

CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE / LAW, M.A. / J.D.

Admission

Prior to obtaining admission to the combined degree program, a student must be admitted to both the Joseph F. Rice School of Law and the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Upon admission to the combined degree program, the student will be assigned courses to be elected in both programs.

Degree Requirements M.A. (30 Hours) / J.D. (90 Hours)

The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, in cooperation with the University of South Carolina Joseph F. Rice School of Law, offers a combined degree program which permits a student to obtain both the Juris Doctor and the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice degrees in approximately four years. Through the combined program, the total course load may be reduced by as many as 15 credit hours from that required if the two degrees were earned separately, since 6 hours of electives toward the M.A. degree may be taken in law courses and 9 hours of electives toward the J.D. may be earned in the M.A. program.