Master of Science in Justice Administration and Leadership

The MS in Justice Administration and Leadership is an executive program offered by the School of Economic, Political and Policy Science and housed in the Department of Criminology.

The program is designated for professionals who are either interested in attaining leadership positions in agencies across the criminal justice spectrum or for those with full-time careers in the field.

Program Description
The program delivers an innovative and integrative curriculum that connects key components of leadership and administration in the criminal justice setting such as, policy implementation and analysis, organizational behavior and change, planning and decision-making and legal issues and conflict resolution.

Students will focus on turning theory into practice by evaluating and applying relevant research findings to their everyday work, and by applying relevant leadership strategies and conflict-resolution and negotiation techniques in criminal justice and other related organizations.

Students must complete 30 credit hours to earn a Master in Justice Administration and Leadership. This includes:

- 15 semester credit hours of criminal justice policy, administration and leadership.
- 9 semester credit hours of public administration
- 6 semester credit hours of legal aspects of administration and negotiation

All students must achieve at least a 3.0 grade point average in all coursework to graduate.

Career Paths
The JAL program prepares students to lead, influence and manage others in an increasingly diversified criminal justice work environment.

Graduates of the program will emerge as leaders prepared to assume supervisory and executive positions in criminal justice and other related organizations.

Admission Requirements
- Baccalaureate degree
- 3.0 undergraduate grade point average
- Online Application
- Two letters of recommendation
- Personal statement
- Resume
- GRE is NOT required


Deadlines
The Justice Administration and Leadership program accepts new graduate students in the fall and spring.


Contact
For questions regarding the application process and specific admissions requirements, contact JAL Director Dr. John Worrell at 972-883-4893 or by email at worrell@utdallas.edu. Or JAL Associate Director Dr. Galia Cohen at 972-883-2711 or by email at galia.cohen@utdallas.edu.

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