APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications for the Criminal Justice Online Masters program are reviewed for Summer, Fall and Spring semester entry. All application material must be received before **February 1** for consideration for the following Summer or Fall semester, and by **September 1** for consideration for the following Spring semester.

Application material includes:

- Application for Graduate Study at Michigan State University
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Official Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores for exam taken within last 5 years if overall undergraduate GPA is less than 3.2
- Personal statement of academic and professional goals
- Three letters of recommendation
- International students must also submit Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores for exam taken within the last 2 years

For application forms and complete instructions, please visit [www.cj.msu.edu](http://www.cj.msu.edu) and click on Graduate Online.
About the Program

In 1998, the School of Criminal Justice began offering its Masters of Science in Criminal Justice program online – the first online degree program offered by MSU.

The program is designed to add new dimensions to the skills of career individuals in various areas of criminal justice and security. A number of online support services are available to assist students as they progress through the program.

Students enrolled in the program may choose to follow the general requirements for the Masters in Criminal Justice, specialize in Security Management or follow an international focus. Please see Program Requirements for more information.

Courses are offered entirely online, and are taught by the same faculty members that are involved in the on-campus program. Many students complete the program within two years; however, it is also common for students to take three years to complete the program due to work and personal commitments.

Program Requirements

To obtain a Masters of Science in the Criminal Justice Online Masters program, a student must complete a minimum of 30 credits of coursework as follows:

- CJ 801—Crime Causation, Prevention, and Control
- CJ 810—Proseminar in Criminal Justice
- CJ 811—Design and Analysis in CJ Research
- CJ 812—Criminal Justice Management Seminar
- CJ 887—Quantitative Methods in CJ Research
- CJ 896—Policy Analysis Under Conditions of Change
- Two 800-level CJ electives (six credits)
- Approved electives (six credits)

Security Management Specialization

To obtain a Masters of Science in Criminal Justice with a Security Management specialization, a student must complete a minimum of 30 credits of coursework as follows:

- CJ 801—Crime Causation, Prevention, and Control
- CJ 810—Proseminar in Criminal Justice
- CJ 811—Design and Analysis in CJ Research
- CJ 812—Criminal Justice Management Seminar
- CJ 885—Security Management
- CJ 886—Security Administration
- CJ 887—Quantitative Methods in CJ Research
- CJ 896—Policy Analysis Under Conditions of Change
- Approved elective (3 credits)

One of the following courses:

- CJ 809—Issues in CJ: Public/Private Partnerships
- CJ 890—Independent Study

Program Cost

The tuition rate is the same for in-state and out-of-state students, and can be found at www.ctlr.msu.edu/COStudentAccounts

Click on Resident or Non-Resident, then scroll to Online Programs in the Graduate Students section.

Frequently Used Websites

Registrar's Office
www.reg.msu.edu
Tuition information, enrollment, academic calendar, student services.

Desire2Learn—D2L
www.d2l.msu.edu
Online course system

Financial Aid
www.finaid.msu.edu
Instructions for applying for aid, forms, calendar, calculator, etc.

Graduate School
www.grad.msu.edu
Graduate student resources

Controllers Office
www.ctlr.msu.edu/costudentaccounts
Tuition rates, fee payment schedule, deferred payment plan, etc.