

# M.A.

## *in Criminal Justice*

- Traditional Program  
Thesis Track  
Non-Thesis Track
- Online Program
- Combined Advanced Degree Program

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# Overview of Programs

All our approaches to a master's degree in Criminal Justice focus on the growing emphasis on research evidence in the system. In this changing field, successful professionals will need to know how to use research to evaluate the effectiveness of programs aimed at preventing and controlling crime.

While working alongside experienced faculty, students choosing the thesis track will earn credits for conducting original research and presenting a thesis. All our programs prepare students for professional careers by providing an understanding of the causes of crime, the impact of law and policy on society and contemporary issues in policing, courts and corrections.

### Who should apply?

These programs are designed for people interested in what research evidence tells us about the effectiveness of programs and policies aimed at preventing and controlling crime. They are recent college graduates looking for a full-time or part-time graduate school experience or individuals in the field seeking a new challenge. Graduates will be prepared for leadership positions in police, court and corrections agencies and research positions in public, private and non-profit research institutes. Students interested in a doctoral program will receive a strong foundation for their continued studies.

Cover: Our MA Programs provide insights in the classroom that broaden your career path and make you more effective in the field.



## ADVANTAGES OF ROWAN'S MA IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Upon completion of the program, you will be able to conduct research, evaluate evidence from existing studies and apply knowledge and skills to compete successfully for advanced positions. You will understand cultural and individual differences and how they can play a constructive rather than counterproductive role in the way the criminal justice system operates.

You can pursue administrative or research positions in federal, state, county, city, non-profit and private agencies and research institutions that focus on criminal justice issues.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

- Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) Officer
- Management Positions in Private Security
- Law Enforcement Administrative Positions
- Assistant Trial Court Administrator
- Case Manager
- Program Specialist
- Community College Professor
- Research Analyst at Research Institutes such as:

National Institute of Justice

Police Executive Research Forum (PERF)

Vera Institute



## RECENT GRADUATES

*The program produces successful and highly motivated graduates:*

*"This program allowed me to apply academic studies and theory to my 34 years of professional experiences in titles such as probation officer, criminal division manager and court administrator. Now I am working as an adjunct professor teaching others about the criminal justice system."*

**James Castagnoli**

*"My graduate degree has opened doors for me that would not have opened had I remained in Trinidad & Tobago, my country of origin. Thanks to this program, I'm now pursuing a Ph.D. in criminal justice."*

**Vaughn Crichlow**

*"Having a criminal justice M.A. from Rowan prepared me for working in the field of security management and has played a big part in the successes I've had."*

**Adam Moltisanti**

*"Having the M.A. degree in Criminal Justice from Rowan helped me gain the edge I needed to be promoted to crime analyst. It also prepared me for the new challenges of my position. The industry I work in is very competitive and I'm glad that I have the edge."*

**Mary Watts**

## TRADITIONAL PROGRAM: TWO OPTIONS

*The Master of Arts in Criminal Justice requires a total of 10 courses.*

### THESIS TRACK:

The Thesis Track includes six required and two elective courses, and the equivalent of credit for two additional courses for original research and a thesis.

### NON-THESIS TRACK:

The Non-Thesis Track includes the same six required courses, four electives and a comprehensive exam after the coursework has been completed.

## ONLINE PROGRAM

Students can take the entire program online. The requirements are the same as the traditional program, non-thesis track, and students take two eight week courses in the Fall, Spring and Summer semesters. They can start in any semester and can complete the program in five semesters.

## COMBINED ADVANCED DEGREE PROGRAM (CADP)

The CADP Program allows students to earn both a Bachelor of Arts in Law and Justice Studies and a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice in a total of five years. Twelve credits can count toward both the undergraduate and graduate degrees. Students apply to this competitive program in their Junior year.

## FACULTY INFORMATION

The graduate faculty provides an interdisciplinary perspective with doctoral degrees in criminal justice, criminology, sociology and political science. Some have law degrees as well as doctorates. Prior experience as practitioners in the criminal justice system allows the faculty to bring a realistic perspective to their work.

For more faculty information and a list of courses, please visit [rowan.edu/lawjustice](http://rowan.edu/lawjustice).

## ADMISSION

Admission procedures follow those of the graduate school, which require a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, a personal statement and two recommendations. Students with diverse academic backgrounds can succeed in this program. Rowan Global Learning & Partnerships handles the application process and more information can be obtained under the admissions tab at [rowanu.com](http://rowanu.com)

For information on eligibility requirements and admissions information for the CADP, please visit the Law and Justice Studies website at [rowan.edu/lawjustice](http://rowan.edu/lawjustice).