Forensic Behavioral Sciences, B.S.

DEPARTMENT

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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REQUIREMENTS

Department of Criminology

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 (9 units)

   American Government and Institutions (PLSI 2), Multicultural and International (MI), and Upper-division writing

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.

Advising Notes

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.