Why study Criminology at FSU?

FSU’s College of Criminology & Criminal Justice is the premier institution for learning how to become a leader in shaping America’s response to crime. Only here can students learn from some of the nation’s most prominent scholars who inspire intellectual curiosity and encourage achievement of personal aspirations. Enrolled students’ ability to conduct research alongside the nation’s #1 ranked criminology faculty for productivity offers an educational experience second to none as they challenge popular perceptions of the causes, consequences and control of crime.

Admission Requirements

• Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
• Score between 148-160 on the verbal and quantitative exam portions of the GRE
• 300- to 500-word personal statement describing your research interests and career goals
• Students whose native language is not English must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and score at least 250 on the computer-based test or at least 100 on the Internet-based iBT TOEFL test
• Applicants with a bachelor’s degree only must have a minimum 3.5 GPA for the final two years of undergraduate study
• Applicants with a master’s degree must have a minimum 3.5 master’s GPA and a minimum 3.25 undergraduate GPA
• A master’s thesis, area paper or an equivalent research paper is required for all students entering with a master’s degree

Financing Your Experience at FSU

FSU and the College of Criminology & Criminal Justice make every effort to assist qualified students with financing their education. In addition to University-administered aid, scholarships, fellowships and assistantships are available.

Visit www.criminology.fsu.edu today to learn more.

Coursework

The doctoral degree in Criminology at FSU prepares students to conduct original research that generates new insights on issues of scientific and public policy importance. Courses emphasize comprehensive training in theory, research methods and statistics.

In addition to the 10 required doctoral courses, students complete elective courses and directed individualized study to become experts in the field of criminology. Comprehensive exams in methods and statistics and in theory are also required.

Students can choose from a wide variety of course topics, including Data Analysis, Victimology, Penology, Juvenile Justice and Ecology of Crime.

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Graduate Advising Team

The College of Criminology & Criminal Justice graduate advising team is prepared to assist prospective and current students every step along the way.

Contact the College today to schedule a visit, learn more about the doctoral program or request more information at crimgradprogram@fsu.edu.

Application Deadlines

Fall Semester: July 1 Spring Semester: November 1

For funding consideration, applications must be received by January 15.