



MASTER OF SCIENCE PROGRAM IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

About the Program

Thank you for your interest in The King Graduate School at Monroe College. This Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice is an inter-disciplinary program that will elevate your marketability in the criminal justice profession.

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice prepares the criminal justice professional for the challenges of the twenty-first century. The criminal justice system must now cope with the new threats of international drug cartels, transnational crime and global terrorism. A graduate education has become indispensable to the criminal justice professional who aspires to leadership positions at federal, state and city agencies. The innovative curriculum in the Master of Science program will deepen the student's understanding of the changing national and international environment. Graduates will develop competences in data analysis, research methods and crime reduction strategies. Emphasis will be placed on the development of managerial writing skills, critical thinking and knowledge of the criminal justice literature. The Master of Science in Criminal Justice will be beneficial to graduates who seek to advance their careers or those who desire to pursue advanced degrees.

Academic Calendar & Application Deadlines

Semester	Complete Admissions by:
Fall (September–December)	August 31
Winter (January–April)	December 31
Spring (May–July)	April 30

International applicants are encouraged to apply three months before the start date.

Tuition & Fees

	Full-Time (9 credits)	Part-Time (less than 9 credits)
Application Fee	\$50	\$50
Tuition	\$632/credit	\$632/credit
Administrative Fee	\$400	\$200

For more information about the M.S. degree in Criminal Justice, please contact the King Graduate School directly or visit our website:

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Contact Information

U.S. Citizens/Permanent Residents

All admissions related correspondence should be sent to the campus of your choice.

Bronx Campus

King Graduate School
Monroe College
2501 Jerome Avenue
Bronx, NY 10468

New Rochelle Campus

King Graduate School
Monroe College
434 Main Street
New Rochelle, NY 10801

International Students

All international admissions related correspondence should be sent to:

King Graduate School, Monroe College
Office of International Programs
434 Main Street
New Rochelle, NY 10801

See reverse side for course descriptions

M.S. IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

The M.S. in Criminal justice program is a 36 credit program consisting of 10 core courses and 2 elective courses. Students have the option of substituting a Master's thesis for two elective courses (six credits).

This program is for people that want to pursue a career in criminal justice regardless of their undergraduate degree. In addition to the general admissions requirements, all students must have completed an undergraduate course in research methods or statistics. If they have not, they will need to enroll in an undergraduate statistics course in their first semester of their graduate studies. This class does not count towards the graduate degree

Core Courses (10 at 3 credits each)

CJ 615 — Criminological Theory

This course is designed to develop a knowledge of different theories used to explain crime and criminal behavior. In addition to becoming versed in the different criminological theories, the assignments in the course will focus on the efficacy of the different theories and their usefulness in crime reduction strategies.

CJ 620 — Research Methods and Data Analysis

Students will formulate hypotheses and research designs in order to develop some dexterity in empirical analysis. The course will include dissecting data sets and putting together research designs to conduct empirical research. A research paper demonstrating an understanding of quantitative and qualitative research skills will be required.

CJ 720 — Computer Applications and Crime Mapping

Crime Mapping has become an essential technique for the control of crime in modern police departments. A Geographical Information System is used to guide anti-crime strategies and crime mapping data are used to determine clustering and the designation of hot spots. Students will develop some facility in crime mapping and crime reduction strategies. Written assignments will be given to enable students to demonstrate their familiarity with crime mapping techniques.

CJ 630 — The Supreme Court, U.S. Constitution, and Criminal Law

Students will critically examine landmark cases and discuss the impact on the criminal justice system. Special attention will be given to the constitutional protection of civil liberties and the urgent need to prosecute, convict and to maintain the social order.

CJ 640 — Perspectives on Drugs, Alcohol and the Criminal Justice System

This course focuses on the different approaches to dealing with the twin plagues of alcoholism and drug addiction. The effect of the war on drugs and its impact on families and communities and the subsequent impact on the correctional system will be scrupulously analyzed.

CJ 730 — Comparative Criminal Justice Systems

The study of other criminal justice systems will provide graduate students with a greater understanding of the American criminal justice system. Some geographical regions have much lower homicide rates and much lower incarceration rates than the United States. Other regions like Latin America and the Caribbean have much higher homicide rates. The course will explore how culture, economic development or under-development can affect the prevalence of crime.

CJ 740 — Leadership, Ethics, and Management in Criminal Justice

In all aspects of the criminal justice system increased emphasis has been placed on the leadership attributes of middle level and senior level managers. The course will examine the critical role of leaders in a demanding environment and the critical aspects of ethics and leadership.

CJ 750 — Crisis Management And Disaster Preparedness

The brittle nature of the social order is evident when we examine the impact of Katrina in New Orleans, the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and the riots in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. Supervisory law enforcement personnel are perennially faced with natural and unnatural disasters and are often called upon to manage crisis situations. This course will engage students in the study of crisis management through case studies and highlight the consequences of poor decision-making.

CJ 755 — Terrorism And Counter-Terrorism

The wanton destruction of people and property has become a feature of terrorist organizations. The course will be divided into two parts: (1) the study of terrorist organizations, and (2) the use of intelligence and counter-terrorism strategies to contain and eliminate these threats. Students will examine the measures adopted by the state on all levels to enhance national security.

CJ 780 — Public Policy Issues In Criminal Justice (Capstone Course)

The capstone course will provide the student with the opportunity to synthesize theories in criminology and critically examine some of the pressing public policy issues confronting the criminal justice system. The competencies of students in critical thinking, analytical writing and effective oral communication will be tested throughout the capstone course.

Elective Courses (2 at 3 credits each):

- Crime Scene Investigation
- Organized and Transnational Crime
- The Sociology of Juvenile Delinquency
- Race, Class and Crime in America
- Internship in Criminal Justice