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The University of Baltimore School of Law and the Division of Criminology, Criminal Justice and Forensic Studies offer students the opportunity to obtain Juris Doctor and Master of Science in Criminal Justice degrees by completing courses over a three- to four-year period.

Students seeking the dual degree will find the training useful in managerial and legal positions in federal, state and local criminal justice agencies. Students in the dual-degree program are required to complete a minimum of 78 credits in the law school and a minimum of 30-33 credits in the M.S. program, as outlined below.

The School of Law recognizes 9 credits of the criminal justice requirements as transferable to its program (or 6 credits if the degrees are not completed within the same academic year), and the Criminal Justice program reciprocally allows the transfer of up to 9 credits of law school courses to satisfy coursework requirements in its program. Thus, students who are admitted to this program have the opportunity to obtain both the J.D. degree and the M.S. in Criminal Justice for 15-18 fewer credits than would be required were the two degrees obtained independently. All other requirements for the J.D. degree apply to students in this program. Students in the dual-degree program must also successfully pass the criminal justice comprehensive examinations or defend a master’s thesis.

Admission Standards

Applicants for the dual-degree program must meet the admission standards of both the School of Law and the Master of Science in Criminal Justice program. In addition, students may apply to the dual-degree program after having enrolled in either the J.D. or the M.S. program; however, to obtain the full benefit of credit sharing under the dual-degree program, criminal justice students should enter the law school program no later than after the completion of 15 credits in the M.S. program.

Application Process
The law school application form should be completed and returned to the Office of Law Admissions together with a nonrefundable application fee. Applicants are encouraged to use the online application, available at http://law.ubalt.edu/apply. All first-year applicants must
take the Law School Admissions Test and register with the Law School Data Assembly Service. A transcript from each college and university attended must be submitted to LSDAS, which will prepare an official report for each law school candidate containing the LSAT test score, transcripts and computation of a uniform undergraduate grade point average for use by the law school in evaluating the application.

The completed graduate application form, the application fee and an official transcript from each college or university attended must be submitted to the Office of Graduate and International Admission and Enrollment. For a list of other required materials, visit www.ubalt.edu/criminaljustice.

Although candidates are required to file applications to both programs, admission to the dual J.D./M.S. program is contingent upon a favorable action of the School of Law Admissions Committee.

**Law School Criteria**

Admission to the School of Law is determined by the School of Law Admissions Committee, which bases its decisions on a variety of factors. This committee of faculty members evaluates all material in an applicant’s file but places substantial emphasis on the cumulative undergraduate grade point average and the Law School Admission Test score. In most cases, a combination of these criteria will be sufficient for the admission decision.

The committee also recognizes nontraditional factors that may be relevant in determining the applicant’s ability to complete law school successfully. The committee seeks to include people of diverse racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds. It considers the level of difficulty of the undergraduate field of study, graduate degrees and other indications not susceptible to measurement by traditional academic criteria, such as demonstrated ability to overcome adversity, individual achievement, motivation, work experience and character.

**M.S. in Criminal Justice Criteria**

Admission to the graduate Criminal Justice program is determined by the graduate program director, with the assistance of the faculty. A student may be admitted to the program in one of two different categories:

1. **Unconditional Admission Standards**
   For unconditional acceptance into the M.S. in Criminal Justice program, applicants are expected to have:
   a. a bachelor’s degree with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 from a regionally accredited college or university; the major or specialization should be relevant to criminal justice
   b. successfully completed undergraduate courses in statistics and criminological theory.
2. Conditional Admission Standards
Applicants not meeting the requirements for unconditional admission may, with the approval of the program’s admission committee, be accepted on a conditional basis. Conditionally admitted students will be notified of the requirements they must meet to achieve unconditional status.

After being conditionally admitted, students may be required to take additional undergraduate preparatory work that is relevant to criminal justice; no credit toward the graduate degree will be granted for this work. Conditional admission also requires completion of 12 credits of graduate work in the program with a minimum grade point average of 3.0.

For detailed information about specific admission requirements, visit www.ubalt.edu/criminaljustice

Curriculum

The joint J.D./M.S. in Criminal Justice is divided into required courses and electives for a total of 108-111 credits. Students must successfully complete 43 credits of required law courses in addition to fulfilling the upper-level writing and advocacy requirements, for a total of 78 law credits. They must also successfully complete 24-27 credits of required criminal justice courses and either the thesis or the comprehensive written examinations requirement.

In this program, students begin master’s program work during the summer preceding enrollment in the law school or during the summer after finishing the first year of law school. No student may take courses within the master’s program during the fall and spring semesters of the first year of law school. The following are the requirements for students in the dual J.D./M.S. program.
Information sheet for Juris Doctor/Master of Science in Criminal Justice (J.D./M.S.)

Law School Courses—Required
☐ LAW 600 Civil Procedure I (3) or Introduction to Lawyering Skills/Civil Procedure I (6)
☐ LAW 601 Civil Procedure II (3)
☐ LAW 602 Contracts I (3) or Introduction to Lawyering Skills/Contracts I (6)
☐ LAW 603 Contracts II (3)
☐ LAW 604 Criminal Law (3) or Introduction to Lawyering Skills/Criminal Law (6)
☐ LAW 607 Property (4)
☐ LAW 608 Torts (4) or Introduction to Lawyering Skills/Torts (7)
☐ LAW 613 Introduction to Advocacy (2)
☐ LAW 620, 621, 622, 623 or 733 (one) —Law in Context class (3)
☐ LAW 650 Constitutional Law I (4)
☐ LAW 651 Evidence (3)
☐ LAW 652 Professional Responsibility (3)
☐ LAW 655 Constitutional Law II (2)
☐ Advocacy class or activity (speak with advisor)
☐ Two writing classes (speak with advisor)

Law School Courses—Strongly Encouraged
☐ LAW 711 Constitutional Criminal Procedure I (3)
☐ LAW 717 Business Organizations (4)
☐ LAW 740 Constitutional Criminal Procedure II (3)
☐ LAW 742 Commercial Law (4)

Additional electives for a total of 78 law credits

Criminal Justice Courses

☐ CRJU 501 Professional Skills in Criminal Justice (3)
☐ CRJU 602 Research Techniques in Criminal Justice (3)
☐ CRJU 603 Criminal Justice Statistics (3)
☐ CRJU 610 Administration of Justice (3)
☐ CRJU 710 Advanced Criminology (3)
☐ CRJU 711 Criminal Justice Planning/Systems Applications (3)
☐ One CRJU course in each of the three breadth requirements areas (Law Enforcement, Courts and Law, Corrections) for a total of 9 credits
☐ CRJU 799 Thesis (3-6)

Students who do not choose the criminal justice thesis must take one 3-credit CRJU elective and one 3-credit LAW elective and complete two comprehensive written examinations.

Total Credits: 108-111
LAW Credits: 78
CRJU Credits: 30-33