Criminology (BA)

This program is offered by the College of Arts & Sciences/Anthropology & Sociology Department.

Program Description
The mission of the major in criminology is to provide students with a multidisciplinary approach to crime and deviance, with particular emphasis on providing critical thinking skills and familiarizing students with the dominant ways professionals use to explain, predict, and prevent crime and victimization.

Learning Outcomes
Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Identify the strengths and weaknesses of major criminological theories.
- Analyze the policy implications of criminological theories.
- Describe the elements and development of the criminal justice system and its role in maintaining social order.
- Evaluate how the institutions and elements of the criminal justice system vary across jurisdictions and interact with one another.
- Apply principles of crime prevention to the policy that attempts to effectively reduce crime and victimization.
- Compare the theoretical foundations of crime analysis and their abilities to predict and analyze patterns of crime.
- Articulate several major types of crime, their causes, and proposed solutions to reduce them.
- Compare the techniques, sources, and means of analysis of criminological data research methods.

Degree Requirements
A minimum of 128 credit hours consisting of the following:

- 43 required credit hours for the major
- Within the required 43 hours, 18 hours must be at the 3000 level and above, with at least 6 hours at the 4000 level
- 3 international language requirement credit hours
- Applicable University Global Citizenship Program hours
- Electives

This program may be completed either partially or fully online.

Students will complete 43 credit hours for the major as specified above with a grade of C- or better.

No more than 6 credit hours obtained in senior thesis, practica, independent learning experiences, reading courses, and assessment of prior learning may be applied toward the 43 credit hours required for a major.

Transfer students can apply up to 15 credit hours of approved criminology coursework from other colleges/universities towards the CRIM major.

In the final semester of study, each student must register for CRIM 4900 Senior Capstone (3 credit hours) and submit an overview paper.

International Language Requirement
- A minimum of three hours in a non-native language is required in addition to the requirements for the major. Courses used towards the International Language requirement may also be used to fulfill general education requirements or a major/minor in a foreign language.
- Transfer students who have completed their 3 credits at an institution of higher education are considered to have fulfilled the requirement, as are students who have scored a "3" or higher on an Advanced Placement exam in a non-native language.
- For students whose native language is not English, a passing grade on the TOEFL will count as their foreign language requirement. Students who are from bilingual families but have no evidence of academic study of the second language on a transcript will need to take one course.

Curriculum
The 43 credit hours required for the criminology major include the following courses:

Core Courses
- CRIM 1100 Introduction to Criminal Justice and Criminology (3 hours)
- CRIM 1800 Careers in Criminology and Crime Prevention (1 hour)
- CRIM 3300 Criminology Theory (3 hours)
- SOCI/PSYC 2825 Introduction to Research Methods (3 hours)
- LEGL 3500 Criminal Litigation (3 hours) OR CRIM 3500 Criminal Procedure and the Constitution
- CRIM 4900 Senior Capstone (3 hours)

At least ONE course from EACH of the following content areas:

Systems
- CRIM 2250 Introduction to Crime Control Systems (3 hours)
- SOCI 2300 Deviance and Social Control (3 hours)
- CRIM 3250 Police and Policing (3 hours)
- CRIM 4250 Corrections (3 hours)

Special Populations
- SOCI 2380 White Collar Crime (3 hours)
- CRIM 2450 Victimology (3 hours)
- SOCI 3380 Transnational Crime (3 hours)
- CRIM 3350 Gang and Small Group Deviance
- SOCI 4300 Radical Violent Extremism (3 hours)

Methods and Data Analysis
- SOCI/PSYC 2750 Introduction to Measurement and Statistics (3 hours)
- ANTH 2825 Qualitative Methods (3 hours)
- CRIM 3750 GIS and Crime Mapping (3 hours)
- SOCI 4575 Demography and Social Network Analysis (3 hours)
- PSYC 4750 Advanced Statistics (3 hours)

18 elective credit hours from the following:
- CRIM 2000 Issues in Criminology (3 hours)
- CRIM 2200 Introduction to Forensic Science (3 hours)
- CRIM 3000 Topics in Criminology (3 hours)
- CRIM 3610 Independent Reading Course (1-5 hours)
- CRIM 3875 Criminology Lab (1-3 hours)
- CRIM 4000 Advanced Studies in Criminology (3 hours)
- CRIM 4610 Advanced Independent Reading Course (1-5 hours)
- CRIM 4875 Advanced Criminology Lab (1-3 hours)
- HRTS 3500 International Human Rights Law (3 hours)
- INTL 2030 International Law (3 hours)
- LEGL 2080 Policing the Police (3 hours)
- LEGL 2400 Introduction to Law (3 hours)
- LEGL 4602 International Criminal Law: A Human Rights Perspective (3 hours)
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• LEGL 4605 Constitutional and International Issues: Human Trafficking and Slavery (3 hours)
• PSYC 2250 Adolescent Psychology (3 hours)
• PSYC 3125 Abnormal Psychology (3 hours)
• PSYC 3450 Psychology and the Law (3 hours)
• PSYC 3600 Social Psychology (3 hours)
• PSYC 4550 Drugs and Chemical Dependency (3 hours)
• SOCI 2175 Social Movements (3 hours)
• SOCI 2275 Law and Society (3 hours)
• SOCI 2375 Global Social Problems (3 hours)
• SOCI 2575 Urban Sociology (3 hours)