The Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies minor is designed to provide undergraduate students with focused knowledge of the nature and causes of juvenile and adult crime among individuals and across communities, the development and administration of criminal law with an emphasis on criminal procedure and capital punishment, the nature and functioning of criminal justice institutions including police, juvenile and adult criminal courts, and corrections. The criminology minor provides students with a strong foundation to gain employment in any aspect of federal, state, and local criminal justice, security, law, public policy, social work, and business.

Overview
Students must complete 3 required courses (9 hours) and 3 electives (9 hours) for a total of 18 hours of course work in Sociology. The required courses are: Sociology 2209 (Introduction to Criminal Justice), Sociology 3410 (Criminology), and Sociology 4511 (Juvenile Delinquency).

Students majoring in Sociology are required to consult with a Sociology academic counselor to develop a curriculum plan.

Sociology 3191 does not count towards the minor.

Required Courses
Sociology 2209 Introduction to Criminal Justice
Sociology 3410 Criminology
Sociology 4511 Juvenile Delinquency

Elective Courses
Choose 3 courses from the list below:

Sociology 2202, 2210, 2290, 2309, 2310, 2211S, 2345/H2345, 2367.02, 2370, 2391, 3302, 3306, 3315, 3380, 3340, 3434, 3460, 3463, 3487, 3488, 3549, 4000S/E, 4505, 4507, 4508, 4509, 4510, S4591, 4609, 4610, 4611, 4615, 4635, 4655, 4998, 5525, 5605, 5618

Sociology department minor program guidelines
The following guidelines govern this minor.

Required for graduation  No

Credit hours required 18 hours. 1000 level courses shall not be counted in the minor. At least 6 credit hrs must be at the 3000 level or above.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed
- A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination toward the minor

Overlap with the GE
- A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and a minor

Overlap with the major and additional minors
- The minor must be in a different subject from the major (as identified by the registrar’s official listing of approved majors)
- Each minor completed must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minors (i.e., if a minor requires more than 12 credit hours, a student is permitted to overlap those hours beyond 12 with the major or with another minor)

Grades required
- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio required in the minor course work
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor
- No more than 3 credit hours of course work graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor

X193: No more than 3 credit hours.

Minor Approval
- The minor may be approved by the student’s College/School Advising Office via the Degree Audit Report (DAR). If the minor is not complete on the DAR, the student must consult with a Dept. of Sociology advisor.

Filing the minor program form
- A minor program form is not required. The DAR certifies the minor. The minor must be declared at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to the student’s College/School Advising Office.

Changing the minor
- Once the minor is certified as a part of applying for graduation, any changes must be approved by an advisor in the Dept. of Sociology.