Master of Science in Administration of Justice and Security

Discover what it takes to work in management and leadership positions in police, corrections, court operations and security organizations. Our Master of Science in Administration of Justice and Security program combines administrative training, policy development and problem-solving skills to prepare you for roles in law enforcement, corporate security and infrastructure security. Plus, there’s no application fee, no GMAT test requirements, and we’ll even request your prior college transcripts for you.

Top skills learned in this program:

- Management
- Operations
- Leadership
- Research
- Problem-solving
What can you do with a Master of Science in Administration of Justice and Security?

An MS/AJS can prepare you to be a:

- Adjunct Professor
- Asset Protection Manager
- Chief Deputy
- Deputy Chief Sheriff
- Detective Supervisor
- Division Chief
- Police Chief
- Police Commanding Officer
- Police Supervisor

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, job growth for first-line supervisors of police and detectives is projected to be faster than average between 2020 and 2030.

BLS projections are not specific to University of Phoenix students or graduates.

Institutional accreditation

University of Phoenix is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), hlcommission.org. Since 1978, University of Phoenix has been continually accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.
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Total credits required: 37

Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 37 credits to complete this Master of Science in Administration of Justice and Security. Your course schedule may vary based on previous experience, training or transferable credits.

13 Core courses

The Master of Science in Administration of Justice and Security includes 13 core courses in topics ranging from public policy issues to management of institutional risk and critical incident management.

- AJS/503: Intro to Graduate Study in Criminal Justice and Security
- AJS/505: Foundations of Justice and Security
- AJS/515: Criminological Theory and Risk Mitigation
- AJS/525: Cybercrime and Information Security
- AJS/534: Organizational Administration in Justice and Security
- AJS/544: Ethics in Justice and Security
- AJS/555: Critical Incident and Risk Management
- AJS/565: Strategic Planning in Criminal Justice and Security
- AJS/574: Finance and Budgeting in Justice and Security
- AJS/583: Legal Issues in Justice and Security
- AJS/587: Contemporary Issues in Investigative Methodologies
- AJS/590: Public Policy and Civil Rights
- AJS/594: Program Development and Evaluation

Schedule

Your academic counselor will help schedule your courses for a Master of Science in Administration of Justice and Security online.

What you'll learn

When you earn your Master of Science in Administration of Justice and Security online, you’ll be equipped with a concrete set of skills you can apply on the job.

You'll learn how to:

- Assess administration and management strategies of criminal justice and security.
- Evaluate industry related problem-solving strategies.
- Evaluate strategic operational planning methodologies.
- Critique industry related data.
- Evaluate the impact of diversity within communities, agencies, and organizations.
Program Purpose Statement

The University’s Criminal Justice programs are educational degree programs. For individuals interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement or corrections or as a peace officer with any particular local, state, federal, tribal or international agency, there are numerous additional qualifications (and often disqualifications), depending on the position.

Before enrolling in a Criminal Justice program, potential students are highly encouraged to check with the relevant agency for a complete list of position requirements. The University makes no representations regarding whether any particular University program will qualify a graduate for any such position.

*While widely available, not all programs are available to residents of all states. Please check with a University Enrollment Representative.

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