Criminal Justice
PhD

The Department of Criminal Justice at the University of North Dakota in partnership with the Department of Criminal Justice at Minot State University offers a graduate program of study leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice. The program is designed to prepare students for academic teaching and research, research in government service, and higher-level administrative positions in criminal justice agencies.

While retaining a traditional core of research and study on national and international issues in the administration of criminal justice systems, this program places special emphasis on the operation and administration of criminal justice agencies and systems in rural and American Indian Tribal jurisdictions. The program also offers a specialized program of study for those individuals holding a Juris Doctorate and wishing to meet educational requirements for teaching and research positions in criminal justice higher education programs.

The mission of the Department of Criminal Justice is broadly subsumed within the three functions of teaching, research and service to achieve the production and dissemination of knowledge guided by the principle of a just system of social regulation and control in the advancement of societal well-being. The goals of the teaching mission are achieved primarily through direct classroom instruction supplemented by experiential learning opportunities grounded in establishing foundations for lifelong learning. The research mission addresses both basic and applied research intended to contribute to the advancement of knowledge in the discipline of Criminal Justice as well as operational issues confronting criminal justice agencies and institutions. The Department of Criminal Justice meets its service mission through participation in departmental, college, and university governance, as well as involvement in professional and community activities that contribute to the betterment of the criminal justice discipline, the community and society.

Goal 1: Develop advanced analytic and communication skills.

Goal 2: Develop advanced understanding of criminological theories.

Goal 3: Develop an advanced understanding of statistics and research methods.

Goal 4: Develop an advanced understanding of various criminal justice relevant concepts.

Admission Requirements

In addition to the admission requirements of the School of Graduate Studies, the following requirements must be met by all applicants with the exception of those applying under the J.D./Ph.D. specialization:

1. A master’s degree in criminal justice or a related field.
2. A cumulative G.P.A. of at least 3.0 for all coursework taken for graduate credit.
3. Achieve a minimum combined score of 300 on the verbal and quantitative components of the revised Graduate Record Exam (GRE), or a minimum combined score of 1,000 on earlier versions of the GRE.
4. Satisfy the School of Graduate Studies’ English Language Proficiency requirements as published in the graduate catalog.

Combined J.D/Ph.D Option: Students currently enrolled in an ABA accredited law school or individuals with a juris doctorate (J.D.) from an ABA accredited law school may be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. program in criminal justice.

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**Degree Requirements**

Students seeking the Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of North Dakota must satisfy all general requirements set forth by the School of Graduate Studies as well as particular requirements set forth by the Department of Criminal Justice.

1. Complete a minimum of 60 credit hours beyond the master's degree.
2. Complete 9 semester hours of criminological theory and 15 semester hours of doctoral level research methods/analysis.
3. Complete an additional 18 credit hours of electives of which:
4. A minimum of 9 elective credits must be taken in criminal justice courses from the approved lists and not previously taken for graduate credit and,
5. Up to 9 elective credits, not previously taken for graduate credit, may be selected from any courses approved by the student's advisory committee and offered for graduate credit at either the University of North Dakota or Minot State University.
6. Complete comprehensive examination in criminological theory and research methods/analysis prior to submission and approval of the dissertation prospectus.
7. Complete an examination in one area of specialization (to be determined in consultation with the student’s advisory committee).
10. Please refer to the academic catalog for the required curriculum.

**Faculty and Areas of Expertise**

- **Gottschalk, Martin (UND), Ph.D.** State University of New York-Albany, 2001. Chair, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, University of North Dakota. Corrections, Community Corrections, Penology.
- **DiCristina, Bruce (UND), Ph.D.** State University of New York-Albany, 1995. Professor of Criminal Justice, University of North Dakota. Goals and Methods of Criminal Justice, Theories of Crime and Deviance, Sociology of Punishment.
- **Hume, Wendelin (UND), Ph.D.** Sam Houston State University, 2000. Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, University of North Dakota. Victimization, Tribal Justice, Gender & Racial Equity, Drug Policy, Criminological Theory.
- **Mayzer, Roni (UND), Ph.D.** Michigan State University, 2004. Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, University of North Dakota. Corrections, Developmental Criminology, Juvenile Delinquency.
- **Rabe, Gary (MiSU), Ph.D.** University of Delaware, 1993. Professor of Criminal Justice, Minot State University.

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