

# ONLINE GRADUATE PROGRAM FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

How do I apply to the graduate program?

You can apply through the FSU admissions website.

## What are the admissions deadlines?

The graduate degree admission deadlines are as follows:

- Fall-July 1
- Spring Nov. 1
- Summer March 1

#### **ONLINE PROGRAM IFORMATION:**

What online graduate degree programs are offered by the FSU College of Criminology & Criminal Justice?

The FSU College of Criminology & Criminal Justice offers an online master's degree program in criminal justice studies.

## Why should I choose to complete my degree online?

You will experience the challenge and prestige of FSU's nationally ranked criminology and criminal justice program with the convenience and flexibility of an online learning program. You will be able to tailor your schedule to the demands of your job and family.

## How much time does an online course require?

Our online courses require just as much time as our campus courses. Our faculty members teach all of our online courses, so you will learn from the top criminologists in the country. The benefit to participating in the online format is that you are free to work during the hours that best suit your schedule.

## How many credit hours is the online master's degree program?

The online master's degree in criminal justice studies requires 36 graduate credit hours. Of the 36 hours, 27 hours must be within the College of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

#### How are classes offered?

Our classes follow the university's semester schedule and are 16 weeks in length (with the exception of the summer semester, which varies depending on the session the online course is offered). Students participating in the online program are not required to come to campus. All courses are offered completely online.

#### What classes are offered?

We offer a variety of courses online. The same courses that are taught online are also taught on campus. The five required courses (CCJ 5078, CCJ 5285, CCJ 5606, CCJ 5705 and CCJ 5706) are offered once per year. Please take those courses when they are offered.

## Is there a GPA I must maintain in order to graduate from the program?

Yes, all graduate students are required to maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA. If your GPA is below a 3.0 for a semester, you will be placed on academic probation. If the GPA is not at a 3.0 or higher within the next semester in attendance, you will be dismissed from the program. Graduate students must have a 3.0 to graduate. No grades below a C- will count toward a graduate degree.

#### **TUITION INFORMATION:**

## What is the tuition rate for online courses?

The online tuition rate for courses is different than the campus tuition rates. Online courses include a technology fee and are therefore slightly more than campus courses.

#### Is there an out-of-state tuition difference?

There is a difference in cost for in-state and out-of-state tuition. However, the graduate online program offers market rate tuition so that all out-of-state students can take classes at a significantly reduced tuition rate, which is comparable to the rate for in-state students.

#### **GRE REQUIREMENTS:**

## Is the GRE required for the graduate online program?

The GRE is required for all graduate students applying to Florida State University. However, the GRE can be waived if an applicant presents five years of full-time

professional experience in a relevant criminology or criminal justice field.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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