Master of Arts in Criminal Justice
California State University, Stanislaus

Program requirements

You need to meet the following prerequisites:

- a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university
- at least 15 pre-baccalaureate units in criminal justice, criminology, and/or related discipline as approved by the program director*
- an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 and a grade point average of “B” or better in an upper-division research and methodology course*
- If you are an international student, you may be required to submit TOEFL scores.

*If you do not meet these requirements, you may be granted conditional admission based on academic promise.

Application Process

You should submit the following application materials:

1. An official application for admission to the university with a non refundable application fee
2. Two copies of official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended
3. Three letters of references from persons familiar with your academic abilities
4. A 1 to 2 page letter of intent specifying your interest in the program, academic and professional background in preparation for graduate study, motivation to advance in the field of criminal justice through study, and intent to study full-time or part-time
5. A sample of written work (ideally a library research paper, a theoretical research paper, or an empirical research paper/proposal in the undergraduate major).

*Priority will be given to applications received by April 1 for the following fall semester.