



COLLEGE OF CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Frequently Asked Questions for Campus Graduate Programs

ADMISSIONS:

- **What is the GRE requirement?**
Our students typically score between 148 and 160 on each of the verbal and quantitative portions of the GRE.
- **Can the GRE requirement be waived?**
The university requires that a GRE score be submitted. The GRE cannot be waived. We will accept a GMAT or an LSAT for the master's degree program. All students are required to have a GRE score for the PhD. If you originally apply to the master's degree program with a different exam, you will need to submit a GRE score if you choose to later continue on to the PhD program.
- **Which GRE should I take?**
We require the general graduate record examination.
- **What is Florida State University's GRE code?**
To report your GRE scores to Florida State University, please select code number 5219 when taking the exam.
- **What is the GPA requirement for graduate study?**
The minimum GPA requirement for the master's degree is a 3.25 undergraduate GPA in your last two years of undergraduate study. If you are applying to the doctoral program with a master's degree, a minimum graduate GPA of 3.5 is also required. Students are eligible to apply directly from the bachelor's degree to the PhD provided their undergraduate GPA minimum is 3.5.
- **Is it required that my undergraduate or master's degree is in criminology or criminal justice?**
It is not required that you have a background in criminology and criminal justice. We have many students from related fields such as psychology, sociology, political science, etc. apply to our program.
- **How do I apply to the graduate program?**
All applications are to be submitted electronically (no paper applications are available). Please go the admissions website at www.admissions.fsu.edu to apply.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

- **What are the deadline dates to apply?**
The deadline to apply for the fall semester is July 1. If you are a prospective doctoral student and wish to be considered for a departmental assistantship, your completed application must be received by January 15 prior to the fall semester in which you are applying.

- **In which semesters can I apply to your program?**

We admit students to the master's and doctoral campus degrees in the fall and spring semesters.

CONTACT THE GRADUATE PROGRAM:

- **How do I contact the program?**

For additional information about the graduate program call (850) 644-7373 or email crimgradprogram@fsu.edu. We are happy to provide assistance over the phone and/or email and to meet with you in person as well.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

- **Are assistantships available?**

If you are applying to our doctoral program, you are eligible to be considered for an assistantship as long as your application is completed and submitted by January 15. Assistantships are very competitive and not all new PhD students receive assistantships. There are only a limited number of assistantships available each year. Students awarded an assistantship will work directly with a faculty member as a teaching and/or research assistant, receive a stipend and tuition waivers. If you are applying directly to the doctoral degree program from the bachelor's degree, you can be considered for funding. We do not have assistantship opportunities for master's students.

- **Are scholarships available?**

The department has scholarships available for graduate students. You may check our website at <http://fsucriminology.wpengine.com/degrees/graduate-programs/financial-assistance/scholarships/> for scholarship opportunities for graduate students.

- **Are fellowships available?**

There are also fellowships and awards available through our Florida State University's Graduate School and other agencies. Information on these fellowships and awards may be found at <http://gradschool.fsu.edu/Funding-Awards>.

FLORIDA RESIDENCY

- **How can I establish Florida residency?**

For information on establishing Florida residency, please check the admissions website at <http://admissions.fsu.edu/residency/policy/policy.cfm> and you may also consult with a residency advisor in the registrar's office.

- **If I am already a Florida resident, do I still need to establish residency?**

Yes, you will still need to establish Florida residency by completing the online residency form (<http://admissions.fsu.edu/residency/>). You will need to complete this form even if you were a Florida resident as an undergraduate student at Florida State.

GRADUATION

- **How do I apply for graduation?**
All students must apply for graduation online via my.fsu.edu in order to receive their degree.
- **When should I apply for graduation?**
You will typically apply for graduation within the first two weeks of the semester in which you plan to graduate. Specific dates are published on the Registrar Web site or can be obtained by calling 644-5850.
- **Are there any fees associated with an application for graduation?**
No, there aren't any fees associated with applying for graduation.

TUITION

- **What are the current tuition rates?**
For up-to-date information on tuition rates, contact the Florida State website at:
<http://controller.vpfa.fsu.edu/Student-Financial-Services/SFS-For-Students/Tuition-Rates>
Please note that these rates are for our campus program only and are subject to change each fall semester.

TRANSFER CREDIT

- **Can I transfer graduate credit hours in to the graduate program in criminology at Florida State University?**
Students may transfer in up to 6 credit hours. These courses will be evaluated by the registrar's office and a grade of "B" or better must have been earned in any courses reviewed for transfer credit. Contact the graduate program office to initiate this process after you have enrolled as a student.