Master of Criminal Justice

With optional concentrations:

- Cybercrime Investigation & Cybersecurity
- Strategic Management

The Master of Criminal Justice (MCJ) is designed for working professionals seeking to enter or advance in the field of criminal justice. The degree is also valuable for those in other professions where criminal justice intersects, such as mental health, public health, journalism, and law. The curriculum offers foundational knowledge and practical skills, allowing students to gain an interdisciplinary understanding of crime problems and criminal justice policy and administration.

Concentrations

The **Cybercrime Investigation & Cybersecurity** concentration provides technical skills and specialized insight into cybercriminology and legal practices, practical digital investigative knowledge, and an understanding of the policies related to cybersecurity risk assessment.

The **Strategic Management** concentration prepares criminal justice professionals to advance into policy-making and leadership positions in their agencies, building the skills needed to analyze complex problems and develop sound, sustainable policies and reforms.

PROGRAM FEATURES

- Offered during convenient evening hours on campus, or in an online format.
- Online courses begin six times each year, and include live lectures and discussions, videos, interactive animations, message boards, and more, providing a forum for engaged learning with a structured and participatory environment.
- Students can begin courses on campus in spring, summer, or fall. Classes meet in the evening to accommodate working professionals.
- Applications are accepted on a rolling admissions basis.
- GMAT/GRE not required.

LEARN FROM THE BEST

- Criminal justice programs at BU are taught by faculty with extensive hands-on experience in law enforcement, corrections, and the court system.
- BU received the 2016 U.S. Distance Learning Association (USDLA) 21st Century Award for Best Practices in Distance Learning.

A Top-Ranked University

**2017 Times Higher Education Global University Graduate Employability Rankings:**

- #5, United States
- #6, World

**2018 U.S. News & World Report rankings:**

- #37, National Universities
- #39, Global Universities

Online Master of Criminal Justice


Online Master of Criminal Justice for Veterans

ON CAMPUS AND ONLINE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
MASTER OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Ten courses (40 credits) total.

Core Requirements
(six courses/24 credits)
MET CJ 602  Criminology
MET CJ 625  Victimology
MET CJ 632  White-Collar Crime
MET CJ 702  Analytical Methods
MET CJ 703  Research Methods
MET CJ 831  Criminal Justice Administration

Concentration Requirements
Students have the option of choosing one of the following concentrations:

Cybercrime Investigation & Cybersecurity
(four courses/16 credits)
MET CJ 610  Cybercrime
MET CJ 710  Applied Digital Forensic Investigation
MET CS 684  IT Security Policies and Procedures
MET CS 693  Digital Forensics and Investigations

Strategic Management
(four courses/16 credits)
MET AD 612  COO–Public Emergency Management
MET AD 715  Quantitative and Qualitative Decision-Making
MET CJ 711  Criminal Justice Policy and Planning
MET CJ 831  Criminal Justice Administration

No Concentration
Those not choosing a concentration must select four electives.

Electives: On-Campus
(Choose four courses/16 credits)
MET CJ 511  Rehabilitation and Re-Integration
MET CJ 520  Violence and Trauma
MET CJ 610  Cybercrime
MET CJ 650  Terrorism
MET CJ 656  Forensic Criminal Investigation
MET CJ 701  Crime and Punishment
MET CJ 710  Applied Digital Forensic Investigation

Electives: Online
(Choose four courses/16 credits)
MET CJ 610  Cybercrime
MET CJ 631  Youth Crime Problems
MET CJ 650  Terrorism
MET CJ 710  Crime and Punishment
MET CJ 710  Applied Digital Forensic Investigation
MET CJ 711  Criminal Justice Policy and Planning
MET CJ 720  Trauma and Crisis Intervention
MET CJ 725  Forensic Behavior Analysis
MET CJ 750  Policing in a Democratic Society
MET AD 612  COO–Public Emergency Management*
MET AD 642  Project Management*
MET AD 643  Project Communications Management*
MET AD 715  Quantitative and Qualitative Decision-Making*
MET CS 684  IT Security Policies and Procedures*
MET CS 693  Digital Forensics and Investigations*

*Allowed with advisor and course faculty approval.

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If you have questions about the program, or you’re looking for information about admissions and tuition, please contact us or visit our website.

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HONESTLY, MY TIME AT MET CHANGED MY LIFE. MY WRITING IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY, AS DID MY DATA ANALYSIS ABILITIES. BEING ABLE TO CONNECT WITH MY PROFESSORS AND WORK WITH THEM ON THEIR PROJECTS CARRIED ME FARTHER THAN I THOUGHT POSSIBLE. I KNOW THEY WILL BE LIFELONG CONNECTIONS.”

—KATHERINE LIMONCELLI (MET’17), DOCTORAL STUDENT AT JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE


– JOSH MAYERS (MET’18), FORMER FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) SPECIAL AGENT