



# Master of Science in Criminal Justice

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

## Strengthen Your Leadership Skills With a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice.

A master's degree from Kaplan University could help you pursue your goal of attaining a supervisory position.<sup>1</sup> Our master's degree program is designed to enhance your talent and provide you with an in-depth education in the policies, processes, and challenges of the criminal justice system. This type of knowledge is integral for management positions in law enforcement, government organizations, security agencies, and more. The program could also prepare you to pursue a doctoral degree or to teach criminal justice in institutions of higher learning.<sup>2</sup>

Our criminal justice courses are taught by faculty with a variety of professional backgrounds in public safety, public administration, law, and emergency services. Many are still employed in their respective industry while teaching for us at the same time. And our flexible online classes are ideal for busy criminal justice professionals like you.

## Protecting Society Is More Than a Career; It's a Calling

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences offers a wide breadth of graduate and undergraduate academic programs designed to develop professionals, leaders, and change agents in fields that make a difference in response to human and societal causes, issues, and needs. These fields are critical to service in our communities.

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# The Criminal Justice Industry Needs Qualified Leaders.

The criminal justice system is changing rapidly. New security concerns and technological advances could create a need for high-level professionals with the theoretical, strategic, and practical expertise to manage these challenges. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, employment in the protective service field is projected to grow.<sup>3</sup> With demand for law enforcement workers on the rise, talented candidates with the right advanced degree, leadership abilities, and program management, budgeting, and policy-making skills could shape their professional futures and the future of the industry.<sup>1</sup>



## A Master's Degree Could Help You Take Your Career to the Next Level.

Graduates who hold a master's degree in criminal justice could have access to a broad array of job opportunities within the government and private sectors, including the following:

- › Federal, state, and local government agencies
- › Courtrooms
- › Postsecondary educational institutions
- › Fieldwork
- › Vehicle patrol
- › Police departments
- › Regional loss prevention departments

### Day-to-Day Tasks That Graduates May Perform:<sup>1</sup>

- › Formulate policies and provide overall direction of criminal justice agency activities
- › Plan, direct, and coordinate operational activities with the help of subordinate managers
- › Supervise staff training and continuing education for officers and staff in criminal justice agencies
- › Supervise and coordinate activities of law enforcement or corrections officers
- › Monitor and evaluate the job performance of subordinates, recommending promotions and transfers
- › Teach criminal justice courses in institutions of higher learning

# An Advanced Degree With Real-World Applications

The master's degree in criminal justice at Kaplan University is designed to be highly flexible. We offer students the opportunity to build leadership skills in the area of criminal justice that most interests them and is relevant to their long-term goals, whether they aspire to lead a criminal justice institution or teach.<sup>1</sup>

**Students who successfully complete this program could gain the knowledge to:**

- › Critically evaluate qualitative and quantitative research on current industry knowledge and developing trends
- › Apply organizational behavior and management theories to day-to-day operations within the profession
- › Apply criminological theory to the investigation of micro- and macro-level criminal justice problems
- › Select appropriate policies and practices to meet legal principles and standards applicable to the professional practice of criminal justice

- › Engage in scholarly academic discourse with colleagues and practitioners
- › Select accepted ethical practices within both the academic and practitioner arenas of the criminal justice field

**Our instructors are public safety professionals.**

Kaplan University's faculty members have years of experience in the fields of criminal justice and firefighting. Many are working professionals who truly understand your career requirements and the challenges you face, and offer real-world perspectives you can respect.

Our national team of practicing faculty members includes a retired U.S. military general, fire chiefs, an attorney with the Illinois State's Attorney's Office (DuPage County), a police commander, a prosecutor, and an evidence technician and operations supervisor for a major crimes task force. Many are still employed in their respective industry while teaching for us at the same time. In fact, our faculty members are evaluated in part by their ability to bring their real-life experiences into the classroom. In addition, all instructors within the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences are required to have a terminal degree (PhD or JD) to teach at the graduate level.

## Program Detail

**Master of Science in Criminal Justice**

› Credit Hours: 55

## Here's What One Instructor Had to Say

**Mike Brackin, EdD, EFO, CPM**

› Academic Chair

“The Master of Science in Criminal Justice program provides a great foundation for graduates to build and grow their careers around. Students can focus on criminal justice in general or focus on one of our concentrations such as corrections, global issues, law, or leadership and executive management. Our faculty helps guide students through their studies because of their experiences in the criminal justice field and their ability to convey the material in a way that makes sense to those currently practicing in the field of study or wishing to enter the field.”

Views and opinions stated herein are the individual's and not necessarily those of Kaplan University. Individual student schedules and experiences may vary. This testimonial was solicited by Kaplan University.

# Kaplan University— A Different School of Thought™

## A Commitment of Support for Military Students

We provide specialized support and benefits, including:

- › Military-friendly leave of absence and drop policies
- › Participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program
- › Reduced tuition rates for graduate programs and a 10% tuition reduction for spouses of servicemembers, including members of the Guard or Reserve (see our website for complete program costs)
- › Specially trained advisors who understand military culture, procedures, and educational benefits

## Why Kaplan University?

Our programs are designed to offer you the freedom to grow and pursue your goals. We offer:

- › Online classes that allow you to study virtually anytime, anywhere you have an Internet connection.
- › Personal advisors to help you select the courses to meet your goals.

## Other Programs

In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

- › Master of Public Administration
- › Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- › Master of Science in Legal Studies
- › Juris Doctor—Concord Law School
- › Executive Juris Doctor<sup>SM</sup>—Concord Law School

### Note From the Dean

“The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences degree programs are created to meet the unique needs of students. Whether students are interested in the flexibility of creating their own degree plan, applying previously earned college credit to earn their degree faster, or starting a degree from the beginning, the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences focuses on the needs of adult students in pursuing their educational, career, and personal goals.”

*Sara Sander*

**Sara Sander**  
Dean and Vice President  
of the College of Social  
and Behavioral Sciences



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer and gainful employment information, visit [kaplan.edu/info](http://kaplan.edu/info).

1 Kaplan University's programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue the stated positions, which have varying responsibilities. However, Kaplan University cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional police academy training may be required for law enforcement jobs. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization. Prior experience may be necessary for leadership positions.

2 While many of Kaplan University's degree programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue continued graduate- or doctorate-level education, the University cannot guarantee that students will be granted admission to any graduate or doctoral programs.

3 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Protective Service Occupations, [www.bls.gov/ooh/protective-service/home.htm](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/protective-service/home.htm). National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

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