



Master of Arts in Criminal Justice

Options

- MA Courses and Thesis
- MA Courses and Project

- Length: Full time 24 months Part Time 48 months
- Credit Hours: 27

OVERVIEW

The 24 month program provides opportunities for graduate training in theory, methods and research, as well as options to learn in research field placements related to potential future domains of employment such as policing, corrections, social services and policy development. The program may be completed part time or full time and students may pursue a course and project-based or course and thesis-based program of study. Because of its flexibility and options for practical and applied studies, the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice will appeal to both in-service professionals as well as traditional students pursuing advanced studies in the social sciences.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- a) strong understanding of contemporary criminal justice theories;
 - b) strong grasp of research methodology, study design and application;
 - c) knowledge of critical and historical perspectives on the criminal justice system, its agents and its strengths and limitations in assisting the socially disadvantaged;
 - d) ability to understand the application of evidence-based practice, and;
 - e) capacity for policy development.
- f) Students completing the course and thesis-based program will achieve competency in graduate level theory, methods and research sufficient to qualify for further doctoral study.
- g) Students completing the course and project-based option will develop thinking, writing, policy development and research skills suitable for a mid-level planning/research officer position in government or the non-profit sector.

- Applicants are strongly urged to familiarize themselves with the research specialties of the faculty in the Criminal Justice department. App