B.A. IN CRIMINOLOGY

Overview
The major in Criminology provides a comprehensive understanding of crime and the criminal justice system. The major prepares students to assume roles of leadership in this critical area of modern society. Courses are designed to review theory, research, and applications of knowledge regarding delinquency and crime, as well as to understand the manner in which offenders are processed. Students learn about the nature and extent of crime, different types of crime and theories to explain crime. In addition, detailed analyses are made of the functions of the law, police, courts, and correctional systems and the ways in which these are linked to broader aspects of society.

Curriculum Requirements

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<td>Introduction to Social Research</td>
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<td>Quantitative Methods for Sociologists &amp; Quantitative Methods Lab (Or equivalent 3-credit statistics course with Dept approval)</td>
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1. GEG 306 can be substituted for SOC 210 and EPS 452 can be substituted for SOC 210 only by students who are also enrolled in the School of Education.
2. PSY 291 or PSY 292 can be substituted for SOC 211 only by students who are Psychology majors or minors and also majoring in Sociology or Criminology.
3. A minimum final grade of C- in all courses offered by the Department
4. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 in all courses offered by the Department
5. A minimum of 16 credit hours must be earned in residency in the Department; thus, only a maximum of 15 credit hours can be transferred from other institutions as eligible for the CRIMINOLOGY major

Suggested Plan of Study

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#### Spring
- ENG 106 English Composition II 3
- Language (second course) 3
- STEM Cognate (first course) 3
- SOC 210 Introduction to Social Research 3
- Elective 3

#### Credit Hours
15

#### Sophomore Year

##### Fall
- SOC 211 Quantitative Methods for Sociologists 4
- & SOC 212 Quantitative Methods Lab
- Arts and Humanities Cognate (second course) 3
- Minor (first course) 3
- Elective 3

#### Credit Hours
16

##### Spring
- SOC 271 or 370 Criminal Justice or Juvenile Delinquency 3
- Minor (second course) 3
- STEM Cognate (second course) 3
- Elective 3
- Elective 3

#### Credit Hours
15

#### Junior Year

##### Fall
- SOC 371 Criminology 3
- Minor (third course) 3
- STEM Cognate (third course) 3
- Elective 3
- Elective 3

#### Credit Hours
15

##### Spring
- Minor (fourth course) 3
- Natural Science Course 3
- Elective 3
- Elective 3
- Elective 3

#### Credit Hours
15

#### Senior Year

##### Fall
- SOC 470 Theories of Deviant Behavior 3
- Minor (fifth course) 3
- Arts and Humanities Cognate (third course) 3
- Elective 3
- Elective 3

#### Credit Hours
15

##### Spring
- Elective 3
- Elective 3
- Elective 3

#### Credit Hours
15
Goals
The undergraduate program in Criminology has as its main objectives are to provide students with:

- A strong component of a social science education, training in analytical and statistical skills that are highly valued by potential employers.
- A valuable undergraduate preparation for pursuing careers in such fields as law in society, in the local and state criminal justice systems (e.g., juvenile probation officer, pretrial services officer, crime analyst for criminal justice agencies), or in federal agencies (e.g., DEA).
- An excellent and comprehensive training program for students wishing to pursue graduate study in criminology, law school, criminal justice, sociology, or other social and behavioral sciences.

Student Learning Outcomes
- Students will demonstrate a thorough understanding of Criminology, and the basic criminological theoretical concepts and knowledge base.
- Students will develop and demonstrate critical thinking skills through the comprehension, analysis and critique of criminological theories.
- Students will demonstrate an ability to understand and critique criminological research methodology. Students will have the ability to design and critique valid research studies and to identify reliable findings from such studies.