

Criminology Major

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About

The Criminology major is an interdisciplinary program designed to provide students with an understanding of the causes, social functions, nature and application of criminal law, and societal reactions to criminal law. Criminologists believe that people's actions are strongly influenced by the conditions and situations in which they live, work, and play. Everybody makes decisions, but we recognize and study how social structures and institutions affect and constrain those decisions. Our goal as researchers is to expose and analyze the impacts of those circumstances on human decisions, societies, and opportunities. Methodologically, we incorporate multiple perspectives and analytical approaches to help create a more holistic understanding of our society. Rather than a technical program which focuses on applied skills, our program emphasizes the justice component. Our mission as teachers is to empower students to think critically and rigorously about individuals and societies. Through our diverse offerings on local, regional, national and global social processes, we strive to create more complete human beings with a keen sense of humanity, social justice, and appropriate social policy.

Program: [Criminology](#)
Type: Bachelor of Arts

MAJOR (33 credits)

To declare the Major, a student must have completed Introduction to Criminology (CRM 1001) with a “C” or higher. The Major consists of 33 credits. A student must allow three full semesters after the declaration of the Major to complete all requirements. One of the Criminology electives for the Major can be satisfied by an internship for credit with approval from the Program Director, provided that the student has at least 15 credits toward the Major.

Program Notes:

- A student taking an internship in a field setting in the second semester of their junior year or during their senior year should consult with the Program Director.

Required Major Courses:

Item #	Title	Credits
CRM 1001	Introduction to Criminology	3
CRM 5100	Criminological Theory	3
SOC 5300	Data Analysis-Social Scientist	3
SOC 5400	Applied Research in Soc	3
CRM 6500	Senior Seminar	3
	CRM B.A. Electives	15
	SOC Elective for CRM B.A.	3

Category Descriptions

CRM B.A. Electives

Credits: 15

Criminology Electives (15 cr) – Select 5 Classes from CRM 1000:7000 SOC 2200, SOC 3300, or any course with the CRM attribute

SOC Elective for CRM B.A.

Credits: 3

Sociology Elective (3 cr) – Select 1 Class from SOC 1000:9999 except SOC 5000, 5050, 5100, 5300, 5400, 6500.