Admission Criteria

1. A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university in criminal justice, criminology, sociology or the equivalent. Students with undergraduate degrees in other field but with substantial work experience in criminal/juvenile justice may be admitted with special approval. Those without substantial work experience and with undergraduate degrees in other field may be admitted after taking specified undergraduate courses.

2. Last 60 hours of undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or higher to be admitted unconditionally;

3. Last 60 hours of undergraduate GPA of 2.50-2.99 will be admitted provisionally and must maintain minimum grades of “B” in nine hours of CRIJ courses.

4. Last 60 hours of undergraduate GPA 2.49 and below must meet Lamar University’s Graduate admissions formula with the GRE and GPA.

5. Satisfactory completion of at least one statistics course and one social science research course.