Law, Rights, and Justice

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

- Crime, Law, and Justice
- Criminal Behavior
- Cybersecurity, Law, and Ethics
- Crime, Law, and the Family

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 following courses included in the Crime and Justice minor are an excellent place to start:

- HDFS 3420 Abuse and Violence in Families
- HIST 2810 Crime, Policing, and Punishment in the US
- POLS 3827 Politics of Crime and Justice
- PSYC 2300 Abnormal Psychology
- SOCI 2301 Criminology
- SOCI 2305 Deviant Behavior
- SOCI 2310 Intro to Criminal Justice
- WGSS 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 formal prerequisites, provide a good foundation in social issues related to crime.
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.

**AFRA**
- 3898 Special Topics: Prisons, Human Rights and Social Control
- 3898 Special Topics: Human Rights and Mass Incarceration in the US

**BADM**
- 3252 Corporate Social Impact and Responsibility
- 3254 Business Solutions to Societal Challenges
- 3720 Legal and Ethical Environment of Business

**HDFS**
- 2004W Research Methods in HDFS
- 2300 Family Interaction Processes
- 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
- 3540/W Child Welfare, Law and Social Policy

**HIST**
- 2810 Crime, Policing, and Punishment in the US (taught at the Hartford campus in one 3-hour block per week)

**HRTS**
- 2263 Women, Gender, and Violence
- 3042 Theories of Human Rights
- 3421 Class, Power, and Inequality
- 3807 Constitutional Rights and Liberties
- 3831 Human Rights in the United States

**PHIL**
- 2215/W Ethics
- 2217 Social and Political Philosophy
- 3226 Philosophy of Law

**POLS**
- 2062 Privacy in the Information Age
- 2072Q Quantitative Analysis in Political Science
- 2998 Political Issues (if a relevant issue)
- 3042 Theories of Human Rights
- 3802 Constitutional Law
- 3807 Constitutional Rights and Liberties
- 3817 Law and Society
- 3827 Politics of Crime and Justice

**PSYC**
- 2100WQ Principles of Research in Psychology
- 2201 Drugs and Behavior
- 2300 Abnormal Psychology
- 2400 Developmental Psychology
- 2501 Cognitive Psychology
- 2700 Social Psychology
- 3241 Motivation and Emotion

**SOCI**
- 2280 Sociology of Mental Illness
- 2301 Criminology
- 2305 Deviant Behavior
- 2310 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- 2315 Guns and Society
- 2320 Drugs and Society
- 2503 Prejudice and Discrimination
- 2510 Ethnicity and Race
- 2800 Human Rights in the United States
- 2820 Sociological Perspectives on Poverty
- 2830 Class, Power, and Inequality
- 3201 Methods of Social Research
- 3211Q Quantitative Methods of Social Research
- 3823 Sociology of Law: Global and Comparative Perspectives

**WGSS**
- 2263 Women, Gender, and Violence
- 3270 Masculinities