



Central to Becoming a Justice Leader.

Take the lead with your Central MS in Criminal Justice. Apply theory and research to executive decision-making, policy development and analysis, and treatment of offenders. Use your understanding of social and psychological models of crime and intervention to inform prevention and anti-recidivism proposals and programs.



DID YOU KNOW?

80% - 90% of Central MS in Criminal Justice students are employed in the field before they graduate from their MS Program. Graduates include agency heads and upper-level administrators (Police Chiefs, Directors, Wardens, Program Managers).

Program Features

- Starts every January and August
- 30-credit program
- Attend full- or part-time
- Ability to attend two classes in a single night maximizing on-campus instruction
- Access to nationally and internationally recognized experts in policing, probation, cybercrime, and hate crimes
- Completion of a capstone project that addresses issues relevant to current or potential future employment
- Small class sizes
- Financial aid is available
- No GMAT/GRE required



What You'll Gain

- Interaction with multi-disciplinary faculty including criminologists, lawyers, clinical psychologists, organizational psychologists, and criminal justice professionals
- Development of analytical and practical skills needed to be an effective criminal justice leader
- Opportunities to network with other graduate students and develop relationships to last throughout your career
- Competitive edge for placement and/or advancement with criminal justice and related agencies throughout the state and region



The Criminal Justice M.S. program at Central has not only opened my eyes to the different components of this vast field but has also prepared me well for entering the workforce. The professors are both passionate and exceedingly knowledgeable in the subjects they lecture, making them exciting to learn. I was given the ability to engage in department research projects, which has inspired me to pursue another advanced degree in this field so I can continue my research endeavors. I am forever grateful for the support I have been provided by the department during my academic career at Central.

—*Taylor Rainville,*
Accelerated BA/MS, '25



Applying for Admission

For consideration, applicants must submit the following:

1. A completed online application with supplemental materials (ccsu.edu/apply):
 - Formal essay focused on:
 - Academic and work history
 - Reason for pursuing graduate study in criminal justice
 - Future career goals
 - Current resume
2. Official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from a regionally accredited institution of higher education (GPA of 3.00 or higher. Applicants with GPA of 2.70 to 2.99 may be considered conditionally)
 - Undergraduate social science research methods course with grade of C or better
 - Undergraduate statistics course with a grade of C or better

Official transcripts may be sent directly to the Graduate Recruitment & Admissions Office:

By Mail: Central Connecticut State University
Graduate Recruitment & Admissions Office
1615 Stanley Street
Central Welcome Center
New Britain, CT 06050

By Email: graduateadmissions@ccsu.edu

ABOUT CENTRAL:

Central Connecticut State University is the largest university within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system. Founded in 1849, Central is also the state's oldest publicly funded university. Our campus is located in New Britain, Connecticut. Central is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

