

Bachelor of Arts Criminology

INFORMATION

Criminology is the scientific study of crime and its causes. The major is interdisciplinary but draws primarily from the discipline of Sociology. Students who complete the degree receive a broad-based, liberal arts education that sharpens their writing skills, research abilities and critical thinking.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The major prepares students for a wide variety of careers in applied criminal justice fields such as corrections, parole, or policing, the field of justice research and social service settings. Students who complete this concentration are well-prepared for graduate work in criminology, one of the social sciences, or law.

Internships: Criminology majors who have completed required courses and have a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 may enroll in the Criminology Internship course. Student interns have been placed in various agencies in the criminal justice system including police departments, juvenile court and correction facilities. Students are encouraged to explore career choices through internships. Some internship experiences have led to employment.

PROGRAM

Criminology Major (39-41 credits)

Required Courses (25 credits):

- SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology
- SOC 201 Race, Class and Gender
- SOC 250 Introduction to Criminology
- SOC 344 U.S. Criminal Justice Systems
- SOC 351 Criminological Theory
- SOC 354 Quantitative Social Research
- SOC 400 Capstone Course in Sociology and Criminology

Elective Courses (14-16 credits):

A minimum of four elective courses:

Sociology electives - Group A (minimum of 2):

- SOC 260 Deviance in the United States
- SOC 311 Individual and Society
- SOC 341 Juvenile Delinquency
- SOC 342 Sociology of Law
- SOC 345 Social Control
- SOC346 Corp/Gov Deviance
- SOC 347 Sociology of Policing
- SOC 348 Sociology of Corrections
- SOC 349 Women and Crime
- SOC 360 Sociology of Interpersonal Violence
- SOC 394 Special Topics in Criminology
- SOC 491 Internship in Criminology

Non-Sociology Electives – Group B:

- ANT 401 Forensic Anthropology
- ECN 350 Economics of Crime and Punishment
- PHL 341 Philosophy of Law
- PHL 453 Social, Political, and Legal Philosophy
- PSC 310 Constitutional Law
- PSC 311 Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
- PSY 345 Abnormal Psychology
- SWK 240 Administration of Justice

- SWK 259 The Child, the Family and the Law
- SWK 341 Corrections: Institutional and Community Based
- SWK 342 Prisoners' Rights
- SWK 371 Constitutional Criminal Procedure
- SWK 374 Law Enforcement in Society
- SWK 375 Criminal Law
- SWK 470 Problems and Issues in Criminal Justice
- SWK 494 Theory & Procedures in Addiction Studies

Double major in Sociology and Criminology

(58-61 credit hours):

Students may double major by taking approximately 20 additional credits in Sociology.

Other criminology options advised through Sociology

Department:

Criminal Justice Minor (23 credits) Criminal Justice Certificate (16 credits)

No more than two courses may count for the Criminology major and the certificate.

For more information, contact: College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

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TRANSFER STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT AN ADVISOR IN THE SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY DEPARTMENT TO AVOID ENROLLING IN DUPLICATE CLASSES.

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Recommended Sequence for Criminology Majors

A total number of 128 hours are required for the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Criminology. All degree seeking students are required to complete General Education (GenEd) courses. Students are responsible for ensuring the appropriate selection of courses to satisfy GenEd requirements and are encouraged to consult with their academic advisor regarding the applicability of selected courses. A comprehensive description of Cleveland State University's General Education Requirements for undergraduate students is available online at www.csuohio.edu/academic/gened/

First Semester

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology

Credits

3

Seventh and Eighth Semester Options

SOC 400 Capstone course in Sociology and Criminology

Internship (all required courses must be completed)

Independent Study Course to do research project

Complete electives

Complete second major in Sociology or other major

Second, Third, and Fourth Semesters

SOC 201 Race, Class and Gender *

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SOC 250 Introduction to Criminology *

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Fifth Semester and Sixth Semesters

SOC 344 U.S. Criminal Justice System *

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SOC 351 Criminological Theory *

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SOC 354 Quantitative Research *

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GROUP A and GROUP B electives

*Courses required for the major. SOC 101 and SOC 250 are prerequisites for some 300-level courses. All required courses must be completed prior to enrolling in SOC 400. Required courses are offered evenings and weekends approximately every third semester.

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