

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC SAFETY (M.S.)

Purpose

The purpose of the Master of Science in Public Safety is to train and equip current and aspiring public safety leaders and administrators across multiple professions and at all levels of government to collaboratively manage the resources and people dedicated to ensuring the safety and security of the public.

Program Specific Admission Requirements

In addition to the general admission requirements, specific requirements for admission to the Master of Science in Public Safety (M.S.) are as follows:

1. Earned baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (e.g., SACSCOC, TRACS, ABHE, etc.).
2. An undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above (on a 4.00 scale).
3. TOEFL Scores for students who speak English as a second language (score of 600 paper-based test; 250 computer-based test, 80 internet-based test)

Students who do not meet the minimum GPA requirement may be admitted on Academic Caution status. Applicants who hold a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.00 to 2.99 on a 4.00 scale may be eligible for admission on Academic Caution.

Transfer of Credit

Students may transfer up to 15 hours of graduate-level credit from an accredited institution. In order to transfer credit, students must have earned the minimum grade of B-, and courses must have been completed within 10 years of the start date of the student's program at Liberty University. Credits from a prior degree on the same academic level earned through Liberty University are considered transfer credits.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Evaluate knowledge of public safety principles, policies, and practices.
- Synthesize best practices and research in the public safety context.
- Integrate a Christian Worldview into the study of public safety.
- Analyze the structures, functions, capabilities, activities, and relationships of public safety organizations across disciplines and levels of government.

Programs of Study

Delivery Format: Online Only

- Public Safety (M.S.) - Criminal Justice
- Public Safety (M.S.) - Fire Administration
- Public Safety (M.S.) - General
- Public Safety (M.S.) - Homeland Security

Career Opportunities

- Emergency Management Director
- Fire Captain
- First Responders/Crisis Response
- Law Enforcement Officer
- Security Director
- Homeland Security Director
- Public Safety Compliance Officer
- Public Safety Training Officer