

# CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, PH.D.

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## Admission to the Ph.D. Program

There are two possible pathways of admission into the Ph.D. program. The first pathway is for students with an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university. Preference is for a degree in criminology, criminal justice, or a related social science. Applicants seeking admission on this pathway will be required to complete a minimum of 63 credit hours. The second pathway is for students with a Master's or law degree from an accredited college or university, preferably with a focus on criminology, criminal justice, or a related social science. Applicants seeking admission on this pathway will be required to complete a minimum of 39 credit hours. An academic advisor will determine if more than these minimum requirements must be earned following an evaluation of previous work and professional goals.

In addition to meeting all admission requirements of the University's Graduate School, applicants to the Ph.D. program must submit a university application through the Graduate School, including a written statement of research goals and objectives. The statement should outline the applicant's interests in criminology and criminal justice and discuss plans for developing a research agenda during the doctoral program of study. Applicants must also submit scores obtained within the last five years on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), three letters of academic reference, official grade transcripts from all previous institutions, and a recent sole-authored writing sample or thesis chapter written during previous degree program. Applications are accepted for fall admission only.