Students have two options to complete the program:

1. Nonthesis: Professional practica (540 hours of integrated practicum and seminar) and 9 units of didactic selectives; OR

Liberal arts preparation

The M.S.W. and criminal justice curricula are built on a liberal arts perspective. Individual applicants whose undergraduate degree does not reflect this perspective may be asked to enroll in additional courses, which must be completed before advancement to candidacy (prior to beginning the advanced curriculum).

Unit values represent the quarter system of measurement. Content from multiple courses may be used to meet most requirements.

Admissions

In addition to Loma Linda University (http://llucatalog.llu.edu/about-university/admission-policies-information/#admissionrequirementstext), as follows:

1. Applicants must meet the minimum academic and professional compatibility criteria established by the program. These criteria include:
   - A cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or above (on a 4.0 scale). Applicants with lower grade point averages will be considered if the last 45-quarter credits (30 semester units) of non-field practica coursework shows significant improvement or if they have additional attributes that demonstrate preparedness and an appropriate fit for graduate education in the area of Criminal Justice. Work and volunteer experiences must be verified by employer/ supervisor statements on official agency stationery. Further consideration will also be given to individuals who provide evidence of additional graduate coursework, certifications, and/or training that illustrate preliminary preparation for a career in Criminal Justice. Students who are admitted to the Criminal Justice Program with a cumulative G.P.A. below 3.0 may be required to participate in individualized academic assessment and a targeted learning assistance program.
   - Demonstration, through the application and interview processes, of compatibility with professional standards set by the program including the ability to develop and nurture interpersonal relationships, communication skills, self-awareness, professional comportment, critical thinking skills, fit with the mission and values of Loma Linda University and the Department of Social Work and Social Ecology, and the capacity to successfully complete the Master of Science in Criminal Justice curriculum.
2. Submission of three letters of recommendation (one from an academic source and one from a work supervisor preferred).

Program requirements

The 48-unit curriculum for the M.S. degree in criminal justice provides the mix of academic, experiential, and research activities essential for M.S. degree students.

Students must maintain a grade point average of 3.0 (or a letter grade of B on a 4.0 scale) in order to progress successfully through the program and complete the degree. In addition students must meet the knowledge, skills, and professional performance competencies outlined by the program.
All course grades should meet the minimum B (3.0) standard, which by university policy indicates satisfactory performance. Courses in which a student earns a grade below a B (3.0) may need to be repeated (or may not apply to the degree) if competency in the subject area is related to practice performance with clients, and a grade less than a 3.0 represents marginal or unsatisfactory practice performance.

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### Religion, philosophy, and ethics

Select of the following:
- RELE 512 Bioethics and Society
- REL_5__ Graduate-level Religion. An approved 3-unit course within subject area, in consultation with advisor

### Social research methods

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Select 4 units from the following:
- MFAM 644 Child Abuse and Family Violence
- PSYC 685 Drug Addiction and Therapy
- SOWK 648 Co-occurring Processes and Interventions
- SOWK 659 Recovery in Behavioral Health
- SOWK 681 Behavioral Health Policies and Systems

### Degree completion options

#### Nonthesis option:
- Selectives (9 units) \(^1\)
  - CRMJ 519 Expert Testimony: Procedure and Practice
  - CRMJ 599 Directed Study/Special Project
  - GLBH 550 Women in Development
  - SOWK 514 Social Welfare Policies and Services
  - SOWK 659 Recovery in Behavioral Health
  - SOWK 683 Advanced Policy Analysis
  - SOWK 684 Advanced Policy Projects

#### Professional Practicum \(^2\)
- CRMJ 757A Professional Practicum and Seminar
- CRMJ 757B Professional Practicum and Seminar
- CRMJ 757C Professional Practicum and Seminar
- SOWK 578 Field Orientation

#### Thesis option:
- Selective (3 units from nonthesis option above)
- SOWK 697 Applied Research (4 units)
- SOWK 698 Thesis (2 units)

### Normal time to complete the program

2 years (7 quarters) based on full-time enrollment; part time permitted

### Courses

**CRMJ 515. Crime and Society. 3 Units.**

Discusses crime as a social problem and surveys its criminal justice responses. Provides an overview of criminological theory by placing crime in its cultural, social, political, and historical context. Describes the criminal justice system from an institutional perspective; and examines the intersecting roles of the police, forensic science agencies, the courts, and corrections as they aim to promote justice in the context of the social good.

**CRMJ 517. Criminal Procedure and Rules of Evidence. 3 Units.**

Studies criminal procedures as they are guided by the U.S. Constitution. Focuses on 4th-, 5th-, 6th-, and 14th-Amendment rights with regard to searches and seizures, confessions, due process, jury trials, assistance of counsel, and equal protection under the law. Discusses the introduction of scientific evidence in criminal trials as the point of intersection between science and law. Pretrial discovery rules, access to expert witnesses and testing, as well as federal and state rules of admissibility examined as they shape the content and process of evidence presentation in the courts by expert witnesses.

**CRMJ 519. Expert Testimony: Procedure and Practice. 2 Units.**

Familiarizes students with judicial procedure, and provides opportunity in a simulated trial setting for them to practice testifying as expert witnesses.

**CRMJ 520. Restorative Justice. 3 Units.**

Provides a new perspective on the purpose and role of the criminal justice system by examining how restorative justice attempts to forge new relationships between offenders and the people and communities they have victimized.

**CRMJ 574. Criminological Theory. 4 Units.**

Provides students with a detailed examination of the best-known and most influential theories of crime causation. Examines and evaluates selected theories from sociological, psychological, and behavioral perspectives.

**CRMJ 588. Topics in Forensic Science. 2 Units.**

Addresses current interests in specific areas of forensic science, offered at the discretion of the Department of Social Work and Social Ecology. Topics may include quality assurance, forensic chemistry and controlled substances, forensic biology, forensic toxicology, questioned documents, and others. Sections consist of lectures but may also include laboratory experience under the guidance of criminalists.

**CRMJ 599. Directed Study/Special Project. 1-4 Units.**

Limited to matriculating master's degree in criminal justice students who wish to pursue independent investigations in criminal justice practice or policy under the direction of a department faculty member.
CRMJ 620. Forensic Mental Health. 3 Units.
Overviews the specialized mental health and substance-abuse disorders treatment for persons incarcerated in jails, prisons, or special forensic psychiatric hospitals. Reviews effective treatment methods in forensic institutions and examines the current criminal justice system's handling of persons with mental illness and substance-abuse disorders.

CRMJ 630. Criminal Justice Planning and Administration. 3 Units.
Examines the structure, function, and effective operation of criminal justice agencies and organizations—including law enforcement, the courts, and corrections—within the overall context of the criminal justice system.

CRMJ 697. Research. 2 Units.
Supports students who choose to complete the thesis option. Provides research matriculation in the collection and analysis of data for the thesis. Students required to register for two quarters, or a total of 4 units.

CRMJ 698. Thesis. 2 Units.
The culminating work of the student's independent research, under the direction of the research advisor. Registration during the quarter in which student defends research and submits final document to the department and School of Behavioral Health.

CRMJ 757A. Professional Practicum and Seminar. 3 Units.
Experiential learning in criminal justice. Students must satisfactorily complete 160 practicum hours and 20 hours of concurrent seminar.

CRMJ 757B. Professional Practicum and Seminar. 3 Units.
Experiential learning in criminal justice. Students must satisfactorily complete 160 practicum hours and 20 hours of concurrent seminar.

CRMJ 757C. Professional Practicum and Seminar. 3 Units.
Experiential learning in criminal justice. Students must satisfactorily complete 160 practicum hours and 20 hours of concurrent seminar.

CRMJ 787. Advanced Professional Practicum and Seminar. 4 Units.
Experiential learning in advanced criminal justice practice. Students must satisfactorily complete 200 practicum hours and 20 hours of concurrent seminar.