The purpose of the Master of Criminal Justice is to provide an interdisciplinary approach to criminal justice education through a framework of diversity, leadership, and management. The program is designed for mid- and upper-level professionals in law enforcement, corrections, and social work. The curriculum is integrative, strategically targeted, applicable, and relevant for the individuals employed by and seeking leadership roles in criminal justice agencies. The importance of leading in an ethical manner with knowledge and skills appropriate for diverse populations is underscored in this program.

The goals of the program are to:
1. Demonstrate knowledge of different theories of leadership and management;
2. Demonstrate knowledge of innovative practices to improve efficiency and effectiveness;
3. Demonstrate the ability to design, implement, and evaluate policies and practice.

Students in the program will:
1. Match leadership style to the organizational or agency problem context;
2. Articulate rationale for a problem-solving approach;
3. Anticipate ethical dilemmas for a problem;
4. Acknowledge, anticipate, and identify cultural differences and sensitivities and build in cultural sensitivity components to address the problem;
5. Formulate plans for action in keeping with criminal justice codes of conduct;
6. Evaluate situations and determine how criminal justice governance affects the work setting;
7. Evaluate the interdependence of various organizational components (e.g., litigation, corrections, law enforcement) within the criminal justice system.