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Criminal Justice Studies

Online

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Cal U's Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Studies lays a foundation of criminological theory and research skills that are then applied to specialized study through concentrations in:

Applied Criminology

Forensic Linguistics

Both concentrations connect you with an unparalleled opportunity to advance your knowledge of modern criminal justice approaches — and your career.

Learn from their Unmatched Expertise

Through the Criminal Justice Studies program at Cal U, you will learn from experts in the field of criminal justice — individuals who have years of experience in a wide scope of law enforcement, linguistics and violent crime analysis.

Studying Online

Our 100% online classes allow you to study when and where it's convenient for you. Through engaging coursework, you'll examine theory and practice with a critical eye. And you'll be part of an active learning community that includes experienced faculty and peers.

Curriculum that's Informed by Experience

Cal U developed the Criminal Justice Studies concentrations with the assistance of former criminal profilers and forensic linguists from the FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit in Quantico, Va.



Faculty Spotlight

Dr. John Cencich is a retired law enforcement officer and former senior international war crimes investigator for the United Nations. He led one of the largest international criminal investigations in history and continues to work cold cases and wrongful conviction inquiries as the director of the Pennsylvania Center for Investigative and Forensic Sciences at Cal U.

Dr. Cencich is a professor in both the Applied Criminology and the Forensic Linguistics Criminal Justice Studies concentrations.

Applied Criminology Concentration

A Blend of Scholarship and Practical Experience

Applied Criminology concentration coursework is delivered by faculty with significant, world-class experience as criminal justice practitioners.

Our professors bring diverse backgrounds to the classroom. They have worked in:

- *Local, state, federal and international law enforcement*
- *Criminal investigation*
- *The U.S. legal and juvenile justice systems*
- *Corrections*
- *Intelligence agencies*

In addition, all full-time Applied Criminology faculty hold academic or professional doctorates. No one else comes close to what we offer with this blend of strong scholarship and research paired with practical experience.

The Applied Criminology concentration of the M.A. in Criminal Justice Studies program equips students with advanced skills, strategies and tools needed to address contemporary criminal justice issues. You'll explore theory, research and practice related to:

- Analyzing criminal and victim behavior
- Investigating crimes
- Identifying offenders
- Predicting criminal behaviors

Advance Your Investigative Skills

Designed for homicide detectives, sex-crime investigators, police officers and those in related fields, the Applied Criminology concentration will allow you to solve complex crimes and make the most of opportunities for promotion within your agency.

Take a Closer Look

As a student in this concentration, you'll:

- Examine psychological and physiological theories of crime and criminality; offender typologies; and victimology
- Study theory and practice related to determining manner of death
- Delve into behavioral patterns exhibited by sadistic, masochistic and psychopathic offenders and analyze predator patterns
- Apply behavioral crime theory and techniques to predict crime and identify and locate violent offenders, including witness and suspect interviews
- Explore the ethical and legal considerations that confront investigators, forensic scientists, supervisors and others involved in applied criminology

\$81,920

*Mean annual wage of
detectives and criminal
investigators in the U.S.
in May 2018*

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Forensic Linguistics Concentration

The Forensic Linguistics concentration of the M.A. in Criminal Justice Studies program is the first online forensic linguistics degree in the United States.

Find Your Future at the Intersection of Language and Law

Forensic linguistics is a field of study positioned at the intersection of language and law. As a forensic linguist, you'll examine written and spoken language in contexts such as criminal profiling, threat assessment, counterterrorism and military and national security intelligence.

Designed for police officers, criminal investigators, crime analysts and investigative consultants, this concentration will prepare you to:

- Earn a promotion or switch careers
- Become an independent consultant
- Pursue doctoral studies

Know What to Look For

As a student in the Forensic Linguistics concentration, you'll:

- Develop an understanding of the relationship between language and society can be applied for forensic purposes
- Study important linguistic concepts, including phonetics, phonology, morphology and syntax
- Learn how to recognize distinctive linguistic features that signal an author's background and identity
- Analyze a communication to determine if a threat is real as well as the underlying motivations of the author
- Explore ethical and legal considerations related to forensic linguistic analysis and the formal presentation of results

Proven Experience

Our Forensics Linguistics faculty have relevant experience in the field:

- *James R. Fitzgerald worked as a criminal profiler and forensic linguist at the National Center for Analysis of Violent Crime at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va. He was an integral member of the UNABOM Task Force, where his work proved instrumental in the arrest and successful prosecution of Theodore Kaczynski (aka the "Unabomber").*
- *Natalia Vaughan is a forensic linguist who has worked cases involving bribery, extortion, solicitation, perjury, threats, police entrapment and death penalty mitigation.*
- *Dr. John Cencich's background as a criminologist and international legal scholar brings a unique perspective of the intersection of crime, language and the law.*



Curriculum

Total Credits

- **Applied Criminology: 30**
- **Forensic Linguistics: 36**

Core Courses

- CRM 700 Advanced Criminological Theories
- CRM 720 Research Methods in Criminology

Concentration Courses

Applied Criminology

- CRM 710 Advanced Behavioral Crime Analysis Theory
- CRM 810 Violent Crime Analysis
- CRM 820 Ethical and Legal Aspects of Criminology
- CRM 830 Criminal Investigative Analysis
- CRM 840 Equivocal Death Analysis
- CRM 850 Environmental Criminology

Forensic Linguistics

- CRM 600 Seminar in Forensic Linguistics
- CRM 610 Forensic Sociolinguistics
- CRM 620 Forensic Language Structure I
- CRM 640 Forensic Language Structure II
- CRM 650 Author Profiling and Threat Assessment
- CRM 670 Authorial Attribution and Speaker Identification
- CRM 690 Legal and Ethical Issues in Forensic Linguistics
- CRM 855 Applied Research in Criminology

Capstone Experience Courses (select one)

- CRM 880 Criminology Thesis (6 credits)
- CRM 885 Criminology Internship (6 credits)
- CRM 890 Criminology Studies Abroad (6 credits)
- GRA 662 Prior Learning Assessment (6 credits) ♦
- Two Courses from Cal U's Exercise Science and Health Promotion: Tactical Strength and Conditioning program (6 credits) ❖

♦ Receive credit for approved prior learning. This option is available to those who have attended the FBI National Academy or the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, who have graduated from other approved training or who hold certain professional certifications.

❖ This option is available for students in the Applied Criminology concentration.

Note: Curriculum is subject to change.

Applied Criminology Concentration Program Duration

The Applied Criminology concentration can be completed in just over a year.

Start Terms

- Fall
- Spring

Forensic Linguistics Concentration Program Duration

The Forensic Linguistics concentration can be completed in just two years of part-time study.

Start Terms

- Fall



Certificate Options

Stackable Applied Criminology Credentials

Two 12-credit stackable graduate certificates are built into the course requirements of the Applied Criminology concentration of the M.A. in Criminal Justice Studies. You can earn the certificates independent, or as part, of the concentration.

Certificate in Applied Criminology

Required Courses

- CRM 700 Advanced Criminological Theories
- CRM 720 Research Methods in Criminology
- CRM 820 Ethical and Legal Aspects of Criminology
- CRM 855 Applied Research in Criminology

Certificate in Behavioral Crime Analysis

Required Courses

- CRM 710 Advanced Behavioral Crime Analysis Theory
- CRM 830 Criminal Investigative Analysis
- CRM 840 Equivocal Death Analysis
- CRM 850 Environmental Criminology

Forensic Linguistics

A 21-credit Forensics Linguistics certificate can also be earned independent, or as part, of that concentration.

Required Courses

- CRM 600 Seminar in Forensic Linguistics
- CRM 610 Forensic Sociolinguistics
- CRM 620 Forensic Language Structure I
- CRM 640 Forensic Language Structure II
- CRM 650 Author Profiling and Threat Assessment
- CRM 670 Authorial Attribution and Speaker Identification
- CRM 690 Legal and Ethical Issues in Forensic Linguistics

Threat Assessment and Management in Schools

Through Cal U's 9-credit certificate in Threat Assessment and Management in Schools, professionals who work in K-12 or higher education or public safety learn how to identify and manage threats.

Required Courses

- CRM 870 Special Topics: Threat Assessment in the Schools
- PSY 741 Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy
- PSY 756 Consultation and Group Process

Pennsylvania Center for Investigative and Forensic Sciences

The Pennsylvania Center for Investigative and Forensic Sciences based out of Cal U:

- Conducts advanced research
- Provides real-time investigative consulting services
- Offers professional training programs

*The center can be reached at:
csi@calu.edu or 724-938-1576.*

Did You Know?

Cal U's Department of Criminal Justice also offers graduate-level degrees in:

- Doctor in Criminal Justice (D.C.J.)
- M.A. in Conflict Resolution Studies

Students are also able to take advantage of dual and second master's degree options, which allow them to earn multiple graduate-level degrees for fewer total credits. Explore options that allow you to easily pair a degree in exercise science, conflict resolution or Arabic with your degree in criminal justice.

Invest In Your Future

| Criminal Justice Studies General Tuition and Fees | 2020–21 Cost Per Credit | |
|--|-------------------------|--------------|
| | In-State | Out-of-State |
| Tuition | \$516 | \$526 |
| PASSHE Tuition Tech Fee | \$28 | \$40 |
| Academic Support Fee | \$81.60 | \$81.60 |

Disclaimer: This is an estimate only. Costs vary depending on the choices you make, such as the academic program and number of credits taken per semester.

A student will be charged all on-campus fees in addition to any fees that are associated with their program of study if they meet any of the following guidelines: (1) a student living in campus residence halls or Vulcan Village and/or (2) a student enrolled in one or more on-campus classes. Visit calu.edu for a complete list of on-campus fees.

Note: Military discounts are available.

Major Code
0967

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Next Steps

1. Complete the application at calu.edu/apply.
2. Send all required documents:
 - Official Transcripts
3. Supply optional document(s) to support your application (such as GRE/MAT scores).
4. Submit an application fee or waiver.
5. Keep an eye out for emails from the Cal U admissions team!

GPA Requirements

Regular admission into this master's program requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. However, applicants under this requirement may be considered for conditional admission and are encouraged to apply.

Application Deadline

- Applied Criminology: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.
- Forensic Linguistics: Mid-February (third Monday)

Financial Aid

You may have access to several financial aid options, including loans, scholarships, flexible payment plans, employer reimbursement and graduate assistantships. Visit calu.edu/finaid to discover financial aid opportunities available through Cal U.

Complete the FAFSA at fafsa.gov to ensure that you are able to claim loans and other financial aid you may be eligible for.

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