The justice discipline represents a melding of theoretical and applied concepts, and the M.A. degree in justice administration reflects that dichotomy. Consequently, students explore theoretical models associated with different aspects of the criminal justice system, but also study the structure and administration of the criminal justice system.

The M.A. degree in justice administration has been designed as a web-based degree program in order to accommodate the needs of justice professionals for whom taking a two-year leave of absence from their profession is not feasible, or for whom relocating to the Fairbanks vicinity is not possible. The M.A. degree program has attracted justice professionals from throughout the country who have found the flexibility of a web-based format useful.