

CRIMINOLOGY: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONCENTRATION, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

The community engagement concentration in criminology provides students an opportunity to connect criminological knowledge and methods learned in the classroom to the surrounding community. Students will work closely with a faculty mentor and community-based organizations to learn job skills and create an advocacy project to create positive and meaningful change.

Students will complete the three core criminology courses (9 credits) plus three community engagement core courses (7 credits). Additionally, they will complete 21 credits of criminology electives, including at least 12 credits of upper division electives.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the criminology major, students should be able to demonstrate:

1. A comprehension of and the ability to critically assess and compare the major criminological theoretical perspectives.
2. An ability to understand, interpret, and apply various research methodologies in the field of criminology
3. An ability to apply criminological theories and methods to substantive issues and in order to understand social problems and inform crime-related social policy.
4. An ability to engage in critical thinking about various aspects of social life and organization, including crime and criminal justice institutions.

Specific Program Requirements

Program Overview ¹

Course	Title	Credits
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (GT-SS3)	3
Additional General Education Requirements		32
Core Requirements		16
Major Electives		21
Certificate or Minor + Electives		18
Open electives		30
Total Credits		120

¹ Inclusive of a minimum of 40 upper division credits.

Specific Core Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
CRIM 101	Introduction to Criminology	3
CRIM 205	Research Methods	3
CRIM 310	Criminological Theory	3
Total Credits		9

Specific Core Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
SOC 388	Community Engagement	3
SOC 388L	Community Engagement Lab	1
SOC 498	Internship	3

Specific Elective Requirements - Choose 21 credits from the list of approved Criminology electives

Course	Title	Credits
Approved Criminology Electives for major ^{12 credits must be upper division}		21
CRIM 203	The Criminal Justice System	3
CRIM 252	Understanding Lived Experiences	3
CRIM 261	Introduction to Cannabis Studies	3
CRIM 291	Special Topics	1-3
CRIM 303	Deviance	3
CRIM 304	Race and Crime	3
CRIM 305	Women & Crime	3
CRIM 306	Delinquency and Juvenile Justice	3
CRIM 321	Cross-Cultural Perspective on Crime	3
CRIM 353	Penology	3
CRIM 357	Immigration	3
CRIM 361	Advanced Cannabis Studies	3
CRIM 401	Crime and Justice Studies	3
CRIM 405	Law & Society	3
CRIM 407	Family Violence	3
CRIM 409	Victimology	3
CRIM 410	Structural & Elite Crime	3
CRIM 411	Police and Society	3
CRIM 413	Patterns of Homicide	3
CRIM 418	Crime, Drugs, & Social Policy	3
CRIM 422	Terrorism and Mass Murder	3
CRIM 425	Gangs in Contemporary America	3
CRIM 426	Collective Violence and Rioting	3
CRIM 453	Inside-Out Prisoner Exchange	3
CRIM 455	Hate Crimes	3
CRIM 491	Special Topics	1-3
CRIM 492	Research	1-3
CRIM 495	Independent Study	1-3

Specific Graduation Requirements

Students must earn a grade of C or higher in any class counted toward the major.

SOC 101, Introduction to Sociology is required for the major and can count toward social science general education requirement.

Majors will select a certificate or minor in consultation with a faculty advisor.