
Undergraduate Bulletin

Criminology

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Criminology

Bachelor of Arts

Criminology is the study of crimes, criminals, crime victims, theories explaining illegal and/or deviant behavior, the social reaction to crime and criminals, the effectiveness of anti-crime policies and the broader political terrain of social control. The major contains courses in sociology, other social science disciplines and the humanities. Students who are planning to attend graduate or professional schools and students who are currently working in criminal justice or other public service fields as well as those planning to do so in the future will find this major of interest.

Credits required. 36

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Prerequisites. SOC 101 and PSY 101. These courses both fulfill the College's general education requirements for the Flexible Core: Individual and Society area. Other courses also have prerequisites beyond courses previously taken in the major:

- In Part Three, any ECO course can be a prerequisite for ECO 360/SOC 360 Corporate and White-Collar Crime
- In Part Five, CRJ 101 or CJBS 101 or ICJ 101 is a prerequisite for PSC 216 Crime Mapping; AFR 110 or AFR 121 is a prerequisite for AFR 215 Police and the Ghetto; ECO 101 or ECO 170 is a prerequisite for ECO 315/PSC 315 An Economic Analysis of Crime; PSY 242 is a prerequisite for PSY 372 Psychology of Criminal Behavior.

Honors option. Students with a cumulative 3.5 grade point average when they have completed 75 credits are eligible for a Criminology Honors track. The Honors track requires completion of 6 additional credits in the form of a two-semester research internship (SOC 430-431) or a research independent study. Consult the major coordinator for further information.

Additional information. Certain courses are offered only in fall semesters and others only in spring semesters. Students who enrolled for the first time at the College or changed to this major in Fall 2010 or thereafter must complete the major in the form presented here. Students who enrolled prior to that date may choose either the form shown here or the earlier version of the major. A copy of the earlier version may be obtained at the Office of Undergraduate Studies or at the Lloyd George Sealy Library.

COURSES

PART ONE. DISCIPLINARY REQUIREMENTS

CREDITS: 15

Required

SOC 203 Criminology

SOC 314 Theories of Social Order

SOC 440 Senior Seminar in Criminology

SSC 325 Research Methods in the Behavioral Sciences

STA 250 Principles and Methods of Statistics

PART TWO. MULTI-DISCIPLINARY FOUNDATIONS

CREDITS: 3

Select one

ANT 230 Culture and Crime

ECO 170 Crime, Class and Capitalism: The Economics of Justice

LAW 310/PHI 310 Ethics and Law

PSY 242 Abnormal Psychology

PART THREE. APPLICATIONS OF CRIMINOLOGY

CREDITS: 6

Select two courses

SOC 236/CRJ 236 Victimology

SOC 301 Penology

SOC 308 Sociology of Violence

SOC 309 Juvenile Delinquency

SOC 335 Migration and Crime

SOC 360/ECO 360 Corporate and White Collar Crime

SOC 3XX Special Topics in Criminology

SOC 420/CRJ 420 Women and Crime

PART FOUR. ADVANCED METHODS

CREDITS: 3

Select one course

SOC 324 Advanced Social Statistics

SOC 327 Advanced Sociological Methodology

SOC 328 Qualitative Research Methods

SOC 329 Evaluation Research

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PART FIVE. ELECTIVES

CREDITS: 9

A. Multi-Disciplinary Electives

Select one

AFR 215 Police and the Ghetto

ANT 330 American Cultural Pluralism and the Law

ANT 340 Anthropology and the Abnormal

ECO 315/PSC 315 An Economic Analysis of Crime

LIT 327 Crime, Punishment and Justice in World Literatures

LLS 325 The Latina/o Experience of Criminal Justice

PSC 216 Crime Mapping

PSY 332 The Psychology of Adolescence

PSY 372 Psychology of Criminal Behavior

B. Sociology Electives

Select two

SOC 201 Urban Sociology

SOC 202/PSY 202 The Family: Changes, Challenges and Crisis Intervention

SOC 206 Sociology of Conflict and Dispute Resolution

SOC 222 Crime, Media and Public Opinion

SOC 240 Social Deviance

SOC 251 Sociology of Human Rights

SOC 2XX Race, Racism and Crime

SOC 302 Social Problems

SOC 305 The Sociology of Law

SOC 351 Crime and Delinquency in Asia

SOC 405 Social Systems/Modern Organizations

CREDITS REQUIRED FOR THE MAJOR: 36