MASTER OF ARTS IN CRIMINOLOGY

The following should be submitted to the appropriate UWG office at least 20 days prior to the beginning of the semester you plan to enroll*:

University Requirements:

1. Complete an application for graduate admission;
2. Non-refundable $40.00 application fee;
3. One official transcript from each college or university attended;
4. **Certificate of Immunization** must be sent directly to the Office of Student Health Services (Only applicable to new students);

Department Requirements:

5. 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA on a 4.0 scale (If a student does not meet the GPA requirements for regular admission, s/he may be admitted provisionally);
6. A 750-word intellectual autobiography highlighting your reasons for pursuing a graduate degree at UWG (see page 2 for instructions);
7. Resume or curriculum vitae; and
8. Three strong letters of recommendation from individuals knowledgeable of your academic and/or professional abilities. A candidate should have at least 2 academic references, preferably from faculty with whom the candidate has studied. It is further advisable that the candidate does not choose a family member or a neighbor for the third letter of recommendation.

GRE scores can be submitted to support an application for admission and funding, but are not required.

Please send **ALL materials** (except Certificate of Immunization) to:

**Office of Graduate and International Admissions**

University of West Georgia
Aycock Hall, Room 127
Carrollton, GA 30118

Check your Application Status online by clicking [here](#).

*International Students* interested in applying for admission to a graduate program offered by the Department of Criminology need to submit a completed Application Packet by the following dates found [here](#).

**Important Contact Information:**

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE INTELLECTUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Applicants for the MA Criminology program must submit a 750-word intellectual biography. Within this intellectual biography the candidate may want to comment upon:

- When and where the candidate’s interest in Criminology developed
- How the field of Criminology was incorporated into the candidate’s undergraduate coursework
- How the field of Criminology has been incorporated into the candidate’s current professional work or will be incorporated into the candidate’s future career goals
- Theoretical or methodological interests of the candidate
- The candidate’s plans or ideas for original research
- A faculty member that the candidate is interested in studying with

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Criminology at 678-839-5199.

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