

## MASTER

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
EDWARDSVILLE**

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY MASTER OF SCIENCE

**ONLINE**

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## REQUIRED COURSES:

CJ 502 Applied Research in Criminal Justice  
CJ 505 Criminological Theory  
CJ 513 Criminal Justice Statistics  
CJ 515 Criminal Justice Planning and Budgeting  
CJ 517 Policy Analysis

Exit Requirement Coursework (0-6 Hours)  
Thesis Option: CJ 599 Thesis I and II (6 hours)  
Capstone Option: CJ 598 Capstone I and I  
I(6 hours)  
Exit Exam Option: Directed Exit Exam = CJ 596  
Readings in Criminal Justice (3 hours)  
General Exit Exam = 0 credit hours

Elective Courses (9-15 Hours,  
depending upon exit requirement chosen)  
(offered periodically)

A strong foundation in theory and methods will be combined with innovative criminal justice initiatives and focus areas. The program offers real-world experience with a capstone project option targeting the needs of the student's home agency, and recognizes the value of such experience with the option of prior learning assessment. Online courses offer a convenient and affordable option for students to complete their graduate's degree while studying from home. Online courses are taught by the same SIUE criminal justice faculty who teach on campus.

## TARGET AUDIENCE:

Individuals interested in law enforcement, courts/law, corrections, federal agencies, and state and local agencies.

## TOTAL HOURS NEEDED: 30

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Graduate School application and \$40 fee
- Submission of all postsecondary academic transcripts
- Successful completion of a bachelor's degree prior to enrollment
- Minimum GPA of 2.50
- Two letters of recommendation (can both be from undergraduate faculty or one can be from a current employer)
- Statement of purpose

## TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

The Graduate School accepts as transfer credit a maximum of one-third of the total number of hours required for a graduate degree or a certificate program. Some programs may have more restrictive policies limiting transfer credit to less than one-third of the total hours required in their programs; in such cases, the Graduate School conforms to program limitations. Credit can be added to a graduate student's official record only upon approval by the Dean of the Graduate School.

## COST:

For students entering in fall 2022, the total cost of tuition and fees is \$458.40 per credit hour. Use the tuition and fee estimator to determine your cost per semester: [www.siue.edu/paying-for-college/estimator/](http://www.siue.edu/paying-for-college/estimator/)

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

Students work with a faculty advisor throughout their program. Students register themselves for classes using a student registration system. Degree-seeking graduate students should contact their Graduate Program Director or designated advisor to discuss their plan of study.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Classes begin in August, October, January, March, May, and July. Classes may be offered in 5 or 8 week terms.

## DELIVERY MODE:

Fully Online

## TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

SIUE is proud to offer a textbook rental program provides an economical alternative to purchasing textbooks. The cost of textbooks is included in the student fee and students only pay for shipping if they use the rental system. Your faculty advisor can provide additional information or you can visit the textbook rental website at [www.siue.edu/textbook/index.shtml](http://www.siue.edu/textbook/index.shtml)

## SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS:

This unique, fully online program focuses on the advanced study of criminal justice policy and practice. Students will analyze controversial issues, examine possible future practices, and collaborate with criminal justice professionals in the courts, corrections, and law enforcement areas. This program offers real-world experience with a capstone project option targeting the needs of the student's home agency, and recognizes the value of such experience with the option of prior learning assessment.