

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN VICTIM SERVICES MANAGEMENT

Program Description

The Master of Science in Victim Services Management is designed to prepare graduates to work in various areas of victim services¹, including but not limited to, advocacy, case management, direct service provision, organizational management, and social policy development.

This degree will benefit persons with or without previous employment experience in the field of victim services. Courses are sequenced so that students can complete the degree in two years, enrolling in two 15-week courses per semester. However, the ideal candidate will have paid or volunteer work experience in the field of victim services.

¹ Select courses meet National Advocate Credentialing Program (NACP) standards.

Admission

Applications to the Master of Science in Victim Services Management Degree Program are on a rolling basis, where the fall semester deadline is August 1, and the spring semester deadline is November 1. A review of each student's application file will be completed with admission offered on a competitive basis. Please submit all documents to the University Office of Graduate Admissions. Admission considerations include:

1. Graduate Application (<http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>)
2. Application fee (<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-studies/application-fee.html>)
3. An undergraduate degree from an accredited institution in an allied field.
4. Official transcripts of all academic work previously undertaken.
5. A cumulative undergraduate degree grade point average of 3.0 or 3.0 for the final 30 baccalaureate credits. An acceptable GRE score may be substituted/required to demonstrate graduate study readiness if the GPA falls below the above standard.
6. Resume
7. A personal essay regarding career background and goals.
8. A minimum of two recommendation letters from academic sources or current supervisor of recent victim-related work (either paid or volunteer).
9. **International students ONLY:** Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A minimum score of 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based), or 79 (internet-based) is required.

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Degree Requirements

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Required Courses

CRIJ 5330	Critical Analys Of Justice Adm	3
CRIJ 5364	Seminar in Victimology	3
CRIJ 5365	Seminar in Crime Victims Services and Management	3
CRIJ 5366	Advocacy and Case Management	3
CRIJ 6334	Resrch Mthd & Quantve Analysis	3
CRIJ 6338	Coordinating Victim Services ²	3
CRIJ 6394	Special Topics-Criminal Justce (Nonprofit Management & Grant Writing)	3
CRIJ 6394	Special Topics-Criminal Justce (Family Violence or Child Abuse and Neglect)	3

Electives

Select four of the following:		12
CRIJ 5367	Gender and Criminal Justice	
CRIJ 5368	Human Sex Trafficking	
CRIJ 5370	Elder Abuse and Victimization	
CRIJ 5371	Interpersonal Violence	
CRIJ 6330	Neurobiology of Trauma	
CRIJ 6392	Program Evaluation In CJ	
CRIJ 6394	Special Topics-Criminal Justce (Violence Against Women)	
CRIJ 6394	Special Topics-Criminal Justce (Victims' Politics and Policies)	
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Total Hours

36

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2 A Grade of B or better in CRIJ 6338 is required for graduation.