

Forensic Behavioral Sciences, B.S.

DEPARTMENT

Department of Criminology

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MN in Criminology, Minor

MS in Criminology, M.S.

BS in Criminology - Victimology Option, B.S.

BS in Criminology - Corrections Option, B.S.

BS in Criminology - Law Enforcement Option, B.S. - Continuing & Global Education

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BS in Forensic Behavioral Sciences, B.S.

Courses Offered

The Department of Criminology offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology, a Bachelor of Science degree in Forensic Behavioral Sciences (as of fall 2019), and a Master of Science degree in Criminology. These programs are ideally suited to students planning professional and/or academic careers in criminal justice related fields. Department offerings are diversified and integrated, reflecting the wide range of job opportunities in the field, including direct service and administration in law enforcement, corrections, victimology/victim services, juvenile justice, and forensic behavioral sciences. The department also offers a Criminology minor. The department will not accept a change of major undergraduate student with a cumulative GPA less than 2.5.

Undergraduate Program

The Criminology major is designed to prepare students for beginning professional work in criminal justice and to provide preparation for graduate work including law school. Criminology courses at the undergraduate level include integration of theoretical and applied materials of an interdisciplinary nature. The corrections option is designed for students interested in careers in probation, parole, correctional institutions, and other affiliated forms of work. The law enforcement option is designed for students interested in careers with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, or law enforcement careers within the private sector. The victimology option is designed for students interested in careers in domestic violence programs, rape counseling programs, victim/witness programs, or other victim-related programs at the local, state, or federal level; these programs can either be criminal justice based or community based. An internship course is required in the corrections, law enforcement, and victimology options. The Forensic Behavioral Sciences major prepares students interested in traditional criminal justice careers. However, it is also designed for students interested in the application of other behavioral sciences — such as psychology, anthropology, social work, and linguistics — to the criminal justice system.

Honors Program

The Department of Criminology Honors Program has several major components that are completed over the course of two years. Each fall semester students will take one of the two core honors courses, CRIM 100H and CRIM 170H, such that they complete both during their time in the program. These courses are designed to provide advanced study of research and theory in criminology. In addition, students will annually (during the spring semester) participate in an honors seminar (CRIM 160H) that explores specialized areas, new developments, and syntheses of criminological processes and theory.

The program provides highly qualified advanced students with the opportunity to sharpen their analytical abilities and expand their knowledge of criminology. Minimum criteria for application to the program include second semester sophomore standing and a GPA of at least 3.5 prior to enrollment. Applications are accepted in the spring semester for the following academic year and the Honors Committee oversees the selection process. Accepted students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.5 to remain in the program. Successful students will graduate with a B.S. in Criminology or Forensic Behavioral Sciences with Honors Distinction, an inscribed Smittcamp medallion, and special recognition at graduation.

Graduate Program

The Master of Science degree in Criminology is a 30-unit, flexible program which provides a solid core in the field of criminology while permitting students to pursue specialized areas of interest. The master's program is designed to prepare

students for service and responsible administrative and professional positions in agencies in the criminal justice system. The master's program also prepares students for a wide variety of occupations including in-service education; administrative education and management; community college teaching; predoctoral studies; and research.

REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor of Science Degree Requirements

Forensic Behavioral Sciences Major

A grade of C or higher is required for all courses to be counted toward the major (excluding CR/NC classes).

1. Forensic Behavioral Sciences Major (minimum 51 units)

Lower-division core requirements: CRIM 1, 2, 20, 50 (10 units)

Upper-division core: CRIM 100, 170 or PSYCH 144 (minimum 6 units)

Upper-division requirements: CRIM 113; FBS 114, 153, 154, 155, 156; PSYCH 128 or PSYCH 127 (22 units)

General Electives Cluster: Select two courses from CRIM 108, 110, 120, 127, 133, 134, 135, 136T, 140, 141, 160H, 160T, 173, 174, 175, 176, 180I; AFRS 146; ANTH 101, 169T (Forensic Anthropology); PAX 110 (Area E1); PHIL 151 (Area IC) (6 units)

Forensic Behavioral Sciences Electives Cluster: select one course from FBS 157 or 159T (Topics in Forensic Behavioral Sciences) (3 units)

Psychology Electives Cluster: select one course from PSYCH 127, 128, 149, 154, 156, or 160T (minimum 4 units)

See all footnotes below.

2. General Education requirements (49 units)

3. Other requirements (6 units)

Upper-division writing and Multicultural and International (MI)

4. Sufficient elective units to meet required total units (varies)

(See Degree Requirements); may be used toward a double major or minor

5. Total units (120)*

* G.E. and MI courses can be double-counted with major requirements. The writing requirement may be met by taking the upper-division writing exam. See advisor for details.

CRIM 50 counts for 3 units in both the major and as GE B4. PAX 110 counts for 3 units in both the major and as GE E1. PHIL 151 counts for 3 units in both the major and as GE IC.

1. From Fall 2019, students wishing to change their major to Criminology or Forensic Behavioral Sciences will need to have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5.
2. These courses are also required for the other three Options in the Criminology major.
3. CRIM 1 is a prerequisite for CRIM 180I. Special note: Due to its importance for all Criminology majors, CRIM 1 should be taken as early as possible.
4. This requirement may also be met by completing PSYCH 42, PH 92, MATH 11, DS 73, or any equivalent statistics course from another university or community college.
5. Students must choose either PSYCH 127 or PSYCH 128 as one of their upper-division requirements. When they choose one of these courses as an upper-division requirement, they may choose the other as their Psychology Electives Cluster course.
6. Students must take FBS 114 or CRIM 102 as a prerequisite or corequisite for CRIM 180I.

7. FBS students may receive only 3 units of credit for any combination of CRIM 108 or 180I toward major requirements.
8. FBS students may receive only 3 units of credit for CRIM 136T (Mock Trial) toward major requirements.
9. PSYCH 160T, depending upon the topic, has a variable number of units (2 to 5 units). To qualify as an acceptable Psychology Electives Cluster course for FBS, the course must be worth a minimum of 4 units.

FACULTY

The criminology department consists of 16 full-time faculty members whose expertise includes numerous specialties in the criminal justice system, including corrections, counseling, victimology, juvenile delinquency, theory, legal studies, supervision and management, and criminal justice administration. Various part-time faculty members from major criminal justice agencies also instruct in the department.

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.

The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.