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**Master of Science in Justice Administration and Leadership**

**Faculty**

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**Mission**

The Mission of the Master of Science in Justice Administration and Leadership program at the University of Texas at Dallas is to:

1. Deliver high-quality education to working professionals who in turn will examine the role of leadership within criminal justice organizations.

2. Prepare students to evaluate and apply relevant research findings on leadership and personnel management to lead, influence and manage others in an increasingly diverse workforce and work environment.

3. Advance the understanding of the consequences of change within criminal justice organizations, and lead and manage personnel in periods of organizational change.

4. Prepare students to apply relevant techniques of conflict resolution and negotiation when confronted with conflict in criminal justice and related organizations.

**Objectives**

The Master of Science in Justice Administration and Leadership and Leadership provides students with a coherent and intellectually challenging degree that prepares a new generation of leaders to manage and administer criminal justice and other social service organizations. The program will deliver an innovative and integrated curriculum that connects such key components of leadership as organizational behavior, organizational change, policy analysis, research design and program evaluation, and conflict resolution to prepare students for leadership positions.

**Facilities**

Students have access to the computing facilities in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences (or EPPS), the University’s Computing Center, and computing facilities in the School of Management (or SOM). EPPS has two computing laboratories which have over 50 computers that are network linked and equipped with major social science software packages, including E-Views, R, Rats, SPSS and STATA. A computerized geographic information system, the Lexis Nexis database, and Westlaw are also available for student use. The University’s Computing Center provides personal computers and UNIX Workstations. Many important data and reference materials are also available online via the library’s and School’s memberships in numerous organizations.

**Graduate Assistantships**

Graduate teaching and research assistantships will not be available.

**Admissions Requirement**

The University’s general admission requirements are discussed [here](http://www.utdallas.edu/dept/graddean/CAT2010/FIRST40/admissions.htm).

The Master of Science in Justice Administration and Leadership seeks applications from students with a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university or college. Although applications will be reviewed holistically, in general, entering students have earned a 3.0 undergraduate grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), and a combined verbal and quantitative score of at least 1000 on the Graduate Records Examination (GRE). Standardized test scores are only one of the factors taken into account in determining admission. Students should also submit all transcripts, three letters of recommendation, and a one-page essay outlining the applicant’s background, education, and professional objectives. Applications are reviewed by the Criminology Program Committee in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences and appropriate faculty in the School of Management.

**Prerequisites**

For the Master of Science in Justice Administration and Leadership, students with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology, Public Administration, and general business will have the necessary foundation for the master’s degree. Students who lack this foundation should complete the following undergraduate courses at U.T. Dallas or their equivalents at another institution: CRIM 3302 Advanced Criminology, CRIM 3303 Advanced Criminal Justice, CRIM 3304 Research Methods in Crime and Justice Studies, EPPS 3405 Introduction to Social Statistics. Prospective students with concerns about their preparation for Justice Administration and Leadership program are encouraged to consult with the program coordinator.

**Degree Requirements**

The University’s general degree requirements are discussed [here](http://www.utdallas.edu/dept/graddean/CAT2010/FIRST40/degree_prg_policies.htm).

Students seeking a Justice Administration and Leadership degree must complete 35 semester credit hours of coursework in the program. The Core curriculum involves 35 hours, including 9 hours of research methods and statistics, 14 hours in organizational dynamics and dispute resolution, and 12 hours of independent research to satisfy a writing requirement. Students must achieve at least an overall grade point average of 3.0 to graduate.

**Core Courses**

EPPS 6310 Research Design   
EPPS 6352 Evaluation Research Methods

EPPS 7313 Descriptive and Inferential Statistics  
OB 6336 Motivational Leadership in Organizations  
OB 6301 Organizational Behavior   
OB 6331 Power and Politics in Organizations   
OB 6332 Negotiation and Dispute Resolution  
OB 6337 Coaching as a Leadership Style: The Science and Practice of Influencing Behavior

**Research Project Requirement (12 credit hours)**

CRIM 6v90 Thesis Writing Research (the final 6 hours involves data analysis, policy discussion, and presentation)

CRIM 6v98 Analytical Writing Research (the initial 6 hours will involve research problem specification, literature review, and research design