

# Criminology and Criminal Justice

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## Minor

### 18 Credit Hours

*This program is offered by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences/Law, Crime and Social Justice Department. It is only available online (asynchronous) and at the St. Louis main campus.*

For information on the general requirements for a minor, see Minor under the Academic Policies and Information section of this catalog.

### Program Description

The minor in criminology and criminal justice provides students with a multidisciplinary approach to crime and deviance, with particular emphasis on providing the critical thinking skills that enable students to explain, predict and prevent crime and victimization.

### Learning Outcomes

By the end of the program, students will be able to:

- Identify the strengths and weaknesses of major criminological theories.
- Describe the development of the criminal justice system and its role in the political process.
- Analyze the policy implications of criminological theories.
- Apply principles of crime prevention to effectively reduce crime and victimization.
- Compare the theoretical foundations of crime analysis to predict and analyze patterns of crime

### Required Courses

#### Core Courses

- CRIM 1050 Introduction to Criminology (3 hours)  
or CRIM 1100 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3 hours)

#### Elective Courses

**15 hours from any of the following electives:**

- Any course with the CRIM prefix not listed above
- LEGL 2400 Introduction to Law (3 hours)
- LEGL 3500 Criminal Litigation (3 hours)

#### Recommended Course

- ANSO 2850 Introduction to Research Methods (3 hours)