



**SOUTHERN  
UNIVERSITY**  
AND AGRICULTURAL & MECHANICAL COLLEGE



### **MASTER IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

The Master's Degree in Criminal Justice is a two-year program designed to develop, enhance and advance professionals and scholars in the Criminal Justice field. Earning your master's in criminal justice can help you develop leadership skills to manage teams and make decisions with your specialized knowledge. At the master's level you can also choose programs that concentrate on specific areas of interest, such as cybercrime, strategic management, criminal psychology, corrections and more.

### **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

A master's degree can help you work in public service positions for a variety of criminal justice focused organizations. Whether you want to become a supervisor in a police department, forensic psychologist, criminologist, district attorney or other high-level role, earning your master's is a great step in that direction. Plus, most of these positions are hired by government agencies, which typically include good benefits.

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

To be considered for admission into the Criminal Justice Master's Program, applicants must meet the following criteria: Admission into Graduate School; Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher learning; Minimum G.P.A. of 2.70; GRE score (within the last 5 years); Three letters of recommendation from academic sources (professors, deans, etc.); A typed double spaced personal essay not more than 1,000 words, and A TOEFL score for international students.

### **DEGREE REQUIREMENT**

Students must take the required core courses (18 hours), the concentration courses (12 hours) and elective courses (6 hours) or Thesis (6 hours). A total of thirty-six (36) credit hours of graduate work are required for graduation. Students who choose the Non-Thesis Option must also complete a Capstone Project.

The Criminal Justice Master's Degree Program has two tracks; (a) The Thesis Option and (b) The Non-Thesis Option. Thesis option students are required to complete 18 hours core, 12 hours concentration and 6 hours thesis. Non-Thesis option students are required to complete 18 hours core, 12 hours concentration, 6 hours of electives and a Capstone Project.

### **GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS**

The Department offers graduate assistantships for eligible students who show outstanding potential. These working assistantships are competitively awarded typically for an academic year and is based on availability of funds.

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### **THE GRADUATE SCHOOL**

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