

# MASTER OF SCIENCE IN Criminal Justice and Public Safety Leadership



Leadership in criminal justice and public safety is vital for providing timely responses to natural and man-made disasters, ensuring property protection, and addressing various criminal activities. More is asked of today's criminal justice and public safety professionals than ever before—more education, more skills, and more collaboration. Those who strive to lead must be equipped for greater responsibility.

Designed for aspiring and current public safety professionals, Mercer University's **Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Public Safety Leadership** focuses on developing advanced professional competencies with an emphasis on excellence in leadership practices, effective cooperation, ethical behavior, critical thinking, and consolidated public service. Additionally, the degree provides students with a thorough understanding of associated areas of interest in public safety-operating environments.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

**Format:** Online

**Start Term:** January, March, May, August, and October

**Course Length:** 8 weeks

**Completion Time:** 16 months

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## Program of Study

### Core Requirements: 18 hours

CRJS 601

**OR**

PSLD 601 Multidisciplinary View of Theories and Models of Leadership

CRJS 604

**OR**

PSLD 604 Organizational Communication, Conflict Resolution, and Negotiations

CRJS 607

**OR**

PSLD 607 Research Analysis

PSLD 605 Leadership and Ethics in Public Safety

PSLD 606 Seminar on Terrorism

CRJS 799

**OR**

PSLD 799 Master Research Report

### Electives: 12 hours

#### Choose three of the following courses:

PSLD 602 Comparative Studies in Public Safety

CRJS 625 Special Topics in Public Safety

PSLD 625 Special Topics in Public Safety Leadership

CRJS 630 Forensic Psychology

CRJS 631 History of Corrections and Jails

CRJS 632 Deviant Behavior: Crime, Conflict, and Interest Groups

PSLD 632 Internship

CRJS 634 Nature of Crime and Justice in the 21st Century

PSLD 701 Preparation, Execution, and Coordination of Disaster Response

### Total Degree Requirements: 30 hours

## SPECIAL CONSIDERATION PROGRAM

Qualified Mercer undergraduate students and alumni who graduated within the last two years may be eligible to become a Double Bear and earn a Mercer graduate or professional degree—including the Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Public Safety Leadership—through the University's Special Consideration Program. Program benefits include a waived application fee, priority admission consideration, and a 30% tuition benefit.

## Admission Requirements

Applicants seeking graduate admission must have a bachelor's degree with an acceptable grade point average from a college or university accredited by an institutional accreditor recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

### REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS INCLUDE:

- Completed application
- \$35 application fee (\$100 for international students)
- Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions
- Official MAT or GRE score\*
- Professional letter of recommendation
- Autobiography and career goals
- Résumé
- Interview

\*May be waived in certain circumstances

*International applicants should consult the University catalog for additional requirements.*



### CONTACT US

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