

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 9 credit hours of course work. Failure to meet this requirement will result in dismissal from the MSCJ program.
- ❑ **Transcripts:** 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 to:

Graduate Admissions
200 University Hall
Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, OH 43403
Electronic transfer: gradapply@bgsu.edu

- ❑ **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.

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.