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MEET OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Thomas Nolan, Director of Graduate Programs, Criminology and Criminal Justice



A former senior policy analyst in the Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at the Department of Homeland Security in Washington, DC, as well as a 27-year veteran (and former lieutenant) of the Boston Police Department, Nolan is consulted regularly by local, national, and international media outlets for his expertise in policing and civil rights and civil liberties issues, police practices and procedures, the police subculture, and crime trends and criminal behavior. Dr. Nolan's scholarly publications are in the areas of gender roles in policing, the police subculture,

and the influence of the popular culture on criminal justice processes. Tom writes regularly for the American Constitution Society in Washington, DC as well as The Daily Beast.

MEET OUR ALUMNI

Gabriela Vega '16



"During my internships, I worked directly with inmates as a case worker with a case load of about 60 inmates at the Essex County Correctional Facility in Lawrence, MA. At the Essex County Pre-Release Center, I assigned and tracked inmates who came from a detox center. I saw both negative and positive parts of the justice system. I have seen sad situations, but I also saw my co-workers go above and beyond for the inmates, especially those who are straightening out their lives and doing the right thing while incarcerated. It gives me hope that the justice system

is not just filled with negativity. I have seen first-hand the good that the facility and the employees within it can do for inmates."

David Ralli '17



"Through my research and graduate study, I have a better understanding of the underlying issues in criminal justice as a police officer. My classes have been focused on current problems in law enforcement in the 21st century. The professors are not afraid to ask difficult questions on the current state of policing to generate meaningful discussion."

Merrimack College is a selective, independent college in the Catholic, Augustinian tradition whose mission is to enlighten minds, engage hearts and empower lives. The College offers undergraduate degrees in the liberal arts, business, science and engineering, and education programs; it also offers master's programs and part-time degree completion programs.

At Merrimack, we live the Augustinian values of hospitality, truth, and social justice. By working together for the greater good, our students, alumni, and faculty have made a measurable impact on our community and our world. We believe there are many paths to success. That's why we empower our students to choose their own direction—and then give them the support they need to excel. By understanding their unique needs, interests, and aspirations, we enable them to grow intellectually, spiritually, and socially.

In the **School of Education & Social Policy** at Merrimack College, we believe that education is a transformative practice that changes the world. The curricular focus of the school—rooted in our Augustinian mission—is to impact social justice and engage citizens for the greater social good.

Our dynamic programs transform individuals and communities by linking theory, research and practice. The school collaborates with over 100 regional partners. We provide students a breadth of offerings in field-based experiences based in schools, community-based organizations, non-profits, legal, social service and local agencies. The work of our students can provide children access to effective schools, and it can help strengthen families and their respective communities.

The school offers a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate programs including the Master of Science in Criminology & Criminal Justice.

All of the school's educator preparation programs are approved by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Our goal is to provide students with fundamental skills that would qualify for a wide range of employment opportunities—benefits that are practical and personally satisfying.

FOR QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & SOCIAL POLICY



The Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice degree program is an ideal first step (or next step) if you are looking to pursue a career in one of the many paths open to criminal justice practitioners or if you are looking to advance professionally in your current career.

The curriculum is tailored to meet the increasingly complex demands of the criminal justice workplace. The Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice equips current and future criminal justice practitioners, leaders, researchers and educators to confront the increasing complexities of issues related to crime, security, technology and social justice.

You'll work closely with the program's outstanding faculty, who are both traditional academic scholars as well as those with advanced graduate degrees who are currently engaged in the professional practice.



PROGRAM FORMAT

- Online and on-campus courses for added flexibility
- Evening classes for students who work or intern during the day
- Accelerated full-time, one year option or part-time option to work at your own pace
- Terms starting in fall, spring, and summer

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants to the graduate programs at Merrimack must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, and submit the required materials in order to be considered for admission. Standardized test scores are optional. Visit www.merrimack.edu/graduate to review all application requirements.

Applicants whose first language is not English and have not earned an academic degree in the U.S. must submit proof of English proficiency.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

All students can participate in a related field-based experience in a professional criminal justice agency or organization. Our graduate programs are designed to help you reach your ultimate goal—whether it's improving your professional status, obtaining a promotion, or shifting into a more enriching, high growth field. As a Merrimack graduate student, you can take advantage of a wide range of career planning resources and services to meet your needs.

OUR GRADUATE STUDENTS INTERN AND ARE EMPLOYED AT:

- Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)
- Transportation Security Administration (TSA)
- General Electric Corporate Security
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Children and Families (DCF)
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO)*
- Youth Villages (Mental Health Care)
- Woburn, MA Police Department
- Essex County Sheriff's Department, Essex County Correctional Facility



CORE COURSES

The Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice combines foundational courses with electives for a total of 32 credits.

- Police, Courts, and Corrections
- Public Policy, Crime, and Criminal Justice
- Advanced Research Methods & Evaluation
- Capstone Seminar ("Theoretical Application and the Professional Practice" OR "Theoretical Application and Emerging Criminal Justice Policy")

A SAMPLING OF COURSES

- Juvenile Justice and the Legal Rights of Children
- Offender Reentry and Reintegration
- Prison, Incarceration, and the Treatment of Convicted Persons
- Race, Ethnicity, and Social Control
- Family Violence and Intimate Partner Abuse
- Applied Criminology
- Applied Multivariate Data Analysis
- Crime Ethnography
- Intelligence Analysis in the Information Sharing Environment (ISE)
- Applied Multivariate Data Analysis
- Civil Rights and Civil Liberties in the Era of Homeland Security
- Forensic Behavioral Analysis
- Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure