Since its founding in 1819, UC has been the source of many discoveries creating positive change for society, including the first cooperative education system in 1903, the first antihistamine, the oral polio vaccine, the first electronic organ, and the first degree program offered via satellite. University of Cincinnati is classified as a Research University (Very High Research Activity) by the Carnegie Commission. Each year, this urban, public research university graduates more than 5,000 students, adding to the more than 250,000 living alumni around the world.

The School of Criminal Justice is ranked among the Top 3 Criminal Justice programs in the country by U.S. News & World Report, and it’s the highest ranked school with an online master’s degree in Criminal Justice. UC’s online Master of Science program has graduated more than 1,500 students in its ten year history online. Our graduates command the respect of their peers and supervisors as they lead positive change in the field of criminal justice.

What else makes UC’s program so distinct?
- Constantly updated criminal justice curriculum
- Three distinct and relevant concentration offerings
- Most published criminal justice faculty in the country
- Commitment to research

World Renowned Faculty
UC professors aren’t just teaching about the criminal justice field: they are helping shape it — one student at a time. In this highly ranked master’s degree program, you will learn from full-time faculty who write the books on criminal justice... literally. The faculty is frequently heralded as the most published in top criminal justice journals, earning the reputation for being “innovators” in the field (Journal of Criminal Justice Education, 2011). Our faculty represent a who’s who among leading criminal justice researchers, including the winner of the American Society of Criminology’s most prestigious award — the Edwin H. Sutherland Award – and many other national award winners.

Quality Matters
UC’s nationally ranked College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services (CECH) is recognized as a Quality Matters™ institution for its commitment to continuously improve the design and delivery of its online courses. Quality Matters is a faculty-centered, peer review process designed to certify the quality of online and blended courses. Rest assured that with the rigorous, nationally recognized Quality Matters standards in place, your coursework will meet the highest standards and best practices for online learning.

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Master of Science in Criminal Justice

The comprehensive 11-course curriculum is designed to help you understand the conceptual and theoretical frameworks that inform the study of crime and criminal justice, assess problems through a rigorous research approach, and conduct improved policy analysis. The program will also help you identify current trends in the areas of corrections, policing, and criminology. Many of our graduates pursue careers in research and university settings or assume leadership roles in the criminal justice system.

Concentrations
UC’s distance learning program offers three distinct concentrations so that you can focus your master’s degree in an area of criminal justice that is most relevant to you. Our innovative courses are constantly updated to teach students the relevant information that is important today.

- Analysis of Criminal Behavior
- Law Enforcement & Crime Prevention
- Corrections and Offender Rehabilitation

Course Delivery
The online master’s degree program in criminal justice includes 33 semester hours of coursework (11 courses) and can be completed in as few as two years of part-time study or one year of full-time study. In the two-year program, designed for working professionals, you will take two 3-credit hour courses each semester (taken back-to-back to enable you to focus on one course at a time). In the full-time, one-year program, you will complete four 3-credit hour courses each term, taken two at a time. The University of Cincinnati has designed the program to be delivered 100% online. The program uses distance learning Internet technologies and professional facilitators to eliminate travel requirements without sacrificing the tremendous value of peer and faculty interactions.

Program Highlights
- Eleven total courses (33 semester hours): Graduate in as few as two years of dedicated part-time study or one year of full-time study
- Take only one course at a time in the part-time program (two courses in the full-time program)
- Access courses and assignments any time, 24 hours a day, from any computer in the world
- Curriculum that combines cutting-edge theory with real-world application
- Three enrollment periods each year: fall, spring, and summer
- Receive the same degree on-campus students receive
- All courses taught by full-time University of Cincinnati faculty from the School of Criminal Justice

“I used to focus on just getting the bad guy, but now I have an appreciation for the system as a whole. The professors are so engaged with the students and the entire process has been just fantastic.”

— Thomas Lynch, Investigator
Every course was applicable in my current role as a Probation and Parole Officer. I was able to incorporate some of the evidenced-based practices in my everyday work and apply my own experience to my coursework.”

— Ryan Labrecque, Probation and Parole Officer