CRIMINOLOGY, B.S.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Program Description

This major provides the opportunity to develop a stronger foundation in research methods, quantification, and the sciences. It prepares students with relevant aptitudes for pursuing further studies or finding employment where such knowledge is advantageous. Students contemplating futures in social science research, business, forensics, public service, and paralegal positions should consider this degree or some of its recommended courses.

Either the B.A. or B.S. degree is suitable for students seeking entry level positions in the criminal justice system and for students interested in graduate and law school. Students interested in acquiring strong quantitative skills should consider the B.S. degree.

What is Criminology?

Criminology is a broad and interdisciplinary field of study that promotes an understanding of crime and the criminal justice system and how they relate to human behavior, social environments, and government policy. Examples of topics studied in Criminology are: the causes and consequences of deviant and/or criminal behavior; the structure and functions of the criminal justice system; societal and individual reactions to crimes and criminal justice processing; the spatial and geographical elements associated with crime and poverty; and the dynamics of criminal justice policy making.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You are interested in studying human behavior through an interdisciplinary lens.
- · You are fascinated with deviance and/or criminal behavior.
- You would like to study the functioning of the criminal justice system.
- · You're passionate about issues of social justice.
- You would like to go to law school or graduate school.
- · You want to pursue a career in policing, corrections or governmental.

Entrance to Major

In order to be eligible for entrance to this major, a student must:

- attain at least a C (2.00) cumulative grade-point average for all courses taken at the University; and
- have at least third-semester classification (https:// www.registrar.psu.edu/enrollment/semester-classification.cfm).

READ SENATE POLICY 37-30: ENTRANCE TO AND CHANGES IN MAJOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY (https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/37-00-entrance-to-a-college-or-major/)

Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology, a minimum of 121 credits is required:

| Requirement | Credits |
|----------------------------|---------|
| General Education | 45 |
| Electives | 17-19 |
| Requirements for the Major | 61-63 |

4 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 4 credits of GQ courses.

Per Senate Policy 83-80.5, the college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of coursework in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. For more information, check the Recommended Academic Plan for your intended program.

Requirements for the Major

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)

| Code | Title | Credits | |
|--|--|---------|--|
| Prescribed Courses | | | |
| Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better | | | |
| CRIM/CRIMJ/ SOC 12 | Criminology | 3 | |
| CRIM/CRIMJ 100 | Introduction to Criminal Justice | 3 | |
| CRIM 249 | Criminology Theory and Evidence | 3 | |
| CRIM 250W | Research Methods in Criminology | 3 | |
| STAT 200 | Elementary Statistics | 4 | |
| Additional Course | es | | |
| Additional Courses | s: Require a grade of C or better | | |
| Select one of the | following: | 3 | |
| CAS 283 | Communication and Information Technology I | | |
| CMPSC 100 | Computer Fundamentals and Applications | | |
| CMPSC 101 | Introduction to Programming | | |
| Select one of the | following: | 3 | |
| SOC 1 | Introductory Sociology | | |
| SOC 3 | Introductory Social Psychology | | |
| SOC 5 | Social Problems | | |
| Select 6 credits in race, ethnicity, and gender from the follo | | 6 | |
| AFAM 100N | Black Freedom Struggles | | |
| AFAM 101N | African American Women | | |
| AFAM/SOC/ WMNST 103 | Racism and Sexism | | |
| AMST/ WMNST 104 | Women and the American Experience | | |
| AMST 105 | American Popular Culture and Folklife | | |
| AMST 432 | Ethnicity and the American Experience | | |
| ANTH 146 | Indigenous North America | | |
| CAS 271N | Intercultural Communication | | |
| CAS 422 | Contemporary African American Communication | n | |
| CAS 455 | Topics in Gender and Communication | | |
| CAS 471 | Intercultural Communication Theory and Resea | rch | |
| CMLIT 101 | Race, Gender, and Identity in World Literature | | |

| CRIM 451 | Race, Crime, and Justice | |
|--------------------------|---|-------|
| CRIMJ/ WMNST 453 | Women and the Criminal Justice System | |
| ENGL 135 | Alternative Voices in American Literature | |
| ENGL 139 | African American Literature | |
| ENGL 462 | Reading Black, Reading Feminist | |
| HIST 154 | History of Welfare and Poverty in the United Stat | es |
| LER/WMNST 136 | | |
| PHIL 9 | Race, Racism, and Diversity | |
| PSYCH 432 | Multicultural Psychology in America | |
| SOC 119N | Race, Ethnicity and Culture | |
| SOC 409 | Racial and Ethnic Inequality in America | |
| SOC 419 | Race and Public Policy | |
| SOC 429 | Social Stratification | |
| WMNST 1 | Introduction to Women's Studies | |
| Select 6 credits for | rom the core courses of the following: | 6 |
| CRIM 430 | American Correctional System | |
| CRIM/CRIMJ 432 | Crime and the American Court System | |
| CRIM 435 | Policing in America | |
| CRIM/CRIMJ 451 | Race, Crime, and Justice | |
| CRIM/CRIMJ/ WMNST 453 | Women and the Criminal Justice System | |
| CRIM/CRIMJ/ SOC 467 | Law and Society | |
| CRIM 490 | Crime Policy | |
| | rom non-core CRIM/CRIMJ courses at the 400 leve re than 3 credits of LA 495, CRIM 494, or CRIM 499 | |
| Requirements for | the Option | |
| Requirements for | the Option: Require a grade of C or better | |
| Select an option | | 21-23 |
| Requirements fo | or the Option | |

| Requirements for the Option | | |
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| Business/Public Administration Option | (21 | credits) |

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| Prescribed Courses | | | |
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| Prescribed Course | s: Require a grade of C or better | | |
| ECON 102 | Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy | 3 | |
| ECON 104 | Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy | 3 | |
| Additional Courses | | | |
| | | | |

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Select 15 credits with at least 3 credits each from groups A, B, C, and 15

| Group A | | |
|-----------|--|--|
| ECON 302 | Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis | |
| BA 301 | Finance | |
| Group B | | |
| BA 303 | Marketing | |
| BA 304 | Management and Organization | |
| PSYCH 281 | Introduction to Industrial-Organizational Psychology | |
| PSYCH 482 | Selection and Assessment in Organizations | |

| | PSYCH 484 | Work Attitudes and Motivation |
|---|---------------|--|
| | PSYCH 485 | Leadership in Work Settings |
| G | Group C | |
| | BLAW 243 | Legal Environment of Business |
| | LER 401 | |
| | LER 434 | |
| | LER 435 | |
| | LER 437 | |
| | SOC 455 | Work and Occupations |
| C | Group D | |
| | CAS 404 | Conflict Resolution and Negotiation |
| | CAS 450W | Group Communication Theory and Research |
| | CAS 452 | Organizational Communication Theory and Research |
| | CAS 471 | Intercultural Communication Theory and Research |
| | CAS 483 | Communication and Information Technology II |
| | ENGL 418 | Advanced Technical Writing and Editing |
| | ENGL 419 | Advanced Business Writing |
| | ENGL 421 | Advanced Expository Writing |
| | GER 408 | Advanced German Business Communications |
| | HIST 458Y | History of Work in America |
| | LER 400-level | course(s) |
| | PLSC 412 | International Political Economy |
| | PLSC 417 | |
| | PLSC 419 | The Bureaucratic State |
| | PLSC 444 | Government and the Economy |
| | PLSC 490 | Policy Making and Evaluation |
| | PSYCH 482 | Selection and Assessment in Organizations |
| | PSYCH 484 | Work Attitudes and Motivation |
| | PSYCH 485 | Leadership in Work Settings |
| | SOC 455 | Work and Occupations |
| | SOC 456 | Gender, Occupations, and Professions |
| | SPAN 412 | Translation |
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Computing and Statistics Option (21 credits)

STAT 462

STAT 464

Credits

| | atistics option (21 credits) | | |
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| Code | Title | Credits | |
| Prescribed Cours | es | | |
| Prescribed Course | s: Require a grade of C or better | | |
| SOC 470 | Intermediate Social Statistics | 4 | |
| STAT 480 | Introduction to SAS | 1 | |
| Additional Course | es | | |
| Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better | | | |
| Select 16 credits of the following: | | | |
| CAS 483 | Communication and Information Technology II | | |
| CMPSC 203 | Introduction to Spreadsheets and Databases | | |
| MATH 110 | Techniques of Calculus I | | |
| & MATH 111 | and Techniques of Calculus II | | |
| or MATH 14(Calculus With Analytic Geometry I | | | |
| & MATH 141 and Calculus with Analytic Geometry II | | | |
| MIS 204 | Introduction to Management Information Syste | ems | |
| STAT 460 | Intermediate Applied Statistics | | |

Applied Regression Analysis

Applied Nonparametric Statistics

| Legai Studies Opt Code | Title | Credits |
|---------------------------|---|---------|
| Prescribed Cours | ses | |
| Prescribed Course | es: Require a grade of C or better | |
| PHIL 12 | Symbolic Logic | 3 |
| Additional Cours | - | |
| Additional Course | s: Require a grade of C or better | |
| Select one of the | · - | 3 |
| CAS 213 | Persuasive Speaking | |
| CAS 215 | Argumentation | |
| CAS 250 | Small Group Communication | |
| CAS 321 | Rhetoric and Law | |
| Select 12 credits | of the following: | 12 |
| BLAW 243 | Legal Environment of Business | |
| COMM 403 | Law of Mass Communications | |
| CRIM 432 | Crime and the American Court System | |
| or CRIM/ SOC 467 | Law and Society | |
| CRIM 469 | Seminar in the Law | |
| LST 370 | Research Methods for Law and Government Information Resources | |
| PHIL 105 | Philosophy of Law | |
| PHIL 108 | Social and Political Philosophy | |
| PHIL 408W | Seminar in Social and Political Philosophy | |
| PLSC 403 | The Legislative Process | |
| PLSC 431 | Ancient, Medieval, and Renaissance Political Theories | |
| PLSC 432 | Modern and Contemporary Political Theories | |
| PLSC 471 | American Constitutional Law | |
| PLSC 472 | The American Legal Process | |
| SOC 405 | Sociological Theory | |
| Select one of the | following: | 3 |
| HIST 449 | Constitutional History of the United States to 1 | 877 |
| HIST 450 | Constitutional History of the United States sind 1877 | ce |
| PLSC 474 | Civil Liberties and Due Process | |
| Social Science Re | esearch Option (22-23 credits) | |
| Code | Title | Credits |
| Prescribed Cours | ses | |
| Prescribed Course | es: Require a grade of C or better | |
| SOC 470 | Intermediate Social Statistics | 4 |
| STAT 480 | Introduction to SAS | 1 |
| Additional Cours | | |
| | s: Require a grade of C or better | |
| | s of the following: | 8-9 |
| MATH 110 | Techniques of Calculus I | |
| & MATH 111 | and Techniques of Calculus II | |
| or MATH 14 | 4(Calculus With Analytic Geometry I | |

& MATH 141 and Calculus with Analytic Geometry II

Intermediate Applied Statistics

Applied Nonparametric Statistics

Applied Regression Analysis

STAT 460

STAT 462

STAT 464

Select 9 credits of the following:

Legal Studies Option (21 credits)

| HDFS 401 | Project Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation in the Human Services | |
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| PLSC 490 | Policy Making and Evaluation | |
| Any 400-level STAT course | | |

NOTE: Internships will be counted as elective credits (CRIM 395).

NOTE: The following themes should be incorporated into all CRIM classes, as appropriate: ethical issues, ethnicity and gender issues, and theory.

General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- · Quantification (GQ): 6 credits
- Writing and Speaking (GWS): 9 credits

Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)

- · Arts (GA): 3 credits
- · Health and Wellness (GHW): 3 credits
- · Humanities (GH): 3 credits
- · Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS): 3 credits
- · Natural Sciences (GN): 3 credits

Integrative Studies

· Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain): 6 credits

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- · GN, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- · GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses. This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

University Degree Requirements

First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

United States Cultures: 3 credits
International Cultures: 3 credits

Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

Integrated B.S. in Criminology and M.P.S. in Criminal Justice Policy and Administration

Requirements for the Integrated B.S. in Criminology and M.P.S. in Criminal Justice Policy and Administration can be found in the Graduate Bulletin (https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/criminal-justice-policy-administration/#integratedundergradgradprogramstext).

Integrated B.S. in Criminology and M.I.A. in International Affairs

Requirements for the Integrated B.S. in Criminology and M.I.A. in International Affairs can be found in the Graduate Bulletin (https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/international-affairs/#integratedundergradgradprogramstext).

Integrated B.S. in Criminology and M.P.P. in Public Policy

Requirements for the Integrated B.S. in Criminology and M.P.P. in Public Policy can be found in the Graduate Bulletin (https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/public-policy/#integratedundergradgradprogramstext).

Program Learning Objectives

- Recognize the causes and consequences of crime at the micro and macro levels and match these with prominent criminological perspectives.
- Describe the interrelated institutions and processes of the criminal justice system.
- Apply theories of crime and criminal justice to explain actual and hypothetical scenarios, behaviors, and trends.
- Explain the various social science methods of inquiry and use these to test specific criminological research questions.
- Recognize and explain macro-social inequities in crime and criminal justice processes by race, social class, gender, region and age.
- Locate and consult works in the area to produce a research paper that is coherent, cogent, and attentive to conventions of the field.

Academic Advising

The objectives of the university's academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee's unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/)

University Park

Liberal Arts Academic Advising

814-865-2545

Use the Liberal Arts Meet the Academic Advisers web page (https://la.psu.edu/student-services/academic-advising/meet-the-academic-advisers/) to see the contact information for the specific adviser(s) of this program

Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2023-24 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition (Note: the archive only contains suggested academic plans beginning with the 2018-19 edition of the Undergraduate Bulletin).

All Options: Criminology, B.S. at University Park Campus

The course series listed below provides **only one** of the many possible ways to move through this curriculum. The University may make changes in policies, procedures, educational offerings, and requirements at any time. This plan should be used in conjunction with your degree audit (accessible in LionPATH as either an **Academic Requirements** or **What If** report). Please consult with a Penn State academic adviser on a regular basis to develop and refine an academic plan that is appropriate for you.

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|---|--|---------|
| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
| General Education Course (GWS) [‡] | 3 CRIM/SOC 12* | 3 |
| CRIM 100 [*] | 3 General Education Course (GWS) [‡] | 3 |
| General Education Quantification (GQ) [‡] | 3 STAT 200 (GQ)* ^{‡†} | 4 |
| General Education Course | 3 General Education Course | 3 |
| General Education Course or | 3 Elective | 3 |
| First-Year Seminar | | |
| | 15 | 16 |
| Second Year | | |
| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
| SOC 1, 3, or 5 [*] | 3 Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Course from List [*] | 3 |
| CRIM 249* | 3 CRIM 250W [*] | 3 |
| General Education Course | 3 BS Option Course [*] | 3 |

| Third Year | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------|
| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
| CAS 283, CMPSC 100, or CMPSC 101* | 3 4XX Level Course from List* | 3 |
| 4XX Level Course from List* | 3 Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Course from List* | 3 |
| BS Option Course* | 3 BS Option Course* | 3 |
| General Education Course | 3 BS Option Course* | 3 |
| Elective | 3 Elective | 3 |
| | 15 | 15 |

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3 General Education Course

3 General Education Course

| Fourth Year | | |
|---|---|---------|
| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
| CRIM 4XX Level Core CRIM Course from List* | 3 CRIM 4XX Level Core Course from List* | 3 |
| General Education (GWS) [‡] | 3 General Education Course | 3 |
| BS Option Course* | 3 BS Option Course [*] | 3 |
| BS Option Course* | 3 General Health and Wellness (GHW) | 1.5 |
| General Health and Wellness Course (GHW) | s 1.5 Elective | 3 |
| Elective | 3 | |
| | 16.5 | 13.5 |

Total Credits 121

First Year

General Education Course

Elective

- * Course requires a grade of C or better for the major
- ‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education
- # Course is an Entrance to Major requirement
- † Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

University Requirements and General Education Notes:

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy Cultural Diversity Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ), Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) and Integrative Studies (Inter-domain) requirements. N or Q (Honors) is the suffix at the end of a course number used to help identify an Inter-domain course, but the inter-domain attribute is used to fill audit requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL 137H/CAS 137H in the fall semester and ENGL 138T/CAS 138T in the spring semester. These courses carry the GWS designation and satisfy a portion of that General Education requirement. If the student's program prescribes GWS these courses will replace both ENGL 15/ENGL 30H and CAS 100A/CAS 100B/CAS 100C. Each course is 3 credits.

Advising Notes:

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- All incoming first-year students must take a First-Year Seminar (FYS) during Fall or Spring of their first year. Academic advisers can provide a list of FYS being offered and help the student enroll. Most FYS in the College of the Liberal Arts are worth 3 credits and count as a General Humanities (GH) or General Social Sciences (GS) course. For this reason, the FYS is not listed separately on this eight-semester plan; most students will be able to fulfill the FYS requirement while also fulfilling a GH or GS requirement.
- The following sequence MUST be followed: CRIM 12/SOC 12 #
 CRIM 249 # CRIM 250W. It is suggested that CRIM 12 and CRIM 249
 be taken as early as possible. CRIM 100 and CRIM 249 can be taken
 in the same semester. CRIMJ 250W will only be used as elective
 credits.
- While CRIM 294, CRIM 296, and CRIM 494 provide students with terrific opportunities and learning experiences, these credits may NOT be counted in fulfillment of the Criminology major requirement. They may, however, be used as elective credits to count toward the credit requirement for graduation
- Internship credits will be counted towards elective credits, unless approved by the internship coordinator to meet a general 3 credit 400 level CRIM course requirement
- 3 credits of the Netherlands Education Abroad experience (CRIMJ 499) can be used to meet a general 400 level course requirement. A total of 15 education abroad credits (max) may be applied toward the major; courses must be approved by the department for application toward the major. CRIM 12/SOC 12, CRIM 100, CRIM 249, and CRIM 250W cannot be taken abroad.

All Options: Criminology, B.S. at Commonwealth Campuses

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First Year

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|---|--|---------|
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| CRIM 100 or CRIMJ 100* | 3 General Education Course (GWS) [‡] | 3 |
| General Education Quantification (GQ) [‡] | 3 STAT 200 ^{*‡†} | 4 |
| General Education Course | 3 General Education Course | 3 |
| General Education Course | 3 Elective | 3 |
| | 15 | 16 |

Second Year

| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits | |
|-----------------------------|--|---------|--|
| SOC 1, 3, or 5 [*] | 3 Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Course from List [*] | 3 | |
| General Education Course | 3 BS Option Course [*] | 3 | |
| General Education Course | 3 General Education Course | 3 | |
| BS Option Course* | 3 General Education Course | 3 | |
| Elective | 3 General Education Course | 3 | |
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Third Year

| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------|
| CRIM 249* | 3 CRIM 250W [*] | 3 |
| CAS 283, CMPSC 100, or CMPSC 101* | 3 Race, Ethnicity, and Gender course from list* | 3 |
| BS option Course* | 3 BS Option Course* | 3 |
| General Education Course | 3 BS Option Course [*] | 3 |
| Elective | 3 Elective | 3 |
| | 15 | 15 |

Fourth Year

| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
|---|--|---------|
| Core CRIM course from list* | 3 Core CRIM course from list* | 3 |
| CRIM 4XX Level Course from List* | 3 CRIM 4XX Level Course from List* | 3 |
| General Education Course (GWS) [‡] | 3 BS Option Course* | 3 |
| BS Option Course* | 3 General Health and Wellness (GHW) | 1.5 |
| General Health and Wellness Course (GHW) | s 1.5 Elective | 3 |
| Elective | 3 | |
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Career Paths

There are opportunities for careers in criminology for everyone. Whether you like field work, working in a laboratory or working behind the scenes in research or administration, the chances are you'll find a rewarding career.

Careers

Majoring in Criminology will prepare you for a wide array of criminal justice careers, such as law enforcement, corrections and rehabilitation, research analysis, governmental and non-governmental organizations.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES OF THE CRIMINOLOGY PROGRAM (https://sociology.la.psu.edu/undergraduate/criminology/careers-in-criminology/)

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

A baccalaureate degree in Criminology is suitable for students seeking entry-level positions in the criminal justice system and for students interested in graduate and law school.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES (https://sociology.la.psu.edu/graduate/)

Professional Resources

- The American Society of Criminology (https://asc41.org/)
- American Sociological Association (https://www.asanet.org/)
- Penn State Justice Association (https://pennstateja.wixsite.com/justice-association/academics/)

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