Applications for the Judicial Administration 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 and click on Graduate Online.
Judicial Administration Online Masters of Science Program

About the Program

The Judicial Administration Program at Michigan State University (MSU) is a community of learners, scholars, practitioners, and organizations dedicated to the advancement of the missions, mandates, and purposes of judicial systems across the globe through expert management and timeless leadership principles and practices.

Our goal is to bring academic rigor and standing to judicial administration through a comprehensive curriculum that offers a Masters of Science (MS) Degree in Judicial Administration. The profession of judicial administration achieves greater recognition and prestige through credentialing mechanisms, which are made possible through MSU in partnership with local, state, national, federal, and international judicial branch education providers; state and federal court systems; professional court-related associations; and colleges and universities.

Objective: To build the academic credentials of the student through graduate education that specializes in judicial administration and blends theory and practice from other disciplines, thus allowing the student to master complex issues in judicial administration.

Who should enroll: Individuals desiring a masters degree and a career in judicial administration.

Program Requirements

To obtain a Master’s of Science (MS) Degree in Judicial Administration Online program, a student must complete a minimum of 30 credits.

Core Foundation Courses: 15 Credits
CJ 812 - Criminal Justice Management Seminar
CJ 829 - National and Global Trends in Court Planning
CJ 860 - Historical Foundations/Contemporary Frameworks in Judicial Administration
CJ 861 - Budget Planning and Resource Allocation for Court Performance
CJ 862 - Workforce Planning and Management in the Courts

Core Research Methods Courses: 6 Credits Required
CJ 811 - Design & Analysis in Criminal Justice Research
CJ 887 - Quantitative Methods in Criminal Justice Research

Approved Electives: 6 Credits Required
JRN 892 - Special Topics: Courts in the Media
CJ 863 - Courthouse Planning: Space, Technology, Security, and Disaster Recovery
CJ 864 - Elements of Essential Court Operations
Approved Elective (By approval of academic advisor)

Plan B Policy Paper: 3 Credits Required
CJ 896 - Policy Analysis under Conditions of Change
(Plan B Policy Paper)

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

Additional Student Resources

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

D2L: www.d2l.msu.edu
Online course management 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
Tuition rates, fee payment schedule, deferred payment plan, etc.