CRIMINOLOGY, MS

Penn's unique Master of Science in criminology program aims to shape criminal justice "change agents," preparing students to spend their career applying criminological research in public and non-profit domestic and international organizations. It is also designed for those research-oriented students who are preparing themselves for graduate or professional education at leading research universities.

Penn's unique interdisciplinary program combines solid academic learning at one of the nation's top research universities with practical knowledge that can enhance careers in research and in criminal justice-related policy and practice settings. Students also gain knowledge of the criminal justice system through meeting weekly with guest visitors who work in the justice system. Students work under a faculty member on a semester-long crime analysis project, using their analytical and research skills, to address a specific crime problem. Students present their final masters' projects during a poster session at Penn's Criminology Day in April, through an oral defense of their project, and as a written research article.

For more information: http://crim.sas.upenn.edu/graduate/master-science-criminology (http://crim.sas.upenn.edu/graduate/master-science-criminology/)

View the University's Academic Rules for Research Master's Programs (http://catalog.upenn.edu/pennbook/academic-rules-research-masters/).

Code	Title	Course Units
Research Requirement		
Master's Final Exam		
Graduate Group signoff		

Required Courses

A minimum of 8 course units are required.

Code	Title	Course Units
Core Requirements		
CRIM 6000	Pro-Seminar in Criminology	1
CRIM 6001	Pro-Seminar in Criminal Justice	1
CRIM 6002	Criminal Justice Data Analytics	1
CRIM 6003	Research Methods/Crime Analysis	1
CRIM 6005	Evidence-Based Crime Prevention	1
CRIM 5350	Quantitative Methods for Public Policy	1
CRIM 6004A	Criminology in Practice	0.5
CRIM 6004B	Criminology in Practice	0.5
Electives		
Select one elective		1
Total Course Units		**8**

Sample Plan of Study

Code	Title	Course Units
Fall		
CRIM 6000	Pro-Seminar in Criminology	
CRIM 6005	Evidence-Based Crime Prevention	
CRIM 6004A	Criminology in Practice	
CRIM 6002	Criminal Justice Data Analytics	
CRIM 5350	Quantitative Methods for Public Policy	
Spring		
CRIM 6001	Pro-Seminar in Criminal Justice	
CRIM 6003	Research Methods/Crime Analysis	
CRIM 6004B	Criminology in Practice	
Elective		

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2025 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.