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**Admission Requirements**

1. A completed application form accompanied by a $50 nonrefundable application fee.
2. A Bachelor’s Degree, if not applying for the combined B.A./M.A. program.
3. Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate records.
4. Prior course work in research methods and quantitative analysis, PLUS at least four undergraduate courses in sociology, a major in a related field, or substantial work experience in a justice-related field.
5. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale in undergraduate course work.
6. An official report of scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test.
7. Statement of professional goals including how the program will prepare the candidate for these goals.
8. Three letters of recommendation that address potential to succeed in a graduate program. Must include at least one letter from a professor in a social science course.
9. A plan of study approved by the advisor and appropriate dean.
10. An interview may be required.

**B.A./M.A. Admissions Option**Students matriculated in the Rhode Island College undergraduate justice studies major may apply for a combined B.A./M.A. option. Such students will apply after completing 75 credits, including at least 20 credits in courses counted towards the Justice Studies major, and must have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0. Application requirements include all of those listed above; however, the GRE may be waived for B.A./M.A. applicants. B.A./M.A. students are permitted to count 9 graduate credits towards their undergraduate requirements.