

Why a Masters in Criminology at Thomas College

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You're looking at really two types of students that are going to go into the master's in criminology. Well, first of all, they're interested in crime, okay. We have crime in the United States. We have crime in the world so, therefore, you know, criminology is going to be approaching that and studying that.

And so, like I said, there's two students that we're going to look at: one coming off of an undergraduate program right away. They want to have that advanced degree to make themselves much more marketable in many of the criminal justice and homeland security entities. So, you're not just looking at police, you're looking at the courts, you're looking at victim's advocacy, you're looking at maybe going into the correction system and doing some screening of people coming into the system. So, that would be the person that's graduating, you know, gets a bachelor's degree and they go right into the master's program.

The other person that I'm also looking at that I teach is that person that's already in the professional realm. They have their undergraduate degree. They're working in the profession. They're in some sort of criminal justice agency, whether it's the courts, corrections, or policing, or homeland security and they're looking to increase their professional worth. So, they're going to end up getting that degree.

The good thing is the degree is set up so it's online. We have classes every 8 weeks, so it's a very robust program. It moves very quickly but the student is able to get out within a year's time with a master's degree and have that credential and it's going to make them much more desirable as far as in leadership positions. It's also going to make them much more desirable, you know, just if they want to end up switching a job, or switching their profession, or going to a different agency.

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