

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

### Mission Statement

*The mission of the Division of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies at the University of West Florida is to inspire and challenge students for a lifetime!*

### Student Learning Outcomes

Students with a UWF Master of Science in Criminal Justice should be able to do the following:

#### Content

- Identify and describe various theoretical explanations of crime and delinquency
- Identify and discuss theoretical explanations of criminal justice
- Articulate the challenges faced by various criminal justice agencies
- Describe different methods for conducting research in criminal justice

#### Critical Thinking

- Analyze and critique the operation, functions, and methods of the criminal justice system and its components
- Analyze and interpret quantitative and qualitative data pertinent to the criminal justice system
- Compare, contrast, and evaluate criminal justice administrative and management strategies and tactics
- Explain historical and contemporary controversies and developments in criminal justice
- Outline racial, ethnic, and gender issues in criminal justice
- Hypothesize relationships among various factors in crime and criminal justice

#### Communication

- Write logical, articulate, and structurally sound papers
- Report findings from criminal justice and criminological research and literature

#### Integrity/Values

- Uphold ethical standards of criminal justice research and practice
- Describe and evaluate ethical controversies in criminal justice

#### Project Management

- Effectively utilize research strategies to examine issues in crime and the criminal justice

## **Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes**

Assessment of the learning outcomes will occur throughout the student's program of study in each of the courses in the curriculum. Assessment will involve completion of the core courses and elective courses in the program. Examinations, writing assignments, and projects related to the program of study will capture the various domains of student learning. The area paper option will also be utilized to evaluate the student's synthesis of the domains of student learning.

## **Job Prospects for Masters of Science in Criminal Justice**

Federal law enforcement

State and local law enforcement

Private security and risk management

Victim advocacy

Research and policy analysis

Court administration

State and community college instruction

Juvenile justice

Crime scene analysis

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