be filed with the Department and Graduate School.

Residency Requirement
The residency requirement for the doctorate must be fulfilled after admission to the doctoral program and before formal admission to doctoral candidacy, which occurs with successful completion of the comprehensive examination. The residency requirement is satisfied by completion of 24 semester hours of graduate credit on campus as a doctoral student within a period not to exceed four calendar years.

Courses (CCJ)
The following courses are offered through the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

408-3 Criminal Procedure. An introduction to the procedural aspects of criminal law pertaining to police powers in connection with the laws of arrest, search and seizure, the exclusionary rule, civil liberties, eaves-dropping, confessions, and related decision-making factors. Prerequisite: CCJ 201, 290, and 316 or consent of instructor.

410-3 Policing Communities. The course examines the theories underlying modern police reform, how these theories have altered practice, the challenges of implementing and sustaining police reform, and the outcomes of such efforts. Prerequisites: CCJ 201, 290, and 316, or consent of instructor.

411-3 Assessment of Offenders. Assessment examines the theories, application, and research relevant to the identification, evaluation, and treatment planning for offenders under supervision by probation, parole, prison, and other community-based correctional organizations. The course also reviews the evidence of effectiveness associated with classification and assessment tools. Prerequisites: CCJ 201, 290 and 316 or consent of instructor.

415-3 Prevention of Crime and Delinquency. Multidisciplinary analysis of the functions, goals and effectiveness of measures to forestall delinquency and crime. Etiology of delinquent behaviors as related to community institutions such as police, courts, corrections, mental health clinics, schools, churches and citizen groups. Prerequisite: CCJ 201, 290 and 316 or consent of instructor.

418-3 Criminal Violence. Examination of historical, comparative, cultural and social structural aspects of homicide, robbery, rape and assaults. Course focuses on trends and patterns in criminal violence, the role of firearms, and victim/offender relationships. Prerequisite: CCJ 201, 290 and 316 or consent of instructor.
460-3 Women, Crime, and Justice. (Same as Sociology 461 and WGSS 476.) Addresses the topics of women as offenders, as victims, and as workers in the criminal justice system.

461-3 White-Collar Crime. Examines the physical and financial harm caused by wayward corporations and business employees from both theoretical and empirical perspectives. Emphasis is placed on ethics, theory, legal decision-making and the regulatory monitoring and control of illegal corporate activity.

462-3 Victims of Crime. (Same as Sociology 462) Examines the intent and nature of victimization, theories about the causes of victimization, the effects of crime on victims and services available to deal with those effects, victims’ experiences in the criminal justice system, the victims’ rights movement and alternative ways of defining and responding to victimization.

473-3 Juvenile Delinquency. (Same as Sociology 473.) Nature of theories; delinquency; analytical skills in studying in the delinquent offenders’ systematic assessment of efforts at prevention, control, and rehabilitation in light of theoretical perspectives. Prerequisite: CCJ 201, 290 and 316 or consent of instructor.

480-3 Effective Correctional Practices. Exploration and evaluation of correctional intervention strategies developed for sentencing of adjudicated persons. Particular emphasis on examining empirical research literature on effective correctional practices, including programs currently implemented in institutional setting, alternatives to institutional corrections, and community-based programs. Prerequisites: CCJ 201, 290, 316, and 384, or consent of instructor.

492-3 Contemporary Issues in Criminology and Criminal Justice. A forum, geared toward seniors, majoring in Criminology and Criminal Justice, that focuses on criminal justice issues of concern to students and faculty. May re-enroll for a maximum of 6 credits. (Maximum 3 semester hours per term) Satisfies CoLA Writing-Across-the-Curriculum requirement. Prerequisite: CCJ 201, 290 and 316 and consent of instructor. (Past topics include: Children and the Law, The Death Penalty, Federal Criminal Justice Policy, Myth-busting in Criminology and Criminal Justice, Geographic Profiling, Criminal Investigation of Assassination and Terrorism, and Family Violence.)

500-3 Foundations of Criminal Justice. An exploration of the nature and scope of the criminal justice process. Criminal justice operations and behavior are assessed in context of the major theoretical, historical, normative and organizational influences found in the field.

504-3 Criminological Theory. Multidisciplinary study of biogenic, psychogenic and sociogenic explanations for criminal behavior relevant to policy-making and practice in criminal justice. Special approval needed from the instructor.

505-3 The Nature of Crime. This course examines the extent, distribution, and correlates of criminal offending and patterns of crime. It emphasizes the review and application of recent empirical research to the development of theories on crime causation, as well as public policy and crime prevention programs.

510A, B(4,4) Research in Criminology and Criminal Justice. A two course sequence integrating research methods and data analysis in criminal justice and criminology. (a) Methods and Concepts. Principles and methods of scientific inquiry are examined. Special emphasis is applied to research design and data collection issues. (b) Data Analysis and Interpretation. Data management, univariate, bivariate and multivariate analyses, and specialized concerns with criminal justice data are emphasized. In this sequence, lab exercises including hands-on experience in the conduct of criminal justice research are featured. Prerequisite: 510a is a prerequisite for CCJ 510b.

517-3 to 6 Advanced Topics in Quantitative Research. This course provides detailed coverage of quantitative analytic procedures used in criminology and criminal justice. Specific topics covered will vary (students should consult instructor). Sample topics: advanced ordinary least squares, time series analysis, structural equation modeling, and analysis of limited dependent variables. Prior knowledge of correlation and regression is essential. Prerequisite: CCJ 510A and B.

518-3 Qualitative Research Methods. This course introduces students to the various types of qualitative research methods (interviewing, ethnography, in situ observation, case studies). It provides students with an epistemological foundation for understanding the nature and purpose of these approaches as well as opportunities for practicing these techniques. Prerequisite: CCJ 510A and B.

519-1 to 6 Independent Study. Readings or independent research supervised by a faculty member in a selected area of criminal justice or criminology. May be repeated up to a maximum of twelve credits. Special approval needed from a faculty sponsor.

540-3 Seminar in Theory and Practice of Crime Prevention. Recent crime prevention initiatives are examined, with emphasis on the following issues: historical development of the initiatives, their grounding in theories of crime and human behavior, their effectiveness, their unintended consequences, and the values they serve. Special approval needed from the instructor.

550-3 Seminar in Juvenile Justice and Delinquency. An exploration of contemporary problems and policy issues in juvenile justice and juvenile delinquency. Special approval needed from the instructor.

562-3 Law and Social Control. Examines major perspectives on the law as an instrument of social control and social change. Includes an exploration of theories of jurisprudence, the balance between government powers and individual rights, and fundamental legal concepts in criminal law, such as due process, equal protection, and cruel and unusual punishment.

571-3 Seminar in Punishment and Corrections. Examines the theory and philosophy of punishment and the prac-
Practice of corrections in the United States. Attention is given to the implications of competing penal philosophies, their viability and application in the correctional system. Restricted to consent of instructor.

576-3 Policy Analysis in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Examination of the public policy process in criminal justice, and of the role of policy analysis in the development, planning and implementation of new and revised policies and programs.

584-3 Administration and Management in Criminal Justice. Focuses on the development and history of administrative theory and its impact on management techniques involving administration of justice bureaucracies.

587-3 Seminar in Policing. Multidisciplinary study of the philosophical premises, theoretical implications and functions of contemporary policing. Special approval needed from the instructor.

592-3 to 6 (3,3) Advanced Seminar in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Seminars of varied content for advanced students. May be repeated with different topics up to a maximum of six credits. Special approval needed from the instructor.

595-1 to 6 Supervised Field Experience. Experience in law enforcement agencies, juvenile courts, probation and parole departments, correctional institutions, delinquency control programs and public or voluntary agencies. Orientation sessions precede placement. Student must submit internship application during the first thirty days of the preceding spring or fall semester. Graded S/U only. Restricted to: consent of instructor.

599-1 to 6 Thesis. Graded S/U only. Special from the academic coordinator.

600-1 to 36 (1 to 12 per semester) Doctoral Dissertation. Hours and credit to be arranged by director of graduate studies. Graded S/U only. Maximum of 24 hours used toward degree.

601-1 (per semester) Continuing Enrollment. For those graduate students who have not finished their degree programs and who are in the process of working on their dissertation, thesis, or research paper. The student must have completed a minimum of 24 hours of dissertation research, or the minimum thesis, or research hours before being eligible to register for this course. Concurrent enrollment in any other course is not permitted. Graded S/U or DEF only.