

Master of Science in Criminal Justice (MSCJ): Admission Requirements

- ❑ **Submit an online application at:** <http://www.bgsu.edu/graduate/admissions.html>
- ❑ **Undergraduate GPA:** To gain regular admission to the MSCJ program, you must have a minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.75 (on a four-point scale) or 3.00 in at least nine credit hours of graduate courses.
 - ❑ On-campus students with a cumulative undergraduate GPA between 2.75 and 2.99 are eligible for regular admission but not assistantship funding (i.e., scholarship or stipend). In addition, an applicant may be conditionally admitted to the MSCJ program with certain deficiencies in course work or other admission criteria, contingent upon the approval of the program faculty and Graduate College. Students who are conditionally admitted are required to achieve an overall 3.00 GPA in their first 12 credit hours of course work. Failure to meet this requirement will result in dismissal from the MSCJ program.
 - ❑ Students who do not meet the minimum GPA requirement may take up to 9 credit hours in the MSCJ program as a [non-degree seeking student](#) and then apply for regular admission if they earn a B or better in these courses.
- ❑ **Transcripts:** Scanned copies of official or unofficial transcripts from all institutions attended. Upon admission, final official transcripts from each degree granting institution must be submitted. Send official transcripts and test scores (if required, see below) to:

Graduate College
120 McFall Center
Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, OH 43403
- ❑ **GRE Score:** Applicants who meet ONE of the following criteria do not need to take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE):
 - ❑ Overall undergraduate GPA of 2.75
 - ❑ GPA of 3.00 in the last 60 semester hours of undergraduate study
 - ❑ GPA of 3.00 in 9 credit hours of graduate courses
 - ❑ GPA of 2.50 in last 60 semester hours of undergraduate study and 5 years of professional experienceFor applicants who do not meet any of the above criteria, a Verbal GRE score of 150 and Quantitative GRE score of 141 will be required.
- ❑ **Two Letters of Recommendation:** Students must also request two letters of recommendation from individuals with knowledge of their qualifications and ability to successfully complete graduate course work. References' contact information will be required in our online application system. Examples of individuals typically asked to write letters of recommendation include past professors, supervisors, or colleagues holding a graduate degree.

When completing the electronic application process, you will be asked to provide contact information for your references. Be sure to include an email address. The system will then automatically send your references an email asking them to submit their letter of recommendation by clicking a unique link that is tied to your application. Reminder emails will also be sent at various intervals if the letter(s) has not yet been received.
- ❑ **Personal Statement:** Applicants must supply a written statement, 250-750 words, detailing their interest in the MSCJ program and their professional goals. This statement or letter is weighed heavily in the admission decision.
- ❑ **Resume:** Resume should include relevant academic and professional (e.g., internship) experiences.
- ❑ **Application Fee:** \$45 nonrefundable application fee for domestic applicants; \$75 for international applicants. The application fee is automatically waived for McNair Scholars, U.S. Military Veterans, and returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

Application Deadline: Completed applications should be received at least 30 days prior to start of the applicant's first semester or course in the MSCJ program. To be considered for assistantship funding (i.e., scholarship or stipend), however, a completed application must be received by April 1, with the expectation that the student would start the MSCJ program the following summer, fall, or spring semester.