

# CRIMINOLOGICAL THEORY AND RESEARCH GRADUATE CREDIT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

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<b>Campus(es)</b>	World Campus

The Graduate Certificate in Criminological Theory and Research is designed to provide students with knowledge of criminological theories, an overview of social science research methods and statistics, and their application to the study of criminal justice topics and the evaluation of criminal justice policies. The certificate program teaches advanced statistical techniques in criminal justice and criminology, focusing on the theory behind these methods, analyzing computer-generated data, and applying the techniques to research questions, with hands-on experience using statistical software. This 9-credit graduate certificate consists of three required courses from the Master of Professional Studies in Criminal Justice Policy and Administration (MPS CJP) program.

Courses taken in the certificate program may be applied toward the M.P.S. in Criminal Justice Policy and Administration, subject to restrictions outlined in GCAC-309 Transfer Credit (<https://gradschool.psu.edu/graduate-education-policies/gcac/gcac-300/gcac-309-transfer-credit/>). Certificate students who wish to have certificate courses applied towards a graduate degree must apply and be admitted to that degree program. Admission to the graduate degree program is a separate step and is not guaranteed.

**Effective Semester:** Fall 2025

**Ending Semester:** Spring 2030