

# MAJOR

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CRIMINOLOGY

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## WHAT WILL YOU LEARN ABOUT IN THIS MAJOR?

Criminology is the study of crimes, criminals, crime victims, and theories explaining illegal and/or deviant behavior, the social reactions to crime, the effectiveness of anti-crime policies and the broader political terrain of social control.

The Bachelor of Arts in Criminology provides students with both traditional and groundbreaking theoretical and empirical understandings of the causes, consequences and processing of crimes.

Students learn to use the insights and methodologies of sociology to critically analyze crime trends, crime definitions and socially constructed ideas about crime as well as to understand the importance of criminological theory. They will learn about the social, economic and political causes of criminal behavior. In addition, they will be introduced to the rudiments of crime research through both qualitative and quantitative methodologies.

### IN THIS MAJOR YOU WILL ■ ■ ■

**Read** both contemporary and classical criminological theory.

**Analyze** and evaluate the contemporary response to criminality.

**Read** and respond to research studies that require different types of data analysis.

**Write** academic essays using the proper syntax and grammar with correctly cited sources and bibliographies.

**Engage** in intellectually grounded debate.

### FIRST COURSES IN THE MAJOR ■ ■ ■

**SOC 203** Criminology

**SOC 201** Sociology of Conflict

**SOC 240** Sociology of Deviance

**SOC 314** Theories of Social Order

**SSR 325** Research Methods in the Behavioral Sciences

SOC 101 is the required prerequisite course for this major.

See further major requirements at:

<http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/academics/637.php>

*“Criminology as a major and the courses it consists of have allowed me to acquire the knowledge I need when analyzing criminal justice matters from a sociological perspective.”*

— Karen Mazariegos, Senior

*“By majoring in Criminology I have the opportunity to work with the law, practice the law and work with those who have been victims or violators of the United States Justice system.”*

— Frances Plata, Senior

## WHAT CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS WILL YOU DEVELOP IN THIS MAJOR?

- Analyze, evaluate, interpret and synthesize ideas.
- Interpret data, question and test conventional wisdom relating to crime, and critically engage in public debate.
- Develop and test hypotheses, plan and develop independent research projects and
- Conduct a critical analysis of the findings.

## DEPENDING ON YOUR INTERESTS, WHAT MINOR MIGHT BE A GOOD COMPLEMENT TO THIS MAJOR?

- Sociology
- Dispute Resolution
- Human Services
- Public Administration
- Humanities and Justice
- Law

For more information about minors, go to:

<http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/academics/662.php>

## WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WILL THIS MAJOR OFFER YOU?

- Alex Smith Award for Excellence in Criminology is given to the outstanding graduating Criminology major.
- Participate in Study Abroad Programs during winter and summer break.
- Work with professors conducting empirical research.
- Attend and present your research at academic conferences such as:
  - American Society of Criminology (ASC)
  - American Sociological Association
  - Eastern Sociological Society
  - Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)
  - Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

## THIS MAJOR CAN BE A GREAT FOUNDATION FOR A WIDE RANGE OF JOBS, BUT SOME POSSIBILITIES TO CONSIDER ARE:

- Journal of African American Studies
- The British Journal of Criminology
- American Journal of Sociology
- American Sociological Review
- Criminology
- Criminology & Public Policy
- Critical Criminology
- Feminist Criminology

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- Policy Research
- Victim Assistance and Advocacy
- Probation and Parole
- Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- Correctional Administration
- Law
- Community Organizing
- Non-Profit Administration
- Higher Education

For more detailed information on these career ideas and for additional ones, contact:

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