



## Master of Jurisprudence (MJ) in Criminal Law

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### ***Why an MJ in Criminal Law?***

In today's employment market, a bachelor's degree is almost as common as a high school diploma, and the earnings of workers with master's degrees now outpace the earnings of workers with bachelor's degrees. Even police officer salaries are often gauged by the amount of training and education the officer possesses. Not surprisingly then, more people are pursuing graduate education to enhance their career opportunities, and employers are seeking candidates who have invested in such self-development.

DePaul's Masters of Jurisprudence (MJ) in Criminal Law can help you advance your career and provide you with a wider selection of employment opportunities in the criminal justice field. Learning the law from DePaul's expert College of Law faculty sets you apart from applicants with associate and bachelor's degrees, and even from candidates with traditional master's degrees.

### ***What will I learn?***

Through the MJ in Criminal Law program you will learn to:

- Identify structures of the U.S. legal system and government institutions
- Demonstrate understanding of how a common law system operates in a constitutional democracy
- Demonstrate basic knowledge of the legal rules and policies in criminal law
- Use critical reasoning skills to support legal positions and arguments and respond to counterarguments
- Identify and articulate relevant facts and legal issues
- Identify and apply relevant legal authority
- Communicate clearly in speech and writing
- Work with and learn from people with diverse backgrounds and perspectives

## ***Where can I work?***

A great variety of advanced-level criminal justice career opportunities exist at the local, county, state and federal levels, as well as in the private sector. The federal government especially values candidates with advanced degrees, and a master's degree is typically required to teach at the post-secondary and college level.

For those with an MJ in Criminal Law, potential career opportunities might include, among others:

- Management and supervisory positions, such as:
  - Correctional Officer Supervisor
  - Police & Detective Supervisor
  - Supervisory Criminal Investigator
  - Emergency Management Director
  - Warden
  - Sheriff
- Positions with the federal government, such as:
  - U.S. Department of Justice
    - Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF Agent)
    - Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA Agent)
    - Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI Agent)
    - Bureau of Prisons
      - Case Manager
      - Correctional Officer
    - Office of Justice
  - Secret Service Agent
  - Central Intelligence Agency (CIA Agent)
  - Homeland Security (Federal Protective Services)
  - U.S. Marshal
  - U.S. Department of the Treasury (Investigator)
  - U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service (INS Agent)
  - U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE Agent)
- Court Positions, such as:
  - Administrative Law Judge
  - Hearing officer
  - Claims Adjudicator
  - Magistrate
- Other positions, such as:
  - Compliance Officer
  - Probation Officer
  - Senior Investigator
  - Private Investigator
  - Industrial Security Consultant
  - Criminal Justice & Law Enforcement Teacher