Seeking your Master’s or Ph.D. in Criminology?

The Department of Criminology at the University of South Florida (USF) develops creative scholars and scientists who apply their knowledge and skills to contemporary issues of crime and justice, as academics and practitioners.

Reasons to pursue your graduate education at USF

• The members of our multi-disciplinary faculty have a breadth of research interests that cut across criminology and criminal justice topics. These professors, who are dedicated to graduate teaching and mentoring, conduct research that is funded by federal, state, and local grants. Their recent publications have appeared in top journals such as Criminology, Crime and Delinquency, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, Journal of Quantitative Criminology and Justice Quarterly.

• The Chronicle of Higher Education lists the USF Criminology Department as among the top ten criminal justice and criminology Ph.D. programs in the nation in terms of faculty productivity (see also Steiner & Schwartz, 2006). Many of the faculty publications are co-authored with graduate students.

• Our curriculum has both standard and innovative elements. Students will become well-grounded in criminological theory, research methods (including evaluation methods), and statistics. Students can supplement this core curriculum with the study of diverse topics such as Juvenile justice and delinquency, Macro-level models of criminal behavior, Race and social control, Substance use and abuse, and Violence.

• Opportunities are available to obtain practical experience in proposal writing, research, and classroom and on-line teaching.

• The department has generous funding to support graduate students. Assistantships include tuition waivers and subsidies toward health care.

• Situated along Florida’s Gulf Coast, the Tampa Bay region boasts an enviable quality of life with year round sunshine, and a unique cultural heritage. With a wide array of museums, amusement parks, sporting events and other great attractions, there is always something to do. However, if you just feel like relaxing, you can’t go wrong with any of our beautiful beaches!

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