

ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

A. Program Admission Requirements

Guilford's Graduate School programs are competitive; acceptance is not automatic even if the applicant does meet the department's minimum admission requirements. The number of students accepted depends on the quality of applications, availability of financial aid, and adequate faculty supervision. Similar to Guilford's undergraduate admissions process, the graduate admissions decisions are made on a more holistic basis.

1. Admission Criteria

Please use the links below to learn more about the admission criteria for the Guilford College graduate programs.

- Master of Business Administration: <https://www.guilford.edu/how-apply-master-business-administration> (<https://www.guilford.edu/how-apply-master-business-administration/>)
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice: <https://www.guilford.edu/how-apply-master-criminal-justice> (<https://www.guilford.edu/how-apply-master-criminal-justice/>)
- Master of Science in International Sport Management: <https://www.guilford.edu/how-apply-master-international-sport-management> (<https://www.guilford.edu/how-apply-master-international-sport-management/>)

2. Transfer and Non-matriculated Credits

Up to two graduate courses may be transferred from another accredited institution toward the degree. Any transfer credits must have received a B or better and all must be approved by the program. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the program.

Non-matriculating Students

Students may take up to two courses in the program prior to being formally accepted. Grades of B or better are required for the courses to apply toward the degree. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the program.

Non-matriculating students must complete the application, submit undergraduate transcripts, and pay the application fee in whole at time of application submission. Guilford does not require letters of recommendation, statement of purpose, and GRE score for non-matriculating applicants.

3. Application Deadlines

Applications for admission into the program will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Admission for the summer semester will not be considered.

4. Accelerated B.S. to M.S. Program for Master of Science in Criminal Justice (Guilford students only)

This program allows Guilford students to begin their graduate work as undergraduates. In this model, full time Guilford undergraduate students would need to apply for the graduate program in their junior year and if accepted, would take one graduate course in the fall of their senior year and two graduate courses in the spring of their senior year. The graduate courses taken would replace the two upper level electives in the Criminal Justice major and the one lower level elective in the Criminal Justice major.

Undergraduates who are not Criminal Justice majors may be accepted into the program but the decision to allow graduate courses to count for major requirements is at the discretion of the department that student is majoring in. If a department does not allow graduate courses to count for major requirements, the graduate courses would count as general elective credits toward their undergraduate degree.

Admission into the accelerated program requires

- A minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0
- A completed graduate program application in the student's junior year
- Acceptance into the program by the Graduate Program Director

An undergraduate student will not be allowed to take graduate courses until they have completed JPS 300 (Professionalism and Ethics in CJ), JPS 333 (Criminology) and JPS 337 (Research Methods).

Graduate courses taken as an undergraduate student will double count toward both their bachelor's degree and their master's degree.

Only full time undergraduate students are eligible to be admitted into the accelerated B.S to M.S. program.

B. Program Requirements

Please refer to Courses A - Z in the Guilford College Catalog for all course descriptions: <https://catalog.guilford.edu/catalog/courses/>

1. Master of Business Administration Degree

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
MBA 500	MBA Foundations	
MBA 511	Ethical Leadership	
MBA 520	Marketing in a Digital Age	
MBA 530	Corporate Finance	
MBA 540	Business Economics	
MBA 600	Business Strategy	
MBA 581	International Entrepreneurship	
MBA 605	Business and Ethics	
MBA 671	MBA Capstone Project	

2. Master of Business Administration Degree with Sport Management Specialization

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
MBA 500	MBA Foundations	2
MBA 511	Ethical Leadership	4
MBA 520	Marketing in a Digital Age	4
MBA 530	Corporate Finance	4
MBA 540	Business Economics	4
MBA 581	International Entrepreneurship	4
MBA 600	Business Strategy	4
MBA 605	Business and Ethics	4
MBA 671	MBA Capstone Project	2
MISM 575	Athletics Management Practicum (1-4 credits, may 1-4 be repeated).	

Select Three of the Following:

MISM 510	Strategic Planning and Problem Solving in Sport	4
MISM 520	Sociology and Sport	4
MISM 530	Internal Operations in Sport	4
MISM 540	External Operations in Sport	4
MISM 560	Leadership Principles and Perspectives for Sport	4

3. Master of Science in International Sport Management with Business Administration Specialty

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
MISM 510	Strategic Planning and Problem Solving in Sport	4
MISM 520	Sociology and Sport	4
MISM 530	Internal Operations in Sport	4
MISM 540	External Operations in Sport	4
MISM 550	International Perspectives on Sport Management	4
MISM 560	Leadership Principles and Perspectives for Sport	4
MISM 570	International Model of Sport	4
MISM 580	MISM Capstone Project	4
MBA 500	MBA Foundations	2
MISM 575	Athletics Management Practicum (1-4 credits, may 1-4 be repeated).	

Select Three of the Following:

MBA 510	International Business	4
MBA 511	Ethical Leadership	4
MBA 520	Marketing in a Digital Age	4
MBA 530	Corporate Finance	4
MBA 540	Business Economics	4

4. Master of Science in International Sport Management Degree

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
MISM 510	Strategic Planning and Problem Solving in Sport	
MISM 520	Sociology and Sport	
MISM 530	Internal Operations in Sport	
MISM 540	External Operations in Sport	
MISM 550	International Perspectives on Sport Management	
MISM 560	Leadership Principles and Perspectives for Sport	
MISM 570	International Model of Sport	
MISM 580	MISM Capstone Project	

5. Criminal Justice Master of Science Degree

Code	Title	Credits
a. Required Core Courses 600 Level - 4 courses (16 credits)		
JPS 600	Foundations of Crim. Justice	
JPS 601	Advanced Research Methods	
JPS 602	Problem-Solving CJ	
JPS 605	Leadership in Criminal Justice	
b. Required Culmination (Thesis) Courses - 2 courses (8 credits)		
JPS 650	Thesis Preparation	
JPS 651	Thesis	
c. Elective courses - 4 courses (16 credits)		
Crime and Policy		
JPS 510	Criminological Theory	

JPS 511	Cybercrime	
JPS 514	Race, Class, Gender and Criminal Justice	
JPS 516	Leadership in Criminal Justice	
JPS 517	Digital Privacy and the Law	
JPS 518	National Security	
JPS 519	Crime, Justice and Community	4
Corrections		
JPS 521	Corrections & Incarceration	
JPS 522	Current Issues in Corrections	
JPS 603	Crime, Justice and Community	4
Law and Courts		
JPS 531	Advanced Criminal Procedure	
JPS 532	Prosecution and Trial	
JPS 533	Current Issues in Courts	
Policing		
JPS 540	Advanced Policing	
JPS 542	Current Issues in Policing	
JPS 545	Police Brutality and Culture	
Independent Study and Special Topics		
JPS 550	Special Topics	
JPS 560	Independent Study	
JPS 655	Thesis Continuation	

d. Criminal Justice Master of Science Degree Master's Thesis

The thesis for completion of the Master's degree is required. This includes registration in JPS 650 and JPS 651 for eight credits, which will be offered every semester. There are two options for the thesis. The first is an empirically-based research study. This will include either collecting data or analyzing a previously collected data set. The thesis is expected to be an original work based upon empirical research, library research, secondary research, or experience in the field. Students who plan to pursue a doctoral degree are recommended to choose to complete an empirically-based thesis. The second thesis option is a practical problem solving thesis. The problem solving thesis will have the student critically assess a problem in a criminal justice institution toward a goal of policy change to minimize or eliminate the problem presented. The written academic work for the problem solving practicum is expected to be an original work based upon library research, secondary research, and any experience in the field. Students who have no plans to pursue a doctoral degree are recommended to choose the problem solving practicum option. For more specific information regarding the thesis and the thesis process, please see the Thesis Manual.