

# Criminology

## The Field of Criminology

The field of criminal justice involves the study of law enforcement, corrections, victimology/victim services, and forensic behavioral services. It prepares students for careers that include direct service and administration. The program is diversified and integrated, reflecting the wide range of job opportunities in the field. A number of web-based courses are available.

## The Department of Criminology

The Criminology Department provides undergraduate and graduate education in criminology for students planning professional careers in the criminal justice field. A required internship provides practical experience in the corrections, law enforcement, and victimology options.

The Victim Services Certificate provides knowledge and skills needed for work with crime victims. The Certificate of Alcohol/Drug Studies offers academic coursework in the area of alcohol and drug abuse. The Legal Studies Certificate provides a background for those interested in law careers.

The department is a university partner of the Joint Center on Violence and Victim Studies, which provides education, training, assistance, and consultation for criminal justice agencies. The center offers seminars in areas of interest to working professionals.

## Law Enforcement Option

The Law Enforcement Option is designed for students interested in careers with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, or careers in law enforcement within the private sector.

## Corrections Option

The Corrections Option is designed for students interested in

careers in probation, parole, correctional institutions, and other affiliated forms of work.

## Victimology Option

The Victimology Option is designed to provide students in the victim services field with a balanced theoretical and applied understanding of the principles of victimology.

## Forensic Behavioral Sciences Option

The courses for this interdisciplinary option are designed to introduce students to the application of behavioral sciences to the civil and criminal justice systems.

## Careers in Criminology

Many diversified local, state, federal, and private agencies employ our graduates in criminal justice. On the local level, career opportunities exist at municipal police departments, county sheriffs' offices, probation departments, halfway and prelease centers, group homes, crisis centers, juvenile halls, welfare fraud units, private security agencies, and victim services organizations. At the state level, career opportunities include the State Police, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Alcohol and Beverage Control, Division of Juvenile Justice, Office of Emergency Services, Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Justice, Department of Fish and Game, and Department of Forestry. Federal opportunities include U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the FBI, Secret Service, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Internal Revenue Service, Park Service, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, federal prisons, and Office for Victims of Crime.

## Future Education

The undergraduate program prepares students for graduate-level

study in the field. A doctorate in criminology, criminal justice, or a related field is needed for careers in higher education that involve the teaching of criminology.

## General Preparation

Criminal justice agencies seek individuals with successful academic accomplishments who are emotionally stable and mature, who demonstrate an ability to communicate orally and in writing, and who establish and maintain good working relationships within the organization and with the general public.

## High School Preparation

Students should meet California State University's admission requirements in terms of college preparatory course requirements, grade point average, and test scores. Early development of good study habits is essential. Students are especially encouraged to enhance their verbal skills through courses that include writing and critical thinking components.

## College Program

Students should consult the university's *General Catalog* for specific major and university requirements. Community college transfers should consult their catalogs to ensure that courses taken are CSU transferable (baccalaureate level).

## General Education

Students should complete as many of the Fresno State General Education requirements as possible during the freshman and sophomore years, whether they are attending Fresno State or a community college. Community colleges can certify up to 39 of the units required in Fresno State's General Education pattern.

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University, Fresno  
Department of  
Criminology**  
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**B.S. in**

**Criminology**

**Options:**

- **Law Enforcement**
- **Corrections**
- **Victimology**
- **Forensic Behavioral Sciences**

**M.S. in**

**Criminology**

**Minor in**

**Criminology**

**Victim Services**

**Certificate**

**Legal Studies**

**Certificate**

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## Course Requirements

Since changes may occur, students should consult the *General Catalog* and a California State University, Fresno adviser prior to registering for courses.

### Law Enforcement Option

#### Lower Division

*Freshman-Sophomore level courses*

Strategies for Success in Criminology (CRIM 1 - to be taken at Fresno State)  
Administration of Justice (Fresno State CRIM 2)  
Criminal Law (CRIM 20)  
Statistics and Computer Applications in Criminal Justice (CRIM 50)

#### Upper Division

*Junior-Senior level courses*

(to be taken at Fresno State)  
Evidence (CRIM 127)  
Comparative Systems of Criminal Justice (CRIM 109)  
Criminal Justice Organization and Management (CRIM 102)  
Criminal Legal Process (CRIM 117)  
Criminology (CRIM 100)  
Forensic Science (CRIM 113)  
Internship in Law Enforcement (CRIM 180) or Directed Policing (CRIM 108)  
Professionalism in Criminal Justice (CRIM 112)  
Research Methods (CRIM 170)  
Ethnic and Gender Issues in Criminal Justice (CRIM 174)

Select 9 units from the Elective Cluster

### Corrections Option

#### Lower Division

*Freshman-Sophomore level courses*

Strategies for Success in Criminology (CRIM 1 - to be taken at Fresno State)  
Administration of Justice (Fresno State CRIM 2)  
Criminal Law (CRIM 20)  
Statistics and Computer Applications in Criminal Justice (CRIM 50)

#### Upper Division

*Junior-Senior level courses*

(to be taken at Fresno State)  
Alcohol, Drugs, and Criminality (CRIM 141)  
Community-Based Corrections (CRIM 135)  
Comparative Systems of Criminal Justice (CRIM 109)  
Correctional Institutions Visitations (CRIM 131)  
Criminal Justice Counseling (CRIM 134)  
Criminal Justice Organization and Management (CRIM 102)  
Criminology (CRIM 100)  
Institutional Corrections (CRIM 133)  
Internship in Corrections (CRIM 181)  
Legal Aspects of Corrections (CRIM 119)  
Professionalism in Criminal Justice (CRIM 112)  
Research Methods (CRIM 170)  
Ethnic and Gender Issues in Criminal Justice (CRIM 174)

Select 6 units from the Elective Clusters

### Victimology Option

#### Lower Division

*Freshman-Sophomore level courses*

Strategies for Success in Criminology (CRIM 1 - to be taken at Fresno State)  
Administration of Justice (Fresno State CRIM 2)  
Criminal Law (CRIM 20)  
Statistics and Computer Applications in Criminal Justice (CRIM 50)

#### Upper Division

*Junior-Senior level courses*

(to be taken at Fresno State)  
Comparative Systems of Criminal Justice (CRIM 109)  
Criminology (CRIM 100)  
Ethnic and Gender Issues in Criminal Justice (CRIM 174)  
Family Violence (CRIM 140)  
Internship in Victimology (CRIM 182)  
Legal Policy in Victim Services (CRIM 177)  
Professionalism in Criminal Justice (CRIM 112)  
Research Methods (CRIM 170)  
Trauma and Crisis Intervention (CRIM 173)  
Victim Services (CRIM 176)  
Victim Services Program Management (CRIM 150)  
Victimology (CRIM 175)

Select 6 units from the Elective Clusters

### Forensic Behavioral Sciences Option

#### Lower Division

*Freshman-Sophomore level courses*

Strategies for Success in Criminology (CRIM 1 - to be taken at Fresno State)  
Administration of Justice (Fresno State CRIM 2)  
Criminal Law (Fresno State CRIM 20)  
Statistical and Computer Applications in Criminal Justice (Fresno State CRIM 50)

#### Upper Division

Criminology (CRIM 100)  
Psychology of Crime (CRIM 153)  
Research Methods in Criminal Justice (CRIM 170) or Research Designs and Experimental Methods (PSYCH 144)

Forensic Science (CRIM 113)  
Criminal Legal Process (CRIM 117)  
Courts and Legal Procedure (CRIM 118)  
Forensic Behavioral Sciences (CRIM 154)  
Biology of Criminality (CRIM 155)  
Cognitive Neuroscience (PSYCH 126)

Select 13 units from the Elective Clusters

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