

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Ph.D. Program



The University of New Haven's Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences is one of the largest and most academically diverse colleges of Criminal Justice in the United States. Founded in the late 1950s as one of the first ten academic programs in criminal justice, the college now supports nearly 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students. Doctoral study in the Henry C. Lee College embraces experiential education through a variety of research and scholarly opportunities associated with the broad range of interdisciplinary programs, faculty, and research centers within the college.

Unique Features

- Experiential opportunities to work on faculty mentored research, gain teaching experience, and participate in grant funded research programs through one of several institutes at the University of New Haven.
- Many students in the program are former or current practitioners in a range of criminal justice professions, which adds to the vibrancy of the program and its close ties with CJ policy and practice.
- The program includes both full-time and part-time options to allow students to tailor the program to meet their individual needs.
- The program includes traditional classroom based courses, independent study, and individualized instruction.
- With nearly forty full-time faculty members with specializations in areas such as criminology, law enforcement, forensic psychology, victimology, forensic science, crime analysis, terrorism, national security, juvenile justice, corrections, and law, students have the opportunity to select specialized areas of study within criminal justice.
- Program faculty have published more than 40 books, over 300 journal articles, and hundreds of technical reports and research studies for public and private-sector organizations.
- Graduating students can expect to apply their skills and credentials in a range of jobs where doctoral degrees are highly valued – from academic teaching to policy and analysis.



Benefits

- The University of New Haven Criminal Justice Ph.D. program is designed to be a small selective program to enable every student to receive the individualized instruction and mentoring necessary in doctoral education.
- Located in the greater New Haven community in the heart of one of the largest and most dynamic regions of the world, offering a wide variety of educational, cultural, and economic opportunities for prospective students and their families.
- Strong relationships with a broad range of public and private organizations afford graduate students significant opportunities to develop data sources and research opportunities.
- In the past few years, more than \$2 million in contract and grant funding for research and contract services within the College provide graduate students with opportunities for research experience and external funding.
- As a private university known for the strength of its academic programs within the Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, we provide strong student support.
- Nationally competitive fellowships, assistantships, and scholarships, which provide a range of benefits for tuition and financial support, are available for qualified students.

Admission Requirements

- A graduate or professional degree from a regionally accredited university (or its international equivalent).
- A 3.5 GPA for the final two years of undergraduate study, or a 3.5 GPA for all master's level academic coursework.
- Scores from the Graduate Record Exam (GRE®).
- Three (3) letters of recommendation.
- An academic or other professional writing sample.

- A 500-1,500-word personal statement describing the student's background, goals, and reasons for pursuing the Ph.D. program at the University of New Haven.
- Curriculum vitae (C.V.).

General Degree Requirements

Given the specialized nature of doctoral study, students admitted into the program complete general degree requirements to include core courses in criminology, research methods, statistics, and criminal justice. In addition to the foundational courses, each student will work with his or her doctoral program advisor and the director for the program to formalize a plan of study in an area of specialization.

The degree requirements include:

1. Completing a minimum residency requirement of 30 semester credits (10 courses) in the program prior to taking the preliminary comprehensive exams in Theory of Crime and Justice, and Research Methods and Statistics (Exams 1 and 2 of three exams).
2. Each student must also satisfy minimum requirements (3 to 15 credits) for an area of specialization within the program and pass an Area of Specialization comprehensive exam (Exam 3).
3. Maintaining a minimum 3.0 grade-point average.
4. Passing all three comprehensive examinations.
5. Completing and defending a doctoral dissertation prospectus prior to starting work on a dissertation.
6. Completing and defending a doctoral dissertation that is based on original research and that makes a significant contribution to the study of criminal justice. Students must complete a minimum of 9 hours of dissertation credit.
7. Being in compliance with all general rules and procedures for graduate study at the University of New Haven.



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