



Master of Science in

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

**Come Back Stronger, Ready to Advance
Your Criminal Justice Career Further**

This is your time. Your moment. Invest in yourself and take that next step in your life and career. The criminal justice field depends on dedicated leaders, public servants, and change agents like you to protect our families, our communities, our nation, and our world. Meet the need for high-level professionals who combine theoretical, strategic, and practical expertise. Our master's degree equips you with the knowledge and credentials to take on supervisory and administrative positions, preparing you for new challenges and real opportunities.



Why Study Criminal Justice at Purdue Global?

Built for Working Adults

Complete courses online, without compromising your work or family schedule.

Backed by the Power of Purdue

Earn a degree you can be proud of — and one that employers will respect. Achieve more in the criminal justice field with a name that opens doors in your career.

Expert Faculty

Learn from experienced professionals with a variety of backgrounds in public safety, public administration, law, and emergency services. They know the field and what it takes to get ahead. All faculty possess a doctorate degree and relevant industry credentials.

Personal Support

Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and seminars, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

An Education That's Proven and Respected

Purdue Global is backed by Purdue University. One of the most prestigious universities in the world, Purdue ranked #16 overall and #1 in education among *Fast Company* magazine's prestigious **World's Most Innovative Companies**.¹



Curriculum

Our comprehensive curriculum is reviewed and revised continually by industry experts to ensure it reflects the most recent developments in the field. It focuses on:

- The causes of criminal behavior in various cultures around the world, with an emphasis on the causes of social deviance
- Organizational behavior; management and leadership of human resources; and design and structural processes in criminal justice organizations
- Various research methods and the skills needed to design and conduct applied research and evaluate data
- Recent legislation and case law at the state and federal levels in areas such as law enforcement, criminal procedure, civil and criminal liability, civil rights, employment law, and substance abuse

Core Courses Include:

- Criminological Theory
- Organizational Behavior
- Critical Issues in Criminal Justice
- Applied Research in Criminal Justice
- Socially Responsible Leadership in Public Safety
- Community-Based Corrections

Choose From Electives in Areas Such as:

- Corrections
- Advanced legal studies in criminal justice
- Homeland security and terrorism
- Leadership and management

Applied Research Project

A hands-on final project enables you to put your learning to work by analyzing real-world criminal justice issues and challenges.

Program Detail

Credit Hours: 55

Program Length: Less than 18 months of full-time study

Course Load: 1 course per term (2 with dean's approval)

Terms: 10 weeks long

Start Dates: Throughout the year

Delivery: 100% online

Additional Programs

- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Master of Science in Legal Studies
- Juris Doctor — Purdue Global Law School
- Executive Juris Doctor — Purdue Global Law School



Additional academy training and education not provided by Purdue Global may be required for law enforcement positions.

Career and Networking Opportunities

Industry Outlook²

- Approximately 409,500 openings each year are projected to come from growth and replacement needs.

Career Pathways and Outcomes³

Roles⁴

- Chief of police
- Police captain
- Shift supervisor
- Detective
- Criminal investigator/profiler
- Special agent
- Criminologist

Settings

- Federal, state, and local government agencies
- Courtrooms
- Fieldwork
- Vehicle patrol
- Police departments
- Regional loss prevention departments

Tasks That Graduates May Perform

- Formulate policies and provide overall direction of criminal justice agency activities
- Plan, direct, and coordinate operational activities with the help of subordinate managers
- Supervise training and continuing education for officers and staff
- Oversee and coordinate activities of law enforcement or corrections officers
- Monitor and evaluate the job performance of subordinates, recommending promotions and transfers
- Teach criminal justice courses in institutions of higher learning

The Center for Career Advancement

Our team of Career Specialists helps connect graduates with job and networking opportunities and offers the following assistance:

- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools



Purdue Global Is Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

The HLC (HLCCommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

Contact an Admissions Advisor at 844-PURDUE-G or visit purdueglobal.edu.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit info.purdueglobal.edu.

1 Source: <https://www.fastcompany.com/most-innovative-companies/list>. Ranking applies to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.

2 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Protective Service Occupations. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

3 Purdue Global does not guarantee employment or career advancement. Prior experience may be necessary for leadership positions.

4 Local, state, and federal law enforcement jobs may require additional training or education including additional state-approved higher education beyond the Purdue Global degree. This program was not designed to meet any specific state's requirements, and Purdue Global makes no representations or warranties as to whether the degree or any individual courses meet such requirements. Refer to the University Catalog for additional information.