The Master of Science in Criminal Justice at Saint Leo University is a flexible program that prepares both aspiring and active criminal justice professionals interested in taking their criminal justice careers to the next level. In addition to enhancing proficiency and professionalism, our criminal justice model is based on a curriculum that prepares students to advance their careers with interactive learning and field experience.

This master’s-level program consists of 36 graduate credit hours and requires students to take five core classes and six electives. Ranked among the nation’s most military-friendly institutions by G.I. Jobs and Military Advanced Education magazines, Saint Leo has been educating criminal justice professionals for more than three decades.
LEARNING OUTCOMES
As a criminal justice graduate student at Saint Leo University, you will study a wide range of topics from computerized databases to ethical standards in administration, and even policymaking. You can also take classes in highly specialized topics including: terrorism in Israel, forensic science, offender treatment and criminal advocacy. Overall, this master’s program prepares you not only to succeed but to become a top leader in your field.

Specializations available under Saint Leo’s MS Criminal Justice degree include:

- **Behavioral Studies** teaches how criminal behavior and the criminal code interact, as well as how behavioral disorders impact individuals and criminal behavior.

- **Corrections** is designed to provide a better understanding of complex issues of offenders, trends of the 21st century and the problems associated with recidivism.

- **Criminal Investigations** introduces the student to violence, sexual deviance, environmental and juvenile crimes.

- **Critical Incident Management** teaches law enforcement skills to manage complex global risks and disasters.

- **Forensic Science** provides the opportunity for you to gain the knowledge required to assist with operations during incidents in which forensic science is a factor through up-to-date, hands-on instruction.

- **Legal Studies** provides students with a well rounded understanding of legal procedures and how the judicial system operates within the civil and criminal domain.
Courses
If learning about criminal justice excites you to the core, you’ll love the classes offered in our MS in Criminal Justice program which include:

- Leadership Applications in Criminal Justice
- Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice Administration
- Impact of Terrorism on Homeland Security
- Insights into Criminal Behavior
- Criminal Sexual Behaviors

Career Opportunities
Upon earning your Master of Science in Criminal Justice, you will be better prepared for careers such as:

- Criminal Justice practitioner
- State, county, or local law enforcement officer
- Federal law enforcement
- Loss prevention investigator

Admission to Program

- Bachelor’s degree
- Professional goal statement
- Qualifying GPA
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