

Master of Arts (M.A.) in Criminal Justice

The Masters of Arts in Criminal Justice aims to provide an education of excellence to students interested in the field of Criminal Justice, so that they can perform effectively in public, private, state and federal agencies. The Program aims to prepare the student to do research in the field of criminal justice; respond to the need for maintaining highly qualified professionals that master the competencies required in this discipline; and to train professionals to get involved with the different populations and problems that society faces.

Profile of the Competencies of Graduates

The Program is designed to develop the competencies that will permit students to:

Knowledge

1. Know the existing interaction between the state and federal legal systems, and between individuals and society.
2. Know the stages of the penal procedural right and the right of proof related to the Justice System.
3. Know the social and legal aspects of juvenile delinquency.
4. Know the social-scientific research method.

Skills

1. Apply the criminological theories to the comprehensive study of the relation between laws, individuals and society.
2. Analyze the social and legal aspects of juvenile delinquency, as well as the theories, factors and conditions associated with this social problem.
3. Analyze the factors and conditions that lead people to create dependency on psycho addictive or illegal substances and to criminal conduct.
4. Apply the social-scientific research method to the development of research in the area of criminal justice.
5. Evaluate the effectiveness of the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation strategies used with people with deviant behavior.

Attitudes

1. Demonstrate a critical attitude towards the study of the interaction of the legal system, individuals and society.
2. Demonstrate a positive attitude towards the people with deviant behavior who are in the rehabilitation process.
3. Recognize the importance of research as an effective means for the production and construction of knowledge in the area of criminal justice.
4. Recognize the importance of an ethical-legal conduct in the field of criminal justice.

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THIS PROGRAM WILL COMPLETE COURSES FOCUSED IN THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO AND THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL SYSTEM.

Graduation Requirements

1. Have a minimum general average of 3.00.
2. Approve one of the following options, as determined by the campus:
 - a. A comprehensive examination, which those students who have approved 30 credits including the Specialization Requirements, may request. Students will graduate with a total of 33 credits.
 - b. The course CJUS 6970 Integration Seminar results in 3 additional credits, therefore the student will graduate with a total of 36 credits.*

TOTAL COST OF PROGRAM

Tuition	\$6,992-\$7632
Fees	\$1,600
Books	\$1,736
Supplies	<u>\$1,152</u>
Total	\$11,480-\$12,116

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER IN ARTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Specialization Requirements	21 credits
Prescribed Distributive Requirements	9 credits
Elective Courses	<u>3 credits</u>
Total	33-36*

Specialization Requirements - 21 credits

CJUS 5010	Law and Society	3
CJUS 5055	Criminology	3
CJUS 5060	Social Scientific Research Methodology	3
CJUS 5070	Social Scientific Research Applied to Criminal Justice	3
CJUS 5080	Public Policy and State and Federal Justice Systems	3
CJUS 5310	Criminal Procedure and Evidence Law	3

Select one course from the following:

CJUS 5237	Juvenile Justice	3
CJUS 5613	Addiction, Criminality and Rehabilitation	3

Prescribed Distributive Requirements - 9 credits

Select nine (9) credits from the following courses:

CJUS 5023	Elements of Criminal Justice	3
CJUS 5299	Law and Correction	3
CJUS 5900	Special Assignment	3
CJUS 5970	Special Topics	3

The Barranquitas Campus is authorized to offer the program online.