

Criminology & Criminal Justice Studies

Criminology & Criminal Justice Studies are the sociology-based study of crime and the criminal justice system.

Our major exposes students to the social dimensions of the crime problem, explanations of the prevalence of various types of crime, and the various agencies and programs designed to prevent and control crime and delinquency. The latter include the police, courts, probation and parole systems, and correctional institutions. Attention is also given to such issues as women and crime, youth and crime, and the place of control agencies in larger societal context. As a social science/liberal arts field, criminology provides majors with a variety of techniques for examining and responding to important questions about the causes and consequences of crime and the workings of the criminal justice system.

Graduate, Professional & Law School

As part of a liberal arts/social science degree, the criminology major provides an excellent background for post-baccalaureate studies. Our alumni pursue graduate work in criminology or in related fields such as sociology, anthropology, political science, and psychology. In addition, the major provides a foundation for post-baccalaureate work in law, public policy, social work, business, and urban planning.

Careers

Our students are prepared for a variety of career options. Some graduates enter directly into the labor force in these fields:

- law enforcement**
- delinquency prevention**
- delinquency control services**
- crime prevention**
- corrections**
- probation or parole**
- criminal justice administration**
- research**
- fraud investigation**
- loss prevention & asset protection**

Undergraduate criminology majors are also employed in non-crime related sectors such as:

- health and social services (substance abuse and rehabilitation counseling)**
- community work (child and social welfare agencies)**
- federal, state, or local government (urban planning & housing)**

Join us and Investigate the World Around You!



Declaration of Major:

**Sociology 1101 is a pre-requisite to declaring the major.
To officially declare Criminology & Criminal Justice Studies as your major,
you must meet with an advisor in the Sociology Department**

Structure of the Major: 13 Courses / 39 Credit hours**Required Courses:**

SOC 3410 or H3410	Criminology
SOC 3488	Introduction to Sociological Theory
SOC 3487 or H3487	Research Methods in Sociology
SOC 3549	Statistics in Sociology*

*SOC 3549 will also fulfill your GE Data Analysis requirement.

The required courses provide the building blocks for the sociological understanding of crime. In these courses you will:

- understand and practice research methods (3487),
- analyze statistical data (3549),
- gain understanding of the nature and causes of crime (3410), and
- apply sociological theory to contemporary society (3488).

Experiential Learning Requirement:

Enrollment in any of the options requires permission of the department. Meet with an advisor to plan this portion of your major.

Choose from one the following:

- SOC 2211S: Corrections: An Inside-Out Course
- SOC 3191: Internship Program in Sociology and Criminology (3 hrs minimum; Graded S/U)
- SOC 3798.03: Genocide and Its Aftermath in Rwanda (3 hrs; summer term education abroad)
- SOC 3798.04: Population Health in Sub-Saharan Africa (3 hrs; summer term education abroad)
- SOC 4998: Undergraduate Research in Sociology (3 hrs minimum; Graded S/U)
- SOC 4000S/E: Social Science Business Collaborative: A Service Learning Approach
- SOC H4999.02/4999.02*: Senior Honors/Non-Honors Thesis (4 hrs minimum; Graded S/U)

Elective Courses:

The eight remaining courses must be chosen from the list of Criminology courses on the next page. **At least four of the eight must be chosen from the 4000-5000 level.**

Course choices should be made in consultation with a departmental academic advisor. With the exception of SOC 3549, courses that are listed for the major program *cannot* also be used to meet General Education requirements (GE's)

Elective Course List:

SOC 2202	Social Problems and Public Policy	SOC 4000S/E	Social Science Business Collaborative: A
SOC 2209	Introduction to Criminal Justice		Service Learning Approach
SOC 2210	Sociological Aspects of Deviance	SOC 4505	Capital Punishment in the U.S.
SOC 2211S	Corrections: An Inside Out Course (Off campus location)	SOC 4506	Drugs and Society
SOC 2290	Sociology of Death & Dying	SOC 4507	The Criminal Justice System
SOC 2309	Introduction to Law and Society	SOC 4508	Violence
SOC 2310	Sociology of Gangs	SOC 4509	Sociology of Law
SOC 2345	The Social Structure of American Society	SOC 4510	Gender, Crime, and the Legal System
SOC 2367.02^	Urban Social Problems	SOC 4511	Juvenile Delinquency
SOC 2370	Social Psychology in Sociological Perspective	SOC 4591s	Building Community Capacity: A Service Learning Approach
SOC 2391S	Social Organization of Communities	SOC 4609	Neighborhoods and Crime
SOC 3200	Sociology of Immigration	SOC 4610	Sociology of Deviant Behavior
SOC 3302	Technology and Global Society	SOC 4611	Jails, Prisons, and Community Corrections
SOC 3306	Sociology of Poverty	SOC 4615	Control and Prevention of Crime and Delinquency
SOC 3315	Sociology of Terrorism	SOC 4635	Men and Women in Society
SOC 3380	Race in Society	SOC 4655	Sociology of Sport
SOC 3430	Sociology of the Family	SOC 5525	Global Criminology
SOC 3434	Child and Society	SOC 5605	Sociology of Sexuality
SOC 3460	Environmental Justice	SOC 5618	Sociology of Police and Policing
SOC 3463	Social Stratification: Race, Class, & Gender		

Worksheet:

COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE	GRADE	SMSTR/YR
Required Courses		
SOC 3410/H3410 – Criminology		
SOC 3488 – Introduction to Sociological Theory		
SOC 3487/H3487 – Research Methods in Sociology		
SOC 3549 – Statistics in Sociology		
Elective Courses (at least 4 courses at the 4000 – 5000 level)		
Experiential Learning Requirement		

