Crime Analysis, MS

Criminal justice agencies worldwide are increasing their reliance on data-driven decision-making, with growing demand for crime analysts in Latin America and the Caribbean, in particular. You can gain a competitive edge with this degree.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MS Crime Analysis
The MS program in crime analysis is focused on crime analysis as a field, applicable to all levels of government --- federal, state, local --- and to positions in private sector organizations with functional and operational activities related to crime analysis.

Students study topics relating to the current principles of crime analysis, crime mapping, and advanced statistical tools in crime analysis.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions
- **Location:** Online

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor’s and master’s degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor’s plus master’s degree with:

- Criminology and Criminal Justice, BS
- Criminology and Criminal Justice (Policing), BS
Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and how to apply.

Degree Requirements

30 credit hours including the required applied project course (CRJ 593)

**Required Core (24 credit hours)**
- CRJ 506 Seminar in Crime Analysis (3)
- CRJ 507 Social Network Analysis (3)
- CRJ 508 Advanced Seminar in Crime Analysis (3)
- CRJ 509 Data Management (3)
- CRJ 510 Criminal Justice Planning and Program Evaluation (3)
- CRJ 511 Applied Data Analysis in Criminal Justice (3)
- CRJ 512 Seminar in Policing (3)
- CRJ 531 Crime Mapping (3)

**Culminating Experience (6 credit hours)**
- CRJ 593 Applied Project (6)

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in criminology and criminal justice or a related field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or they must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of their current residency.
Students with an undergraduate GPA under 3.00 may be permitted enrollment in up to 12 credit hours on a probationary basis. Those who maintain a GPA of 3.00 or higher are considered for regular admission.

**Tuition Information**

When it comes to paying for college, everyone’s situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](https://www.asu.edu) options to find out which will work best for them.

**Attend Online**

**ASU Online**

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program’s ASU Online page](https://www.asu.edu) for program descriptions and to request more information.

**Career Opportunities**

Graduates of this program should expect to find employment within government agencies such as local law enforcement; the Department of Homeland Security, which comprises several agencies including the Secret Service, Coast Guard, and Customs and Border Protection; adult and juvenile probation; the courts; corrections agencies; and prosecutor's offices. Personnel in this field work at the local, state or federal level to implement and maintain public and national safety. Some crime analysts also work for private organizations that deal with emergency response, law enforcement and information technology. There is also a growing demand for crime analysts in Latin America and the Caribbean, in particular, with nations seeking platforms for educating and training future and current crime analysts.

Some job titles for this career path include:

- crime data analyst
- criminal information analyst
- head of crime analysis
- intelligence analyst
- investigative analyst
- police crime analyst
- strategic data analyst

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