



General TAMIU Information

TAMIU's campus represents more than \$170 million investment in new facilities. You will take courses on the first new campus constructed in Texas in over 20 years.

Our campus is situated in the heart of South Texas along the US-Mexico common border which affords you immense opportunities for international, comparative, and developmental studies. You will study in our new state-of-the-art classrooms and facilities.

Our classrooms and facilities incorporate the latest trends in the evolving internet and information exchange. On-campus housing facilities are also wired for high-speed free internet. Ten computer labs help assure that you will work in an environment where the student-to-computer ratio is 10 to 1.

You can also work in our modern media center to make multi-media and audio-video presentations while the University's Computer and Telecommunications Services (CTS) department offers you extensive technology training.

You can also study in the Sue and Radcliffe Killam Library which is the cornerstone of on-campus support centers and recently completed a \$4.5 million addition to its collection.

How Do I Apply?

- Complete and submit University application and submit undergraduate transcripts to the Registrar's Office.
- Complete and submit College of Arts and Sciences application (including your student narrative) to the Director of Graduate Studies.
- All applications can be downloaded from <http://www.tamiu.edu/coas/gradstudies>
- Submit undergraduate transcripts to the Director of Graduate Studies.
- Have official GRE test scores sent directly from ETS.
- International students must also submit adequate TOEFL scores and financial documentation.
- Spring application deadline is November 1st; Fall application deadline is April 1st.

For more detailed information including program costs and courses, please visit or call:

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TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES



MASTERS OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE



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Master of Science in Criminal Justice

About Our Program

Texas A&M International University offers the Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice on its new state-of-the-art campus in Laredo, Texas. Laredo is unique in that it has nearly 20 different law enforcement agencies represented, including the Drug Enforcement Administration, city, county, and state law enforcement, probation and parole offices, Immigration and Naturalization Services, Border Patrol, and a host of other agencies that make the community a fertile site for productive criminal justice research and employment opportunities.

Our program is the only graduate program in criminal justice at a public university in the south-central Texas region. Mostly taught in seminar format, courses are designed for in-depth study of substantive areas in criminal justice and criminology. Graduate courses are usually taught in the evenings, allowing you to pursue graduate study on a part-time basis.

Our programs are tailored for active professionals seeking to improve their skill levels or for promotional purposes; those seeking advanced degrees such as J.D. or Ph.D. degrees; and for those seeking to increase their general knowledge of criminal justice.



Why Should You Come Here?

This program offers you the opportunity to work with internationally recognized scholars and obtain the Master of Science degree in several important subfields of criminal justice, including law enforcement and policing; institutional corrections; probation, parole and community corrections; juvenile justice; criminal courts; criminal justice ethics; criminological theory; women in criminal justice; law and society; and advanced methods of social research. Laredo is ideally situated and has at least 18 different local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies with arrest powers. Internships provide students with valuable learning experiences and in-service training for advancement in their desired professions.

For those interested in improving their organizational status, this program offers you the means whereby this goal can be accomplished. All of the criminal justice faculty are widely networked with key law enforcement agencies throughout the state and federal governments. Both the criminal justice system and juvenile justice system are widely represented. Former and current graduate students are frequently practitioners and full-time employees with various criminal justice agencies, including the U.S. Attorney's Office, Federal Probation and Supervised Release, Pretrial Services, the Webb County Sheriff's Department, Laredo Police Department, Texas Rangers, and state troopers.

Virtually every one of our graduates earning the Master of Science degree have achieved their immediate goals of either advancement within their own organization or employment in another organization where the work is more suited to their interests and skills.

About Our Faculty

The Criminal Justice program has several internationally recognized scholars who teach a wide variety of interesting courses. The department networks closely with public administration, political science, and sociology to offer even greater faculty diversity and an up-to-date curriculum.

Faculty attend both regional and national professional meetings on a regular basis, where they chair important panels, make special presentations and workshops, and give papers summarizing the

most recent research findings in their respective fields of interest. They network closely with those within the greater criminal justice community both nationally and internationally.



"Texas A&M International University has made it possible for me to complete my educational goal of a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice which in turn has provided opportunities for me to work in a field that is personally rewarding. I work with at-risk students at the secondary level and I am an adjunct professor at TAMIU."

Amadeo A. Juárez
LCDC, AAC, SWA

Careers

With a master's degree in criminal justice, you will have career opportunities in some of the following areas:

- Criminal justice administrator (police, courts, corrections)
- Criminal justice and research
- Advanced Ph.D. work at Ph.D.-granting schools
- Juvenile justice system
- Pre-law
- Social work and counseling
- Work with at-risk youth and special-needs offenders
- Law enforcement positions at local, state, and federal levels
- Institutional and community corrections
- Court positions, such as bailiffs, court reporters, court clerks, and other court aides.