2026-27 Academic Year

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

Master of Science in Organizational Management (MSOM)

The online Master of Science in Organizational Management (MSOM) with a focus in Criminal Justice Administration and Management prepares professionals for leadership and management roles across the criminal justice field. Designed for those seeking advancement into command or administrative positions, the program builds in-demand skills in leadership, communication, ethical decision-making, and policy development. Graduates are prepared for management careers in areas such as emergency management, corrections, investigations, compliance, university campuses, environmental protection, and federal agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security. This fully online degree helps criminal justice professionals stand out and advance in a growing and evolving field.

fast facts

No entrance exams required

Credit hours: 36 (two years full time)

Cost per credit hour: $427.45 *($261.90 tuition + $165.55 fees)*

Degree offered: Master of Science in Organizational Management (MSOM)/Criminal Justice Administration

Delivery method: Online

Department: Criminal Justice

School: Science, Health, and Criminal Justice

focus on results

Skills Learned

- Criminal justice leadership and administration
- Ethical decision-making in justice systems
- Policy development and reform implementation
- Analysis of complex criminal justice issues
- Strategic communication and conflict resolution
- Data-informed decision-making
- Legal and regulatory analysis in criminal justice
- Organizational change and program evaluation
- Criminal justice ethics and compliance

Possible Careers

- Law enforcement supervisor
- Corrections or probation manager
- Criminal justice policy analyst
- Criminal investigator
- Forensic services administrator
- Compliance, security, or risk management specialist
- Cybercrime or specialist
- Emergency management director

Types of Employers

- Law enforcement agencies
- Correctional institutions
- Federal and state agencies
- Cybercrime and digital forensics organizations
- Private security firms
- Non-profit and community justice organizations

recognized for excellence

Wayne State College's Criminal Justice master's degree is offered fully online as part of its nationally recognized graduate programs, combining affordability, flexibility, and leadership-focused curriculum for criminal justice professionals.

Best Online Master's in Organizational Management
WSC was recognized among the Best Online Master's in Organizational Management Programs for 2026 by My Degree Guide.

Most Affordable Online Master's Degrees in the U.S.
Wayne State College was ranked among the Top 10 most affordable online master's degree programs in the nation by *Intelligent.com* for 2025.

Program courses

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The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

MSOM core courses (18 hours)

PED 622 Stats Applications/Data Analysis 3

Select one of the following 3

- CNA 665 Research Design: Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches (3)
- EDU 603 Introduction to Educational Research and Design (3)
- PED 650 Research Design (3)

Leadership

Students who would like a leadership emphasis in their program of study may, with permission from their advisor, take two leadership courses as part of their 12 hours. The second course would be substituted for a course in one of the other three areas.

Select one of the following 3

- BUS 627 Ethics in Leadership (3)
- BUS 665 Leadership Seminar (3)
- CNA 661 Research in Leadership (3)

Communication

Select one of the following 3

- BUS 620 Executive Communications (3)
- CNA 675 Legal Topics in Media and Communication (3)

Organizational behavior

Select one of the following 3

- BUS 690 Seminar in Organizational Dynamics (3)
- CNA 648 Advanced Organizational Communication (3)

Conflict management and organizational psychology

Select one of the following 3

- BUS 628 Dispute Resolution Management (3)
- CNA 617 Topics in Argumentation and Persuasion (3)
- PSY 535 Industrial/Organizational Psychology (3)

Criminal Justice focus area (18 hours)

CJA 653 Administration and Management in Criminal Justice 3
Thesis, scholarly project, or internship 6
CJA 694 Focus Area Exit Benchmark 0

Select three of the following 9

- CJA 625 Life Course Criminology (3)
- CJA 627 Elements of Cybercrime (3)
- CJA 630 Applied Criminology (3)
- CJA 644 Topics in Criminal Justice (3)
- CJA 647 Youth Crime and Justice (3)
- CJA 650 Advanced Criminal Law (3)
- CJA 652 Drugs and Society (3)

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