



Master of Public Administration Master of Criminology Dual Degree

Vision Statement

The Master of Public Administration and MS in Criminology and Criminal Justice dual degree program is a collaborative effort between the Schools of Public Administration and Criminology and Criminal Justice. The dual degree offers interdisciplinary preparation in the fields of public administration and criminal justice leading to both the master of public administration and master of science in criminology and criminal justice degrees with fewer required hours than it would take to obtain these degrees independently.

Students pursuing this program must complete 57 total hours and can be pursued both online or in person.

Application Deadlines: Spring: October 1 **Fall:** June 1

Other Requirements

Statement of Purpose/Admissions Essay: The essay should be two to four pages (doubled-spaced) and answer the following questions:

Please tell us about the factors in your background that will help us understand your interest in a profession in the public or nonprofit sectors, and criminology and criminal justice.

What are your professional goals? Ten years from now, what do you hope to be doing professionally?

How can this dual degree help you to achieve these goals?

Resume

Letters of Recommendation: Two letters of recommendation are required, the recommendation requests are generated from your online application. These recommendations should be from professional and academic sources who are directly familiar with your skills and experience. At least one reference should be from an immediate professional supervisor. If you have graduated from an academic program within the past two years, it is suggested that at least one reference should be from a faculty member who can speak directly to your academic preparation for graduate education. References from family members, family friends, personal friends, personal therapists, or other non-professional/academic sources will not be scored.

Contact us

Dr. Jodi Benenson | MPA Program Co-Chair | jbenenson@unomaha.edu | 402.554.2396

Dr. Jim Harrold | MPA Program Co-Chair & Academic Advisor | Jharrold@unomaha.edu | 402.554.6702

spa.unomaha.edu | 402.554.2625 | facebook.com/unospa

Degree Requirements

PA Required Courses

PA 8050	FOUNDATIONS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	3
PA 8090	ORGANIZATION THEORY AND BEHAVIOR	3
PA 8100	ADVANCED MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP FOR PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT PROFESSIONALS	3
PA 8300	POLICY DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION	3
PA 8400	PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT BUDGETING	3
PA 8410	PUBLIC HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	3

CRCJ Required Courses

CRCJ 8010	NATURE OF CRIME	3
CRCJ 8020	SEMINAR IN ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE	3
CRCJ 8030	CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH THEORY AND METHODOLOGY	3
CRCJ 8950	STATISTICAL APPLICATIONS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC ADMIN	3
<i>CRCJ 8850</i>	<i>RISK/NEEDS ASSESSMENT</i>	
CRCJ 8120	RACE, CRIME AND INJUSTICE	3
<i>CRCJ 8130</i>	<i>SEMINAR IN WOMEN AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE</i>	
CRCJ 8210	PROGRAM EVALUATION & POLICY ANALYSIS	3
<i>PA 8530</i>	<i>PLANNING AND EVALUATION</i>	

CRCJ Electives

Complete 9 hours of CRCJ graduate courses (8000-900 level) 9

Open Electives

Complete six hours of any PA or CRCJ graduate courses 6

Exit Requirement

PA 8990	CAPSTONE PROJECT IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	3
CRCJ 8970	CAPSTONE PROJECT IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3

Total Credits 57