



Tuition discount available for eligible law enforcement professionals*



Tailor your studies to your career goals



Complete an internship in the field or a thesis project

Master of Arts in Criminal Justice and Human Security

Advance your career protecting and serving your community

Now, more than ever, our communities need dedicated criminal justice professionals with the knowledge, training, and cultural competence necessary to protect and serve diverse communities. At University of Bridgeport, our Criminal Justice and Human Security program is designed to harness your expertise in the worldwide political, cultural, and socioeconomic conditions that contribute to crime and its prevention. Through a comprehensive curriculum, you will gain the knowledge and insights necessary to become a compassionate and effective leader in your community.

Become the first line of defense in your community

UB's Master of Arts in Criminal Justice and Human Security degree program is designed to help you gain valuable insights into the cultural, ethnic, religious and ideological differences often discovered at the root of criminal acts, violence, and terror. With classes offered online, on-ground, and in hybrid format, you'll have the flexibility to complete your coursework at your own pace — allowing you to manage your personal and professional obligations while earning your degree. As a UB student, you will benefit from expert instruction, an engaging curriculum, and chances to interact with a diverse student body — immersing you in a dedicated and collaborative learning community.

Unlock diverse opportunities in Criminal Justice & Human Security

The Criminal Justice and Human Security MA program at UB prepares graduates for a wide range of careers in criminal justice, international security, defense, intelligence, and more. As you earn your degree, you'll have the option of pursuing an internship or thesis project — allowing you to tailor your academic experience to your professional goals and interests.

In addition to preparing you for diverse careers in the field, our program provides a solid foundation for students looking to pursue advanced study in law or doctoral-level study in criminal justice.

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Curriculum

Our Master of Arts program in Criminal Justice and Human Security comprises 18 mandatory credits and 18 elective credits. This structure allows you to gain a comprehensive understanding of the field while offering the freedom to select courses that match your objectives and passions. Whether you opt for practical experience through a field internship or dive into research via a self-directed thesis, UB will provide support throughout your academic journey.

Thesis Track		
CJHS 501	Criminal Justice Research Methods	3
CJHS 511	Human Security and Approaches to Justice	3
CJHS 530	U.S. Law and Criminal Justice	3
CJHS 532	Law Enforcement Management	3
CJHS 599A	Thesis 1	3
CJHS 599B	Thesis 2	3

Internship Track		
CJHS 501	Criminal Justice Research Methods	3
CJHS 511	Human Security and Approaches to Justice	3
CJHS 530	U.S. Law and Criminal Justice	3
CJHS 532	Law Enforcement Management	3
CJHS 591	Internship	3
CJHS 598	CJHS Capstone	3

View all courses offered and read full course descriptions in our course catalog (www.bridgeport.edu/academics/course-catalog).

The University of Bridgeport is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education. The University also is accredited by the Connecticut Office of Higher Education.

Possible career outcomes

- National security
- Global intelligence
- Education
- Criminology
- Law enforcement
- Private/corporate security
- Cybersecurity
- And more!

Admission requirements

Prerequisites

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited university or recognized international institution
- Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Two years of college-level language study or fluency in a second language
 - Students who have not completed this requirement but feel that they have language competency to this level may take an oral and written exam, confirming such competency or they may complete the language requirement at University of Bridgeport or at another regionally accredited institution of higher education prior to the conclusion of the degree program

Required materials

- Application
- Official transcript for the last degree earned
- Personal statement
 - In 250-500 words, detail why you are seeking this degree, how you expect to apply your degree to your professional career after graduation and why you seek to pursue your degree through University of Bridgeport

*Eligible applicants must be a permanent resident of Connecticut, New York, or New Jersey.