

# Criminology, Law, and Justice

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The Department of Criminology, Law and Justice (CLJ) at UIC is an interdisciplinary department with Master's, PhD, and undergraduate programs at Chicago's only urban, public research university. The department is a thriving academic community of scholars, teachers and students who are dedicated to all forms of academic inquiry under the broad umbrella of criminology, law and society, and the study of justice. CLJ offers work leading to the Master of Arts and the Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology, Law, and Justice. CLJ's research areas can be found on the [department website](#). Building on the general curricular areas in critical criminology, law and society and the study of justice, the Doctor of Philosophy degree offers additional course work in theory, substantive specialties, and research methods.

The department cosponsors the Interdepartmental Graduate Concentration in Violence Studies with the Jane Addams College of Social Work. This concentration is available to students in the department's graduate programs. See [Violence Studies](#) in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences section or the Jane Addams College of Social Work section. Interdepartmental concentrations in Black Studies, Gender and Women's Studies, Latin American and Latino Studies, and Survey Research Methodology are also available to students in this program.

## Admission and Degree Requirements

- [MA in Criminology, Law, and Justice](#)
- [PhD in Criminology, Law, and Justice](#)