

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, MPA AND CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, MS

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.

Program Related Information

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Program Website (<https://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-public-affairs-and-community-service/public-administration/academics/mpa-dual-degree-cj-mpa.php>)

Admissions

General Application Requirements and Admission Criteria (<http://catalog.unomaha.edu/graduate/admission/>)

Application Deadlines

- Spring 2026: October 1
- Fall 2026: June 1

Other Requirements

- **English Language Proficiency:** Applicants are required to have a command of oral and written English. Those who do not hold a baccalaureate or other advanced degree from the United States, **OR** a baccalaureate or other advanced degree from a predetermined country on the waiver list (<https://www.unomaha.edu/office-of-graduate-studies/admissions/entrance-exams.php>), must meet the minimum language proficiency score requirement in order to be considered for admission.

- Internet-based TOEFL: 80, IELTS: 6.5, PTE: 53, Duolingo: 110
- **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.

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
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
or CRCJ 8850	RISK/NEEDS ASSESSMENT	
CRCJ 8120	POWER, PERCEPTION AND PUNISHMENT	3
or CRCJ 8130	SEMINAR IN WOMEN AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE	
CRCJ 8210	PROGRAM EVALUATION AND POLICY ANALYSIS	3
or PA 8530	PLANNING AND EVALUATION	
CRCJ Electives		
Complete nine hours of CRCJ graduate courses (8000-9000 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

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CRCJ 8970	CAPSTONE PROJECT IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
Total Credits		57