



# ACCELERATED INTEGRATED UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE PROGRAM (IUG) B.S. IN CRIMINOLOGY – MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY (MPP) DEGREE

## What is the IUG?

The IUG provides an opportunity for academically strong students to complete a bachelor of science degree in criminology and a master's degree in public policy in approximately five years of study.

## How does the IUG prepare students for the job market?

The IUG curriculum provides students the opportunity to integrate strong critical thinking skills, in-depth substantive knowledge in criminology, and state-of-the-art public policy knowledge that will place them at a competitive advantage for jobs and additional graduate-level study.

## Does the IUG increase earning potential for graduates?

Employers highly value a Master of Public Policy degree. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, MPP graduates earn an average of \$19,000 more than their counterparts with bachelor's degrees. Prodigy Finance reports that MPP grads can expect a 31% increase in salary.

## What is the admissions process?

Applicants should generally have a minimum overall GPA of 3.4 at the time of application. Admission to the IUG is based on good progress in student's undergraduate studies, faculty recommendations, GPA, and a two-page statement of purpose. Students must also apply to and be accepted into, the Graduate School at Penn State. Internal IUG students are **NOT** required to take the GRE.

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## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Government
- Think tanks
- Consulting firms
- Nonprofits
- Lobbying firms
- Private-sector organizations

## PROGRAM SPECIALIZATIONS

- Criminal Justice
- Data Science/Analytics
- Education Policy
- Environmental Policy
- Gender Equity and Policy
- Health Policy
- Information Technology
- International Public Policy
- Labor and Employment Relations
- Racial Justice and Equity
- Social Policy

*Option to design a specialization  
with Penn State faculty*

## COMPLEMENTARY PROGRAMS

*The substantive knowledge  
and analytic abilities that  
students acquire as criminology  
undergraduates will complement the  
more advanced understanding of  
policy design, implementation and  
evaluation, and technical analytic  
skills obtained in the MPP program.*

## A DEGREE FOR THE JOB MARKET

*Criminology undergraduates have a good understanding of crime in society and attempts to ameliorate it, but are often unsure of what they can do professionally with a bachelor's degree in criminology if they do not wish to enter into law enforcement. The MPP program will help students translate the knowledge and skills that they have into good jobs with good salaries.*

## CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

- All major requirements for the undergrad B.S. degree in Criminology (61–63 credits).
- MPP coursework (43 credits).
- Four 400- or 500-level courses from your current Criminology B.S. will **ALSO COUNT** toward the MPP degree.

## CURRICULUM

- Elective specialization of four courses.
- Criminology-MPP IUG students will take four 400- or 500-level courses during the fourth year of study that will **DOUBLE COUNT** for both the Criminology B.S. and MPP. At least two courses must be at the 500-level.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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