

Criminal Studies

Recent Majors

Students interested in criminal studies have designed a variety of majors through the Individualized Major Program. Some recent titles include:

Criminal Studies Crime, Gender, and Justice Crime, Law, and Justice

Required Courses

Your individualized major plan of study will consist of at least 36 credits of 2000-level or higher courses, 18 of which must be from the college granting your degree, and must include the following:

Research Methods Course

A research methods course will introduce you to how knowledge is produced and evaluated in a particular discipline. Choose one from an academic department that is integral to your major. Some examples include: SOCI 3201, HDFS 2004W, PSYC 2100WQ, or POLS 2072Q.

Capstone

UNIV 4600W Capstone Course, UNIV 4697W Senior Thesis, or an approved alternative.

Writing Intensive Course

A writing intensive course that is relevant to the major theme. This will normally be designated “W” in the course catalog and is *in addition to* the capstone.

We strongly recommend that you include an **experiential learning** component, such as an *internship*, *research*, or *study abroad*, in your plan of study.

Recommended Courses

The courses included in the Crime and Justice minor are an excellent place to start, including the courses in the sub-group “crime and justice”:

- POLS 3827 Politics of Crime and Justice
- SOCI 2301 Criminology
- SOCI 2310 Intro to Criminal Justice
- SOCI/WGSS 3317 Women and Crime

and those in the sub-group “deviance and violence”:

- HDFS 3420 Abuse and Violence in Families
- PSYC 2300 Abnormal Psychology
- SOCI 3311 Deviant Behavior
- WGSS/HRTS 2263 Women, Gender, and Violence

Prerequisites

Check the course catalog for the specific prerequisites for the courses in your plan of study. The following courses are almost always useful:

- PSYC 1100 General Psychology I and PSYC 1101 General Psychology II or PSYC 1103 General Psychology II (Enhanced) are required for upper-level Psychology courses.
- SOCI 1001 Introduction to Sociology or SOCI 1251 Social Problems while not a formal prerequisite provides a good foundation.
- Introductory courses in chemistry and biology are required for a forensic science focus.

Frequently Included Courses

Please note that this is **not** a complete list; you may find other relevant courses in the catalog. Please check Student Admin and consult with your faculty advisors to be sure that the courses you would like to include in your major will be taught in the upcoming semesters.

BADM

3720 Legal and Ethical Environment of Business

CHEM

2443-2445 Organic Chemistry

3563-3564 Physical Chemistry

HDFS

2004W Research Methods in HDFS

3319 Risk and Resilience in Individuals and Families

3340 Individual and Family Interventions

3420 Abuse and Violence in Families

3520 Legal Aspects of Family Life

3540W Child Welfare, Law and Social Policy

HRTS

3831 Human Rights in the United States

MCB

2000 Introduction to Biochemistry

2210 Cell Biology

2400 Human Genetics

2610 Fundamentals of Microbiology

3010 Biochemistry

3413 Concepts of Genetic Analysis

4416 Forensic Application of DNA Science

PHIL

2215W Ethics

2217 Social and Political Philosophy

3226 Philosophy of Law

PNB

2264-2265 Human Physiology and Anatomy

2274-2275 Enhanced Physiology and Anatomy

POLS

2062/W Privacy in the Information Age

2072Q Quantitative Analysis in Political Science

2998 Political Issues: Criminal Justice in Practice

3042 Theory of Human Rights

3802 Constitutional Law

3807 Constitutional Rights and Liberties

POLS (*continued*)

3817 Law and Society

3822/W Law and Popular Culture

3827 Politics of Crime and Justice

PSYC

2100WQ Principles of Research in Psychology

2201 Drugs and Behavior

2300 Abnormal Psychology

2301 The Study of Personality

2400 Developmental Psychology

2501 Cognitive Psychology

2700 Social Psychology

3103 Motivation and Emotion

SOCI

2301/W Criminology

2310 Introduction to Criminal Justice

2501/W Sociology of Intolerance and Injustice

3201 Methods of Social Research

3211Q Quantitative Methods of Social Research

3311/W Deviant Behavior

3317/W Women and Crime

3421/W Class, Power, and Inequality

3425 Social Welfare and Social Work

3429/W Sociological Perspectives on Poverty

3501/W Ethnicity and Race

3823 Sociology of Law: Global and Comparative Perspectives

3831 Human Rights in the United States

WGSS

2263 Women, Gender, and Violence

3270 Masculinities

3317 Women and Crime