Criminal Justice Graduate Programs

- Master of Science
- Graduate Certificates

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As practitioners of criminal justice, we understand that the justice field is more than a monolith of anonymous personnel, institutions, and policies: it is the patrol officer conducting outreach to individuals with substance-use disorder, the neighborhood liaison working to establish partnerships with mental health professionals, and the detective leading efforts to identify victims of human trafficking and arrest offenders. It is also made up of leaders taking steps to move their organization in a new direction, managers instituting data-driven reform practices, and specialists informing comprehensive responses to new forms of crime. The motivations to help people and to make a difference remain the same, yet the challenges are more complex and the need for new skills and perspectives more essential than ever.

The Criminal Justice graduate programs at Boston University’s Metropolitan College are here to ensure that you have the knowledge, tools, and insight to succeed in this evolving field.

Our faculty, armed with years of hands-on experience in policing, cybercrime, the judicial system, and corrections, provide you with the skills and knowledge to confront complicated issues with confidence. Through an active learning environment, we ensure that you have the tools to establish evidence-based policies and institute best practices. Most importantly, we equip you with the critical thinking skills to approach your work with clear eyes and a well-rounded, informed perspective.

If you serve justice, you face fierce challenges—both tangible and intangible. How you tackle them has the potential to redefine and rejuvenate criminal justice practice, and empowers you to become a force of positive change.

Mary Ellen Mastrorilli, PhD
Chair, Applied Social Sciences
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There is no better place to prepare for the future of criminal justice than BU’s Metropolitan College (MET).

MET has been offering criminal justice education since 1973, introducing its master’s degree in criminal justice in 1980. That program had the distinction of becoming Boston University’s first fully online program in 2002. An engaging teaching model has ensured that the online master’s degree in criminal justice has been ranked among the top five Best Online Graduate Criminal Justice Programs each year since 2015 (U.S. News & World Report).

Housed in the Department of Applied Social Sciences at MET, the Master of Science in Criminal Justice prepares you to tackle contemporary criminal justice challenges. Graduate certificate programs and concentrations enhance this foundation with training in critical specialization areas such as crime analysis, cybercrime investigations, and strategic management. Emphasizing practical, insightful, and adaptable knowledge, MET’s criminal justice curriculum develops practical skills that can be immediately applied on the job while informing your career growth for years to come.

Online or on campus, MET students of criminal justice come from all walks of life and comprise an intricate network of organizations. This diversity of experience enriches the classroom, inspiring discussion and debate along with a unique opportunity to form valuable, long-lasting connections in the criminal justice field. Whether you are pursuing or enhancing a criminal justice career, planning for a doctoral program, or considering a future in teaching, MET’s criminal justice programs will give you the foundation to navigate difficult issues, improve your practice, and open new possibilities for your future.

About Boston University’s Metropolitan College

For over half a century, Boston University’s Metropolitan College has brought the scholarly rigor and resources of an internationally respected research university to busy, working adults via innovative, part-time programs. As one of the 17 degree-granting bodies at BU, MET offers more than 70 graduate and undergraduate degree and certificate programs evenings on campus, online, and in blended formats designed to meet the needs of both the local and global professional community. A laboratory and incubator for new programs, pedagogy, and educational technologies, MET ensures that students have access to cutting-edge facilities and the latest learning tools—as well as the opportunity to build networks with classmates and industry peers.
MET prepares you for the future of criminal justice with a range of flexible programs designed to enhance your capabilities, build new expertise, and prime you for new roles and opportunities for promotion:

**Master of Science in Criminal Justice**
The eight-course MS in Criminal Justice includes optional degree concentrations in Crime Analysis, Cybercrime Investigation & Cybersecurity, and Strategic Management.

**Graduate Certificates**
Four-course graduate certificates are also available in each concentration area, offering a manageable entry point to graduate study:
- Crime Analysis
- Criminal Justice
- Cybercrime Investigation & Cybersecurity
- Strategic Management in Criminal Justice

**Online or On Campus**
Criminal Justice programs at MET are fully online or available on campus, with convenient evening courses. Students can study part-time or full-time.

Our graduate certificate programs can serve as building blocks to a master’s degree. Each certificate shares specific courses with the MS in Criminal Justice (MSCJ) program and its concentrations, giving you the option to take one or two certificates on your path to a master’s degree. To be eligible for the degree, you must apply for admission and be accepted into the degree program. Consult with a graduate admissions advisor to learn more about these options.

**Certificate-to-Degree Pathway**

1. **Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice**
   - (4 courses)

2. **Graduate Certificate in Crime Analysis**
   - (4 courses)

3. **Graduate Certificate in Cybercrime Investigation & Cybersecurity**
   - (4 courses)

4. **Graduate Certificate in Strategic Management**
   - (4 courses)

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- **Complete the Criminal Justice graduate certificate plus four MSCJ electives and earn the degree**
- **Complete both graduate certificates and earn the MSCJ with concentration in Crime Analysis**
- **Complete both graduate certificates and earn the MSCJ with concentration in Cybercrime Investigation & Cybersecurity**
- **Complete both graduate certificates and earn the MSCJ with concentration in Strategic Management**
Criminal Justice

- Master of Science (MSCJ)
- Graduate Certificate

Whether you want to transition into the field of criminal justice or advance an established career—or simply gain a deeper understanding of this fascinating discipline—the **Master of Science in Criminal Justice** is designed to help you understand and reevaluate age-old issues and navigate emerging challenges.

The realm of crime and its victims is expanding. Digital crimes are on the rise and agencies are struggling to outsmart the perpetrators. Access to massive amounts of crime and intelligence data, much of it generated in real time, requires new skillsets for the entire chain of command. And law enforcement agencies require fresh vision and skilled leadership to develop accountability systems, build public trust, and ensure evidence-based practices. To meet these needs, the MSCJ offers three optional concentrations:

- Crime Analysis
- Cybercrime Investigation & Cybersecurity
- Strategic Management

Whether you plan to enhance your career, teach, apply to law school, or pursue a doctorate, a criminal justice degree from Boston University ensures that you have a competitive edge in the field. Ever-evolving and often misunderstood, crime and justice are central to the moral fabric and social cohesion of society. In this program, you will learn to analyze criminal behavior, apply principles of leadership in organizational settings, learn theories of social control, and gain an informed perspective of law enforcement, the judicial system, and corrections.

### Master of Science Degree Requirements

**eight courses/32 credits**

- **Required Core Courses** (four courses/16 credits)
  - MET CJ 570 Criminology and Crime Policy
  - MET CJ 571 Criminal Justice Administration and Ethics
  - MET CJ 590 Research and Evaluation Methods
  - MET CJ 591 Applied Analytical Methods

- **Electives** (four courses/16 credits)
  With the advice of the department coordinator, students who are not choosing a concentration select four courses from the following list. Other graduate-level courses may be selected upon approval of the department coordinator.
  - MET CJ 511 Rehabilitation and Re-Integration
  - MET CJ 520 Violence and Trauma
  - MET CJ 601 History of Criminal Justice
  - MET CJ 610 Cybercrime
  - MET CJ 612 Crime and Intelligence Analysis
  - MET CJ 625 Victimology
  - MET CJ 631 Youth Crime Problems
  - MET CJ 632 White-Collar Crime
  - MET CJ 650 Terrorism
  - MET CJ 656 Forensic Criminal Investigation
  - MET CJ 660 Gender and Justice
  - MET CJ 701 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 Behavioral Analysis
  - MET CJ 750 Policing in a Democratic Society
  - MET CJ 775 Seminar in the Law and Criminal Procedure
  - MET CJ 801 Special Project in Criminal Justice
  - MET UA 507 Law and Justice in the City

### Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice

**four courses/16 credits**

- MET CJ 570 Criminology and Crime Policy
- MET CJ 571 Criminal Justice Administration and Ethics
- MET CJ 590 Research and Evaluation Methods

Plus one course from the list of electives above.
Policework is not just knocking on doors and interviewing witnesses anymore. The proliferation of data generated by surveillance cameras, body cams, GPS, mobile devices, social media, email and text exchanges, wearable tech, sensors, and other sources has enhanced the potential to map hotspots, discern patterns and trends, gather evidence, solve crimes, and demonstrate results. Having the skills to analyze this data is critical for tactical, operational, and strategic efforts in law enforcement, and essential to research and policy development.

The MSCJ concentration in Crime Analysis provides you with a skillset that is crucial to a growing field within law enforcement and related domains in criminal justice. Data-driven and intelligence-led approaches to crime are rapidly becoming the standard among contemporary criminal justice organizations. This curriculum prepares you to fill in-house crime analyst roles or similar positions and strengthens the skills of those working in investigations, management, and operations to utilize analysis more effectively.

**Crime Analysis**

- Master of Science (MSCJ)
- Graduate Certificate

**Master of Science Degree Requirements**
(eight courses/32 credits)

**Required Core Courses**
(four courses/16 credits)
- MET CJ 570 Criminology and Crime Policy
- MET CJ 571 Criminal Justice Administration and Ethics
- MET CJ 590 Research and Evaluation Methods
- MET CJ 591 Applied Analytical Methods

**Concentration Requirements**
(four courses/16 credits)
- MET CJ 612 Crime and Intelligence Analysis
- MET UA 654 GIS and Spatial Analysis

Plus two electives from the following list:
- MET CS 521 Information Structures with Python
- MET CS 526 Data Structures and Algorithms
- MET CS 555 Data Analysis and Visualization with R
- MET CS 677 Data Science with Python
- MET CS 699 Data Mining
- MET CJ 801 Special Projects in Criminal Justice

Any request for addition or substitution of elective courses requires approval from the department.

**Graduate Certificate in Crime Analysis**
(four courses/16 credits)

- MET CJ 591 Applied Analytical Methods
- MET CJ 612 Crime and Intelligence Analysis
- MET UA 654 GIS and Spatial Analysis

Plus one course from the list of concentration electives above.

“With continued refinement of how data are analyzed, coupled with programming that utilizes data intelligently and encourages agency and community collaboration, intelligence-led policing will continue to strengthen its role as a deterrent to crime.”

“Intelligence-led Policing: Changing the Face of Crime Prevention”
—Police Chief online, 2018
While traditional crime has been on the decline since the 1990s, cybercrime has been on the rise. According to Gallup’s annual crime survey, 23% of US households were victims of cybercrime in 2018, as opposed to 4% who reported being victims of violent crime.

From its inception in 2000 through 2018, the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) received 4,415,870 complaints. In the years since 2014, IC3 reported an average of almost 300,000 complaints annually, with $7.45 billion in financial losses. That is just the tip of the iceberg, however, with the FBI in 2016 estimating that only 15 percent of these crimes are reported to law enforcement.

With cybercrime occurring globally, and across jurisdictions, the challenges for police are real, as is the need for specialized resources and expertise in cybercrime investigation training. The MSCJ concentration in Cybercrime Investigation & Cybersecurity enables you to develop the competency and practical knowledge needed to work with various issues related to cybercrime.

In this program, you will gain insight into cybercriminology and the practical digital investigative knowledge, legal practices, and policies related to cybersecurity risk assessment. You will graduate with practical and essential knowledge of cybercrime and cybersecurity—and you will be eligible to take the forensic examiner certification exams.

**Master of Science Degree Requirements**
(eight courses/32 credits)

**Required Core Courses** (four courses/16 credits)
- MET CJ 570 Criminology and Crime Policy
- MET CJ 571 Criminal Justice Administration and Ethics
- MET CJ 590 Research and Evaluation Methods
- MET CJ 591 Applied Analytical Methods

**Concentration Requirements** (four courses/16 credits)
- MET CJ 610 Cybercrime
- MET CS 684 IT Security Policies and Procedures
  — OR MET CS 694 Mobile Forensics and Security
- MET CS 693 Digital Forensics and Investigations
- MET CJ 710 Applied Digital Forensic Investigation

**Graduate Certificate in Cybercrime Investigation & Cybersecurity**
(four courses/16 credits)

- MET CJ 610 Cybercrime
- MET CS 684 IT Security Policies and Procedures
  — OR MET CS 694 Mobile Forensics and Security
- MET CS 693 Digital Forensics and Investigations
- MET CJ 710 Applied Digital Forensic Investigation
Strategic Management

• Master of Science (MSCJ)
• Graduate Certificate

To be an effective manager in a criminal justice organization, you have to be more than “tough on crime”: you have to comprehend the culture within your department, communicate with first-line supervisors and other personnel, collaborate with external agencies, maintain rapport with the press and other observers, and ensure that you are able to understand and confront deeply entrenched ideas, cultures, and expectations. More importantly, you have to answer to the public—most likely in the aftermath of a crisis. Successful management in this environment requires innovative strategies, the ability to develop accountability systems and streamline processes, and a deep commitment to best practices. It is important to maintain focus on evidence-based planning and to approach practical and systemic obstacles with a vision—and a solution.

The MSCJ concentration in Strategic Management offers an interdisciplinary curriculum designed to provide the specific skills needed to face contemporary criminal justice challenges and lead reforms—not only domestically, but internationally.

Effective leadership in the increasingly complex field of criminal justice requires a strong footing in ethics, business, and analysis, as well as the ability to keep pace with issues that include the realities of terrorism, the emergence of cybercrime, questions of police legitimacy, and stagnant correctional outcomes in terms of recidivism among offenders. The Strategic Management concentration develops valuable skills that enhance the ability to analyze diverse problems and develop sound, sustainable policies that are guided by logic and planning—making it the ideal program of study for experienced, mid-career criminal justice professionals who seek to advance into policymaking, upper-management, or executive-level positions in their agencies.

Master of Science Degree Requirements
(eight courses/32 credits)

Required Core Courses (four courses/16 credits)
- MET CJ 570: Criminology and Crime Policy
- MET CJ 571: Criminal Justice Administration and Ethics
- MET CJ 590: Research and Evaluation Methods
- MET CJ 591: Applied Analytical Methods

Concentration Requirements (four courses/16 credits)
- MET AD 612: COO–Public Emergency Management
- MET CJ 711: Criminal Justice Policy and Planning

Plus two additional electives from the following list:
- MET CJ 511: Rehabilitation and Re-Integration
- MET CJ 520: Violence and Trauma
- MET CJ 601: History of Criminal Justice
- MET CJ 610: Cybercrime
- MET CJ 612: Crime and Intelligence Analysis
- MET CJ 625: Victimology
- MET CJ 631: Youth Crime Problems
- MET CJ 632: White-Collar Crime
- MET CJ 650: Terrorism
- MET CJ 656: Forensic Criminal Investigation
- MET CJ 660: Gender and Justice
- MET CJ 701: Crime and Punishment
- MET CJ 710: Applied Digital Forensic Investigation
- MET CJ 720: Trauma and Crisis Intervention
- MET CJ 725: Forensic Behavior Analysis
- MET CJ 750: Policing in a Democratic Society
- MET CJ 775: Seminar in the Law and Criminal Procedure
- MET CJ 801: Special Project in Criminal Justice
- MET UA 507: Law and Justice in the City

Graduate Certificate in Strategic Management in Criminal Justice
(four courses/16 credits)

- MET AD 612: COO–Public Emergency Management
- MET CJ 571: Criminal Justice Administration and Ethics
- MET CJ 711: Criminal Justice Policy and Planning

Plus one course from the list of electives above.

“In recent years, the policing profession has been highly scrutinized and criticized, especially about its handling of use-of-force issues. In response, police departments and sheriffs’ offices across the country have begun implementing new policies, procedures, training, and equipment for using force.”

“Promoting Excellence in First-Line Supervision: New Approaches to Selection, Training, and Leadership Development”
—Police Executive Research Forum, 2018
Meet the Faculty

When you study criminal justice at MET, you benefit from impassioned and engaged faculty who are dedicated to providing future leaders with critical insight and practical perspectives. Our faculty bring to the classroom subject-matter expertise, research-based insight, and extensive field experience in law enforcement, corrections, cybercrime investigation and digital forensics, research and policy, forensic mental health, the judicial system, strategic management, and many other areas. The latest case studies, hands-on projects, and an emphasis on collaborative classrooms ensure an active learning environment and provide the foundation for successful outcomes.

“...We don’t rely just on a book; we rely on practical experience and we talk about everyday issues that might happen, anything that is related to law enforcement. We talk about real-life examples, and I bring in some guest speakers who talk about real-life drama on the streets—so, it’s not textbook-type issues. The beauty about the MET program is you have teachers with real-life experiences going into the classroom and bringing that knowledge to the students.”

— William Evans, Commissioner (Ret.) of the Boston Police Department; 2014 recipient of MET’s Roger Deveau Part-Time Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching
Mary Ellen Mastrorilli  
Chair, Applied Social Sciences  
Associate Professor of the Practice  
PhD, Northeastern University  
MPA, Suffolk University  
BA, University of Massachusetts, Boston

Dr. Mastrorilli’s research interests focus on female offenders, community corrections, and law and society. She holds over twenty-five years of experience in positions ranging from correction officer to prison administrator. She is the recipient of the Correctional Association of Massachusetts’ Professional Excellence Award, as well as the Breaking the Glass Ceiling Award given by the National Center for Women and Policing. Mastrorilli teaches courses in criminal justice and sociology.

“I tell my students that criminal justice practitioners implement policies based on ‘lawsuits, accidents, and crises.’ While this is unavoidable, the field can do better by undertaking ‘planned change,’ so I teach the skills and steps on how to do this. Criminal justice practitioners must be effective leaders and managers, so we focus a lot on how to lead in organizations that prefer to work in obscurity but are facing increasing levels of scrutiny.”

Kyung-shick Choi  
Director, Cybercrime and Cybersecurity  
PhD, Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
MS, Boston University  
BS, Northeastern University

Dr. Choi designed and oversees the MSCJ concentration and certificate in Cybercrime Investigation & Cybersecurity. Choi’s research focuses on the intersection of human behavior and technology—and how criminal justice can respond effectively to the challenges of cybercrime. In 2008, he proposed his Cyber-Routine Activities Theory, which has become a predominant theory on cybercrime and computer crime victimization. In 2009, the Korean Institute of Criminology, in cooperation with United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), invited Choi to facilitate the UN’s Virtual Forum against Cybercrime (VFAC) as an instructor. His work has appeared in numerous criminal justice journals, and his books include Cybercriminology and Digital Investigation (LFB Scholarly Publishing, October 2015) and Risk Factors in Computer Crime (LFB Scholarly Publishing, August 2010).

“I believe that education in the cybercrime and cybersecurity field can facilitate rapid social welfare changes and establish social justice in our contemporary society. I constantly work toward building the strongest possible scholarship so that I can effectively deliver and share what knowledge and skills I gain with students.”

Shea W. Cronin  
Coordinator, Criminal Justice Program  
Assistant Professor  
PhD, American University  
BS, Northeastern University

Dr. Cronin is an expert in the areas of crime policy and administration. His work has been published in the Journal of Urban Health, Journal of Crime and Justice, Justice Quarterly, and Crime & Delinquency. He has conducted quantitative research on firearms trafficking and firearms homicide, police strategies, organizations, and policy implementation. Cronin is a co-investigator on a National Institute of Justice grant examining the impact of state firearm laws on homicide rates disaggregated by race/ethnicity. He teaches courses in criminology and crime policy, policing, and crime analysis and evaluation methods, and is coordinator of the criminal justice programs.

“Whether online or on campus, I strive to make each course an active and open learning environment. To accomplish this aim, I usually employ simulation-type assignments and exercises. Students in my policing class are set up with real-world backgrounds and data about community problems and asked to develop true problem- or community-oriented responses.”

Francis J. Carney, Jr.  
PhD, MA, Tufts University  
BA, Boston College

Dr. Carney has served as executive director of the Massachusetts Sentencing Commission in addition to positions as director of planning and research for the Massachusetts Department of Correction and executive director of the Massachusetts Criminal History Systems Board. He has also held appointments at Boston University School of Social Work and the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Jeffrey L. Carson  
PhD, Northeastern University  
BASC, The Ohio State University

Dr. Carson has worked for the US Department of State and US Department of Defense, and is also an assistant professor at West Point Military Academy. He served as a first lieutenant in Iraq and was a captain embedded with the Afghan National Army, Afghanistan. In 2019, he coauthored a book on international security issues, Promises Made: The Resettlement of Our Allies (Shirley St. Publishing).

William Evans  
Senior Executive Fellow, Harvard University JFK School of Government  
MPA, Anna Maria College  
BS, Suffolk University  
Graduate, FBI National Academy

Mr. Evans is chief of police at Boston College. For four years, he was commissioner of the Boston Police Department (2014–2018) and, prior to that, was captain of District 4 and superintendent of the Bureau of Field Services. He is widely credited for his critical role in the city’s responses to the Boston Marathon bombing and for his dedication to innovative community policing approaches.
Dr. LeClair pioneered the college’s first successful online program with the master’s in Criminal Justice, which remains one of the largest and highest-ranked online criminal justice master’s programs in the country. He served as chair of the Department of Applied Social Sciences through summer 2018. He was director of research at the Massachusetts Department of Correction, and remains involved in research projects addressing prison reform and addiction recovery. LeClair lectures internationally on many topics, including online education, criminal justice, recidivism, rehabilitation, and substance abuse. He teaches courses in victimology, white-collar crime, the sociology of prisons, and research methods in criminal justice settings.

“What is unique about our program is that we’ve got people who have actually worked in the profession, and our students like hearing how we handled problems, or mistakes we learned from. That’s our strength.”

Dr. Rousseau is a social justice researcher and practitioner. As a licensed therapist and certified yoga teacher, she has worked in the field of forensic mental health doing crisis response and victim advocacy, both in correctional facilities and in the community. Rousseau’s research, teaching, and practice focus on justice, trauma, gender, mental health, and mindfulness. She is an advocate of integrative, holistic approaches that support embodied self-care and resilience, and is the recipient of multiple research grants, including a grant from the Florida Blue Foundation to develop, implement, and evaluate an opioid-specific yoga and mindfulness curriculum. Rousseau’s work is published in many academic journals and texts, and she is currently editing a book on yoga and sexual violence.

“When I became involved with the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, we were interested in looking at alternatives to criminal justice treatment for a number of different conditions and situations and to free up criminal justice resources for other, more serious, types of offenses. I worked on setting up the first detoxification centers here in Massachusetts, providing services to people who were coming out of prisons, both state and federal prisons, and reintegrating into the community.”

Ms. Holt has held positions as research director of the Massachusetts Sentencing Commission, project manager at the Criminal History Systems Board, and manager of operations research at the Massachusetts Department of Correction. She is a course facilitator in the online MS in Criminal Justice program and teaches courses in analytical methods, research methods, and evidence-based practices.

Mr. Matesanz held superintendent roles at correctional facilities in Massachusetts for over fifteen years, including Bridgewater State Hospital (BSH), Bay State Correctional Center (BSCC), and the Norfolk County Sheriff’s Office (NCSO) Jail and Correctional Center. He also worked as director of treatment at MCI–Norfolk and as deputy superintendent for classification and treatment at MCI–Shirley.
Supporting Your Experience

Whether you study on campus or online, you gain exposure to the Boston University community and the wide range of resources available to students, including:

- **Center for Career Development**: Students online or on campus can utilize BU’s “Handshake”—an online hub for career resources, including internship and job listings, in the US and worldwide. Access continues when you join our alumni community. In addition, you can tap into the Career Advisory Network of BU alumni and much more. Visit [bu.edu/careers](http://bu.edu/careers).

- **Barnes & Noble @ BU**: You can buy and sell your textbooks at BU’s official campus bookstore. Visit [bu.bncollege.com](http://bu.bncollege.com).

- **Disability Services**: Boston University is committed to maximizing the academic, social, and cultural integration of individuals with disabilities. Visit [bu.edu/disability](http://bu.edu/disability).

- **Educational Resources Center**: The ERC offers free services and programs designed to help students discover and develop effective study strategies that complement their innate learning styles. Visit [bu.edu/erc](http://bu.edu/erc).

- **Fitness & Recreation Center**: FitRec offers hundreds of classes and a wide range of recreational activities. Visit [bu.edu/fitrec](http://bu.edu/fitrec).

- **IT Help Centers**: Information Services & Technology (IS&T) provides the BU community with computing and network resources for communication, coursework, instruction, and research. Visit [bu.edu/tech](http://bu.edu/tech).

- **Mugar Memorial Library**: Boston University’s main library holds more than 2.2 million items and provides online access to 500 databases, 150,000 journals, and over a million ebooks. The library also houses the largest computer lab on the Charles River Campus. Visit [bu.edu/library/mugar-memorial](http://bu.edu/library/mugar-memorial).

- **Alumni Association**: When you graduate from Boston University, you join a global network of alumni over 377,000 strong. Visit [bu.edu/alumni](http://bu.edu/alumni).

### Unsurpassed Online Resources

MET’s master’s degree in criminal justice has the distinction of being the first fully online program offered at Boston University. That was in 2002, and in the ensuing years, continuous innovation and rigorous quality control has earned BU a position at the vanguard of distance learning, recognized with several awards for best practices and exemplary courses.

- **State-of-the-Art Technology**: Each course provides an exciting and interactive online environment that incorporates simulations, video, audio, multimedia, and group activities such as discussion boards.

- **Student Support Services**: Online students participate in an orientation class, and have access to professional, dedicated, and knowledgeable support staff who provide prompt and attentive assistance from application through graduation.

- **15:1 Class Ratio**: Each online course is divided into sections limited to 15 students and led by an online course facilitator, who serves as a link between faculty and students and provides online support with course-related questions. Facilitators are often program alumni and practitioners in the criminal justice field.

- **Accessibility**: Course content is available online, providing you access to materials 24/7.

- **Career Resources**: Along with “Handshake,” BU’s online hub for career resources available to students and program alumni worldwide, you have access to Smarthinking™, which provides review for résumés, cover letters, and career writing, as well as live interview practice and coaching.

- **Global Network**: In the online classroom, students are able to network with a global community of criminal justice professionals.

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Having a graduate degree in criminal justice from BU gave me an edge in my promotion to the rank of captain, and also enabled me to join the faculty in the criminal justice department at the State University of New York College at Buffalo as an adjunct professor. If you want a graduate criminal justice degree that is respected within the law enforcement profession and elsewhere, go to BU.”

— Captain Stephen McGonagle (MET’04), Amherst Police Department (New York)
Upon graduation, I formed a company called Cybercrime Analytics, Inc., that provides consulting, training, and special projects services, as well as providing the platform for my continuing research in the area of cybercrime investigation and cybersecurity. I can state with confidence that much of what I learned from my courses in the master’s degree program at BU provided me with the necessary skillsets to ensure the growth of my new company.”

— Chris Kayser (MET’16), Founder, President, and CEO of Cybercrime Analytics, Inc.
Admissions Information

Candidates for admission to a degree or certificate program are selected in part on the basis of transcripts of academic background, academic and professional references, career experience, and personal statement.

How to Apply

The program allows for students to submit applications on a rolling basis. Admission decisions are announced promptly, pending receipt of all application materials.

The application for admission must include:

• A completed Application for Graduate Admission
• Three letters of recommendation
• A personal statement
• A current résumé
• Transcript(s) from each college and graduate school attended
• A nonrefundable $85 (master’s degree) or $25 (graduate certificate) application fee*

For details, visit bu.edu/met/admissions/apply-now.

*Current members of the American Jail Association (AJA) benefit from a waiver of the graduate application fees.

International Applicants

Metropolitan College welcomes students from around the world—and values the diverse cultural perspectives that international students bring to the learning environment on campus or online.

International students who are planning to study at MET on an F-1 visa will need to maintain full-time status (at least 12 credits). Students studying online do not need to maintain full-time status, unless they will be residing in the United States.

Proof of English proficiency is required of all international applicants by submitting official results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

Specific details can be found at bu.edu/met/admissions/international-students/start-your-application.

Registering for Individual Courses

You don’t necessarily need to apply for a degree or certificate program to take a Metropolitan College course on campus or online. A maximum of two criminal justice courses (8 credits) taken at MET prior to acceptance into either the MSCJ or a graduate certificate may be applied toward the program. The courses must be of graduate level, with a grade of B (3.0) or higher.

To learn how to register for courses, please visit bu.edu/met/admissions/register.

The coursework is without a doubt the finest in the country, and provides an opportunity to engage with students all over the world. This program serves to keep you informed about current events and trends on a daily basis. The instructors and facilitators are real people who believe in providing a productive and challenging learning experience.”

—Danny Dixon (MET’04), Coordinator of Criminal Justice at Western Piedmont Community College, North Carolina; course facilitator since 2004

Contact a Graduate Admissions Advisor
APSSAdmissions@bu.edu
617-353-9185
Financial Assistance

Metropolitan College’s Graduate Financial Aid office offers comprehensive financial assistance for graduate students. A variety of lending options include loans, scholarships, and assistantships. For more information about financial assistance, please visit bu.edu/met/admissions/financial-aid-scholarships.

Loans

Students may be eligible for the following types of loans:

- Federal Direct Stafford Loans
- Graduate PLUS Loans
- Private Loans

Scholarships

The following scholarship opportunities are available:

- City of Boston Scholarship—Graduate scholarships are available to City of Boston employees through the City of Boston Scholar program.
- Massachusetts Department of Correction Academic Scholarship—Specifically designed to benefit Massachusetts DoC employees, this scholarship covers 100 percent of tuition, exclusive of fees, for up to 11.5 graduate-level credits per semester.
- Merit Scholarships in Criminal Justice—Merit scholarships recognize exceptional academic and professional accomplishments, and are made without regard to financial need. All applicants to a graduate degree program in criminal justice are automatically considered for this merit scholarship.

Graduate Assistantships

A great way to work closely with faculty and engage in research and other academic support, assistantships are available for graduate students in the Criminal Justice program. For details, please contact the Department of Applied Social Sciences at 617-353-3025 or appsoc@bu.edu.

Military and Veterans Benefits

In cooperation with the US Department of Veterans Affairs, Boston University participates in a number of veterans’ benefits programs. Any student who is eligible for veterans’ benefits or who would like more information about VA rules and veterans’ programs should contact BU Veterans Benefits & Services at veterans@bu.edu or 617-353-3678, or visit bu.edu/finaid/types-of-aid/veterans-services.

Employer Tuition Reimbursement

Your employer might be able to help you pursue your studies. Contact your human resources representative to inquire about your organization’s tuition assistance program. Your employer may even have a relationship with Metropolitan College already.
Contact Us

For more information about Applied Social Sciences graduate programs at MET, please visit bu.edu/met/applied-social-sciences or feel free to contact us:

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