My degrees obtained from Simpson have permitted me the opportunity to cultivate a leadership role in my personal and professional endeavors. The education, experience, knowledge and exposure to other colleagues in the Master of Arts Program in Criminal Justice has allowed me the ability to fathom that leaders in today’s organizations simply do not command excellence, they must first build excellence.”

The skills I have developed challenge me to critically analyze policies and procedures within the workplace, which will benefit myself and my employer.”

- Dr. Charles Katz
Arizona State University

- Dr. Lisa Sample
University of Nebraska, Omaha

The department has developed an academically rigorous Masters program for which students are highly satisfied and faculty are highly committed to providing both undergraduate and graduate students a high-quality education.”

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CAMPUS LOCATIONS
Graduate education core coursework is taught primarily at the Ankeny campus with some courses available at the West Des Moines campus. Coursework that may be needed to satisfy the endorsement area is offered on each of our campuses.

Indianola Campus
701 North C Street
Indianola, IA 50125

Ankeny Campus
2501 SE Tones Drive
Ankeny, IA 50021

West Des Moines Campus
1415 28th Street, Suite 250
West Des Moines, IA 50266
THE PROGRAM
Students in Simpson’s MACJ program will develop a greater understanding of the criminal and juvenile justice process, the causes and conditions that contribute to criminal behavior, the relevant issues in law enforcement, administrative challenges, the adjudication process and the correctional system. Social justice, fairness and integrity in professional responses to others are consistent themes in all MACJ classes.

ADVANCED STANDING PROGRAM
Students who complete their undergraduate studies at Simpson College have an opportunity to receive advanced standing in the MACJ program. Advanced standing is achieved by successfully completing graduate coursework during the junior and senior year as an undergraduate student at Simpson.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
The MACJ consists of classes comprised of core classes and elective classes. Most classes are taught in a hybrid format that includes one night in the classroom combined with online instruction.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS
Applicants must have earned a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution. The application process includes the following:

1. Complete the graduate application for admissions at www.simpson.edu/macj
2. Submit official transcripts from all colleges previously attended. Forms for ordering transcripts are available through the MACJ advisor or on our website
3. Provide 3 letters of recommendation and a current resume
4. Complete the MACJ professional statement
5. Meet with the MACJ academic advisor
6. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)