

Central Washington University at Kent

**MASTER OF SCIENCE
LAW & JUSTICE**



Campus Information

Central Washington University at Kent
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Admission Requirements

Applicants for admission to the Master of Law & Justice program must:

- Apply to CWU as a graduate student.
- Hold a bachelor's degree in the social sciences (*Ex. Psy, Soc, LAJ, History, PoliSci, Anthro, IDS*) from a recognized four-year college OR a bachelor's degree and professional experience.
- Achieve a minimum grade point average of 3.0 based on a 4.0 scale in all coursework attempted during the last 90 quarter hours (60 semester hours) of study.
- Submit three professional letters of recommendation.
- Submit personal statement of objectives.
- No GRE required.
- Review of applications is continuous. We are currently accepting applications for fall 2012.

Program Structure

- The Advanced Professional Specialization (45 credits)
- The Basic Career Specialization (60 credits)

Students are expected to learn:

- Effective research methods
- Current law and justice policy
- Critical thinking skills and abilities
- Learn to assess/develop/recommend law and justice policy

Program Delivery

- Fall 2011-Spring 2013
- Evening courses
- Mix of face-to-face & online (hybrid)
- 2 classes per quarter 1st year
- Small cohort of about 20 students; personal interaction with instructors.
- Access to Services : Library, Career Services, Writing Center, Disability Support Services, Student Activities, Financial Aid

The Curriculum

CORE COURSES

LAJ 511 Theory and Practice (5 credits)

LAJ 535 Research Methods (5 credits)

LAJ 575 Legal Liability of Criminal Justice Professionals (5 credits)

LAJ 598 Masters Capstone (5 credits)

LAJ 700 Master's Thesis, Project Study and/or Portfolio (5 credits)

TOTAL.....25 CREDITS

The Curriculum

ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL SPECIALIZATION COURSES

Required Core (25 credits)

Select 10 credits from the following:

LAJ 515 Personnel Issues in Criminal Justice (5 credits)

LAJ 520 Constitutional Issues in Criminal Justice (5 credits)

LAJ 525 Race, Class, Gender, and Administration of Justice (5 credits)

LAJ 530 History of Criminal Justice (5 credits)

LAJ 540 Law and Social Control (5 credits)

LAJ 545 Ethical Issues (5 credits)

LAJ 698* Special Topics (5 credits)

Approved 400-level or above electives 10 credits

TOTAL.....45 CREDITS

The Curriculum

BASIC CAREER SPECIALIZATION COURSES

Required Core (25 credits)

LAJ 590 Internship (5 credits)

Select 20 credits from the following:

LAJ 515 Personnel Issues in Criminal Justice (5 credits)

LAJ 520 Constitutional Issues in Criminal Justice (5 credits)

LAJ 525 Race, Class, gender, and Administration of Justice (5 credits)

LAJ 530 History of Criminal Justice (5 credits)

LAJ 540 Law and Social Control (5 credits)

LAJ 545 Ethical Issues (5 credits)

LAJ 698* Special Topics (5 credits)

Approved 400-level or above electives..... 10 credits

TOTAL.....60 CREDITS

Sample Schedule

Year 1 (2011-2012)

FALL

LAJ 511 Theory and Practice
LAJ 520 Constitutional Issues in Criminal Justice

WINTER

LAJ 525 Race, Class, Gender & the Admin of Justice
LAJ 535 Research Methods

SPRING

LAJ 575 Legal Liability of Criminal Justice Professionals
LAJ 540 Law and Social Control

SUMMER

LAJ 598 Special Topics (online)

Year 2 (2012-2013)

FALL

LAJ 511 Theory and Practice
LAJ 520 Constitutional Issues in Criminal Justice
LAJ 545 Ethical Issues (online)

WINTER

LAJ 535 Research Methods
LAJ 515 Personnel Issues in Criminal Justice
LAJ 689 Capstone Course

SPRING

LAJ 530 History of Criminal Justice
LAJ 575 Legal Liability of Criminal Justice Profes.
LAJ 525 Race, Class, Gender, and Admin of Justice

SUMMER

LAJ 598 Special Topics (online)

Core Faculty

- **Charles E. Reasons**, Professor and Department Chair A.A., Olympic College; B.A., Sociology, Central Washington University; M.A., Sociology, Ohio University; Ph.D., Sociology Washington State University; LL.B., J.D., University of British Columbia Law School. He has both a Ph.D. and a law degree, which he used to practice law in British Columbia, Canada. Prior to his arrival at CWU, professor Reasons Chaired the Criminal Justice Department at Buffalo State College, in New York. He has been published extensively in many different areas, including nine books, numerous book chapters and journal articles. He has taught and completed research in Canada, Australia and the United States. Professor Reasons specializes in law, criminology, criminal justice and minorities, crime and comparative homicide between Canada and the United States.
- **Sarah Britto**, Professor B.A., Criminal Justice, Louisiana State University; Ph.D., M.S., Criminology and Criminal Justice, Florida State University. Professor Britto conducts research in the areas of the media and fear of crime, restorative justice, and inequality and violent crime. Her teaching interests include research methods, ethics, media, gender, and crime theory. She has also worked as a probation officer and with a program for troubled teens.
- **Krystal E. Noga-Styron**, Assistant Professor and Center Director at CWU Lynnwood B.A., Political Science & Spanish, University of Illinois; M.A., Journalism & Communication Law, University of Oregon; J.D., University of Oregon. Professor Noga-Styron is a former Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and is currently appointed as Judge Pro Tempore in Lewis County, WA. Her research and teaching interests include Legal Research and Writing, Report Writing, Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Family Law, Ethics, Criminal Justice and the Media, Intellectual Property Law, Election Law, and Comparative Law.

Core Faculty

- **J. Michael Olivero**, Professor B.A., Sociology, San Francisco State University; M.S., Illinois University, Criminal Justice Sciences; PhD., Southern Illinois University, Sociology; Master of Social Work, Eastern Washington University. Professor Olivero has been published numerous times and has served as both a police officer and corrections officer. Professor Olivero specializes in research methods, correctional counseling, gangs, criminology and comparative criminal justice.
- **Mary Ellen Reimund**, Associate Professor and Center Director at CWU Des Moines B.S., Journalism, Bowling Green State University; M.A., Mass Communications; J.D., Drake University; LL.M., University of Missouri Law School. Professor Reimund has been a public information officer for a Sheriff's Department, pretrial release interviewer in corrections, and practiced law as a county prosecutor. She has also taught as a part-time adjunct at several colleges and full-time in the School of Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice and Public Safety at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, Minnesota. Professor Reimund teaches law-related classes. Her scholarship focuses on dispute-resolution and restorative justice.
- **Key Sun**, Professor and Center Director at CWU Pierce B.L., Law, Law School of Beijing University; M.A., Criminal Justice, Rutgers University; M.S.W., Community Mental Health, University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign); Ph.D., Psychology, Rutgers University. Professor Sun has worked as a Correctional Mental Health Counselor at the WA Department of Corrections. Professor Sun has taught criminal justice and criminology at East Tennessee State University and at Marshall University. His publications have appeared in psychology and in criminal justice journals and textbooks.

Cost & Financial Aid

Cost per credit: \$389

How to Apply for Financial Aid

- Applications are accepted year round
- Apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov, federal code 003771
- Allow 4-8 weeks for CWU to review your application and send your award notice
- Priority deadline is March 1 of each year
- Award notice will be mailed to your address
- No state waiver is available
- No teaching or research assistantships are available

Cost

CWU Master of Science in Law and Justice

- Tuition cost per credit - \$389
- Completion of Advanced Professional Specialization ~ 45 cr. = \$17,303 tuition
- Basic Career Specialization ~ 60 cr. = \$23,340 tuition
- Seattle University, Master of Arts in Criminal Justice ~ \$602 per credit at 55 cr = \$33,110 tuition

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