Doctoral Program in Criminal Justice

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:
- Low faculty-to-student ratio
- All students fully funded
- Assistantships and fellowships available

COURSEWORK INCLUDES:
- Nature of Crime Seminar
- Criminal Justice Theory Seminar
- Criminal Justice Systems Seminar
- Teaching Criminal Justice
- Criminal Justice Research in the Community
- Advanced Research Methods in Criminal Justice
- Advanced Quantitative Methods for Criminal Justice

For complete program requirements, see the UCF Graduate Catalog at [graduatecatalog.ucf.edu](http://graduatecatalog.ucf.edu).

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IMPROVING SAFETY AND JUSTICE
Doctorally educated researchers, analysts and other professionals who study criminal justice contribute to our understanding of the most challenging issues facing society. Their work helps shape policy and funding decisions that improve safety and justice in communities.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT UCF
UCF launched its Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Criminal Justice program in Fall 2015. The program immerses students in the latest criminal justice research and is taught by leading scholars in the discipline.

Curriculum
The curriculum includes 57 credit hours beyond the master’s degree. Core courses focus on criminal justice theory and institutions, research methods and statistics, teaching pedagogy and community-based research. Students also select courses in one of three areas of specialization — policing, corrections and juvenile justice. In addition, they must successfully defend a dissertation to complete the program.

Throughout the curriculum, faculty members take advantage of UCF’s location in metropolitan Orlando, with its diverse population of 2.3 million, to educate students about criminal justice issues at region, county, city and neighborhood levels.
Where Can I Get a Job?

Graduates will find many employment opportunities in both the public and private sector, including administrative and analyst positions with law enforcement agencies, the federal government and corporate security offices. Positions are also available in corrections departments, forensic labs, and public policy and consulting firms. Many opportunities are available in post-secondary education as well, including positions as professors, lecturers, instructors and research associates at universities and colleges.

DID You KNOW?

Post-secondary teaching and combined research and teaching positions are expected to increase by 19 percent from 2012 to 2022, faster than average for all occupations, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics.

Possible Job Titles:

- Professor
- Social science researcher
- Evaluation researcher or consultant
- Grant writer
- Crime analyst

Require law enforcement experience:

- Sheriff or police chief
- Public safety or policy director
- Criminal profiler
- Special agent