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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY
The Master of Arts in Criminal Justice and Criminology is based on a multi-disciplinary study of selected aspects of specialized areas. It is designed to prepare you to conduct research and actively participate in the development of knowledge in the fields of criminology, criminological theory, crime control, legal issues, and police administration.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (ONLINE)
The online Master of Science program is a two-year program for those pursuing careers or seeking career advancement in the criminal justice field. The degree prepares you for success in a variety of criminal justice careers, such as law enforcement, corrections, securities, or social services. Our quality programing and strong faculty relationships with local, state, and national criminal justice agencies have helped our graduates secure careers ranging from chief probation officers, police administrators, victim advocates, federal law enforcement agents, and more throughout the country.

“...the staff in the College of Criminal Justice do a phenomenal job of allowing students in the online program to feel included in the classroom. Specializations in modern technological methods and advanced forensic sciences...”

- Emily Jaso, class of 2013

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The first of its kind in Texas, the Master of Science in Forensic Science is designed to provide you with the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities essential to forensic science by following an interdisciplinary approach. Graduate level topics include pattern evidence, law and forensic sciences, ethics, and quality assurance. Our internship program has strong ties with accredited crime laboratories, offering a wide range of disciplines and geographical locations.

HOMELAND SECURITY STUDIES
The Master of Science in Homeland Security Studies (formerly Security Studies) is a specialized degree program providing students with the knowledge, skills, and strategies needed to meet the unique demands of homeland security enterprises. The broad field of Homeland Security Studies is designed to prepare students for proffering positions and qualifications in homeland security management, and positions needed to meet the unique demands of homeland security enterprises.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT
The MS in Criminal Justice Leadership & Management is designed for persons in mid-management positions in criminal justice agencies, or for those with a reasonable expectation of being promoted to such a position. Classes meet in either a weekend-only format or online, serving practitioners whose jobs and family commitments prevent them from returning to campus as full-time students.

VICTIM SERVICES MANAGEMENT (ONLINE)
The two-year Master of Science in Victim Services Management prepares you for work in a wide variety of victim services, including, direct victim services (e.g., rape crisis centers or victim service provider), organizational management, and social policy development.

“...I really enjoyed the program, especially the fact that the curriculum focused on the difference between management and leadership. The program was convenient for me to attend on weekends.”

- Marianne Mathis, Deputy U.S. Marshal

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
The PhD in Criminal Justice is designed to produce professionals who possess a deep understanding of the body of knowledge in the field of criminology. These professionals will have the intellectual and methodological skills necessary to contribute to the continuing process of discovery and understanding of the problems of criminal justice and related issues. The PhD program in Criminal Justice prepares students capable of making substantial contributions to criminal justice and criminology through the academic and application components of the program. It is designed to produce graduates who have mastered their disciplines and are experts in both theoretical and experiential dimensions of homeland security management, who are knowledgeable of programmatic issues, and who are on the cutting edge of programmatic issues facing security in the future.

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