



Master of Science Security Administration Major

Designed for Those Seeking a Management Career in the Security Profession

University of Detroit Mercy's Master of Science with a major in Security Administration is designed for those interested in a management career in the security profession. It provides an opportunity to broaden and deepen your perspective in the administration of security programs. Problem solving, leadership, critical thinking and the prudent application of theory to practice are skills that the program is designed to foster. The coursework in business, criminal justice and security provides an opportunity to develop the substantive and procedural knowledge required of the modern security manager in either public service or private enterprise.

The course of study can be pursued on a full- or part-time basis. Furthermore, a three-semester sequence has been arranged within the academic year to provide an occasion for expediting the completion of program requirements. Close faculty-student contact is maintained to assist each student in formulating realistic individual objectives and in selecting course work to attain them. Program arrangements are flexible so that individual needs can be served.

Course scheduling and specific, individualized programs are designed to take advantage of student's backgrounds and to permit students to pursue the master's degree at the pace most reasonable to themselves. All programs may be taken in the late afternoon and/or late evening, full- or part-time.

Degree Requirements

This program requires completion of a minimum of 36 credit hours of work with a final GPA of at least 3.0 (B). Prescribed core courses are listed on the other side of this document. In addition to coursework, all candidates for the master's degree must complete a research component. This is done in one of three ways: (a) a master's thesis, which also conveys six credit hours; (b) two major review papers, or "Plan B" papers, which do not convey course credit; or (c) a master's research paper, which conveys three credit hours. These research components must receive a grade of B or better. In addition, a final comprehensive paper is written during the last semester before the degree is awarded. The master's paper is content-oriented across the 36 hours of the course sequence.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college and must have demonstrated intellectual competence for graduate study. Selection is based on such factors as previous academic record (at least a 2.7 GPA) and/or relevant experience. Acceptance on a probationary status is allowed in some cases where academic standards are not fully met but competence has been indicated by the level of the applicant's professional advancement. Also, as prerequisites, applicants must have had at least fifteen hours of basic coursework in the behavioral/social sciences and should solicit three letters of recommendation. Arrangements can be made to make up deficiencies. All applicants will complete a "Statement of Purpose" form regarding their plans in utilizing the degree

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Master of Arts Security Administration Major

Curriculum

Core Requirements

Twenty-one of the 36 credit hours required are to include the following courses**:

CJS 5000 Research Methodology
CJS 5400 Criminal Justice Process & Criminal Law
OR CJS 5410 Trends in Constitutional Law
OR SEC 5010 Legal Issues in Security
CJS 5970 Justice Seminar
INT 5420 Leadership and Behavior in Organizational
Intelligence
SEC 5020 Principles of Loss Prevention
SEC 5040 Comparative Security
SEC 5950 Computer and Information Security

**Based on the student's undergraduate work and career experience, substitutions for the above courses may be made with the approval of the department chair.

The remaining 15 credit hours are to include the following:

In addition to the 21 credits above, students elect two additional graduate-level courses in security administration and one graduate-level course in criminal justice studies to complete the core requirements. Six additional credit hours may be selected from appropriate graduate departments at the University of Detroit Mercy (e.g., addiction studies, business, education, security, etc.) to complete the 36-hour program with the approval of department chair.

Program Faculty

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- Master of Arts with a Criminal Justice major
- Master of Science in Intelligence Analysis

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