Criminology - Victimology Option, 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.
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BS in Criminology - Forensic Behavioral Sciences, B.S.
CERT in Homeland Security, Certificate of Adv Study - Continuing & Global Education

Courses Offered

The Department of Criminology provides undergraduate and graduate education in criminology for students planning professional careers in the criminal justice field. The program is 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 offers the Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, and a minor. The department will not accept a student with a GPA less than 2.0 as an undergraduate major.

Undergraduate Program

Criminology courses at the undergraduate level include integration of theoretical and applied materials of an interdisciplinary nature. The undergraduate curriculum is designed to prepare students for beginning professional work in criminal justice and to provide preparation for graduate work. 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. The Forensic Behavioral Sciences option prepares students interested in traditional criminal justice careers. However, it is also designed for students who are interested in the application of other behavioral sciences - such as psychology, anthropology, and linguistics - to the criminal justice system. An internship course is required in corrections, law enforcement, and victimology options.

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

Criminology Major

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

1. Criminology - Victimology Option major requirements (52 units)
Lower-division requirements: (see advising note 1): CRIM 1 (see advising note 9), 2, 20, 50 (10 units)
Upper-division core (see advising note 2): CRIM 100, 109, 112, 134, 170 (see advising note 6), 174 (18 units)
Upper-division requirements: CRIM 140, 173, 175, 176, 177, 180 or 180H (18 units)
Electives (6 units)
Any course offered by the Criminology Department that is not already required by the option, or any of the following courses: AFRS 146, CLAS 120, PHIL 121, and PAX 100, or any other suitable course with permission from the department

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.

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.