

CRIMINOLOGY, BACHELOR OF ARTS

College: College of Liberal Arts

Department: Society, Justice, and Politics

Student Type: Traditional Undergraduate

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Campus: Both Lisle Campus and Mesa Campus

Requirements - Major

The Criminology major must complete the following courses;

Code	Title	Hours
SOCL 1100	Principles of Sociology	3
CRIM 2321	Criminology	3
PLSC 2105	Law and Politics	3
SOCL 2205	Racial and Ethnic Groups	3
CRIM 3356	Research Methods and Criminological Inquiry	3
CRIM 4420	Advanced Criminological Theory	3
CRIM 4390	Internship	3
or CRIM 4395	Senior Thesis	
Select one of the following:		3
CRIM 3320	Gender, Crime & Justice	
CRIM 3212	Race and Crime	
CRIM 3350	Emerging Perspectives of Justice	
Two elective CRIM courses at the 2000 level		6
Three elective CRIM courses from the 3000 level or above		9
Total Hours		39

Each major course must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. Students are recommended to take PSYC 2250 Basic and Applied Statistics to fulfill their QCM requirement. Internships require a minimum GPA of 3.000.

Note: Students who plan to major in two or more of the following programs: psychology, sociology, and/or criminology, must complete a capstone course for each major. Students have the following options:

1. Complete 4395 twice, once for each program (ex: PSYC 4395 Senior Thesis and SOCL 4395 Senior Thesis).
2. Complete 4395 for one program and an internship (PSYC 4397 Psychology Internship, SOCL 4397 Sociology Internship, or CRIM 4390 Internship) in the other program.
3. Complete 4395 in one program and a research practicum in the other program (PSYC 3352 Research Practicum, SOCL 3352 Research Practicum, or CRIM 3352 Research Practicum).

Students transferring into the major/minor within the University or transferring into Benedictine University may substitute criminal justice (CJUS) electives for degree requirements at the approval of the department. Coursework cross listed between criminal justice (CJUS) and criminology (CRIM) may also be used for degree requirements at the approval of the department but may not count twice for any degree requirement of the major or minor in criminal justice (CJUS) and criminology (CRIM). A student cannot major or minor in both criminal justice (CJUS) and criminology (CRIM).

Objectives

Students in the Criminology program will achieve the following student learning outcomes (SLO):

Student Learning Outcome 1: Demonstrate informational competence by formulating a research topic, conducting a literature search, selecting valid and appropriate sources, and accurately summarizing selected literature.

- University Level SLO: Information Fluency

Student Learning Outcome 2: Demonstrate familiarity with criminal justice ideas by employing different criminological perspectives to explain the relationship of the individual to society and agencies of social control.

- University Level SLO: Breadth of Knowledge and Integrative Learning

Student Learning Outcome 3: Recognize the proper application of descriptive and basic inferential statistical techniques and use computers to conduct and interpret data analyses

- University SLO: Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

Student Learning Outcome 4: Recognize the inter-dependency of the criminal justice components and how they are situated in in broader social, legal and political environments impacting operations and various constituencies (e.g., victims, offenders, professionals, etc.)

- University SLO: Breadth of Knowledge and Integrative Learning

Student Learning Outcome 5: Be able to identify and evaluate alternative modes of justice, including the goals such modes seek to fulfill beyond common purposes of criminal sanctions.

- University Level SLO: Social Responsibility

Student Learning Outcome 6: : Employ interpersonal skills and communication skills (e.g., listening) while engaging in real-life professional settings or classroom simulations.

- University Level SLO: Communication