MASTER OF SCIENCE IN VICTIM SERVICES MANAGEMENT

The Master of Science in Victim Services Management is designed to prepare graduates to work in various areas of victim services, including but not limited to, 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 had work experience in the field of victim services.

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

Applications to the Master of Science in Victim Services Management Degree Program are on a rolling basis, with a Fall semester priority deadline of May 1. However, depending on space availability, applications may still be considered through July 1. The Spring semester priority deadline is November 1, although applications may continue to be reviewed until December 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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**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 Justice (Violence Against Women)

Total Hours: 36

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