

**Application Requirements  
PhD in Criminal Justice  
University of Arkansas, Little Rock**

Applications for the PhD in Criminal Justice will be accepted beginning in January of each year. Applications are considered on a rolling admission, with students meeting the requirements for full admission eligible for immediate acceptance and conditional students admitted no later than May of each year. Late admissions are possible but not guaranteed. Students are only admitted into the Fall semester each year.

**Requirements for Full Admission**

- Score at least 1000 on the combined verbal and quantitative portions of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).
- Score at least 4 on the written portion of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE).
- A graduate cumulative GPA of at least 3.5.
- International students must take the TOEFL exam and score at least 550 on the paper-based test, 213 on the computer-based version, or 79 on the Internet-based version.
- A master's degree in criminology/criminal justice or a closely related field.
  - Applicants from other disciplines may be admitted after taking one or more courses in the MACJ program to establish knowledge in criminal justice issues. Applicants with only a Juris Doctorate (no master's degree) will not be directly admitted to the program but will be required to take MACJ courses in research methods, statistics, and criminal justice (police, corrections, criminological theory).
- Three courses in statistics and research methods at the master's level.
  - Courses may be taken in the MACJ program to remove this deficiency after being admitted to the program but before taking statistics or research methods courses at the doctoral level.

Admission decisions will be made by a committee of doctoral faculty. The doctoral admissions committee will also take the "fit" between the applicant and the doctoral program into account when making admission decisions, and may decline to admit an otherwise qualified applicant based on lack of fit with the program. The doctoral admissions committee may conditionally admit a student for one semester who does not meet all of the requirements for admission.

**Application Procedures**

- Applicants must apply on line at <https://boss.ualr.edu>
- Applicants must submit official copies of their transcripts, GRE scores, a sample of written work, a statement of purpose, and a career development plan to the UALR Graduate School.

- The statement of purpose should consist of two parts: a statement of what the applicant sees as the role of a PhD in criminal justice, and a statement of the applicant's understanding of the role of research in criminal justice.
- The career development plan should describe in detail what the applicant plans to do following completion of the PhD. This statement must be more than "I want to work as a teacher at a university," and should include a potential research and publication agenda.
- The writing sample should be a term paper, article, conference paper, or other document of sufficient length to evaluate the applicant's potential for publication.
- Applicants must submit two professional letters of recommendation (one of which must come from a graduate-level teacher).

Once application is made please send an email to [sxmoak@ualr.edu](mailto:sxmoak@ualr.edu) to ensure the application packet is tracked by the admissions committee.

Once all material is received by the Graduate School, the applicant will be notified of a completed packet. Applicants eligible for full admission may be accepted immediately. Those applicants will receive a letter of acceptance from the Doctoral Coordinator, along with offers of funding. Conditional students will be admitted no later than May of each year.

For more information, contact:

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