

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Department of Sociology  
Bachelor of Science in Sociology  
Major: Criminology

For students graduating in calendar year 2021

This checksheet specifies the requirements for a major in criminology.

**Number of Credits for a Bachelor of Science Degree: 120 credits.**

77 credits must be completed beyond what is required for a major in criminology.

**Number of Credits for a Criminology Major: 43 credits.**

The 43 credits consist of 22 credits of sociology core degree courses and 21 credits of additional courses for a criminology major.

**Number of Credits of Free Electives: 41 credits.**

**Number of Credits for the Curriculum for Liberal Education: 36 credits.**

All students with a criminology major are required to complete the Curriculum for Liberal Education.

**Double Majors in the Department of Sociology:** The Department of Sociology offers a major in sociology, with and without options, and a major in criminology. Students are permitted to obtain both majors. Courses in the sociology core degree can meet the requirements of both majors, but none of the other required or elective courses taken for either major can count toward the other.

**Minimum GPA:** A minimum 2.0 in-major GPA and 2.0 overall GPA.

All courses with a SOC prefix, CRIM prefix, or cross-listed with SOC and/or CRIM are included in the calculation of the in-major GPA.

**Grade Requirement:** Courses taken as part of the sociology core degree and criminology major must be taken for a letter grade of A-F.

**Requirements for Satisfactory Progress:** Students must have completed Introductory Sociology (SOC 1004), Sociological Theory (SOC 3104), Social Research Methods (SOC 3204), and an additional 6 credits of required or elective courses for the criminology major prior to attempting 72 credits (including transfer, advanced placement, advanced standing, and credit by examination).

Upon having attempted 60 credits, students must have an in-major GPA of 2.0 and an in-major GPA of 2.0 thereafter to be considered as making satisfactory progress toward the degree.

If satisfactory progress is not made, procedures will be followed as required by the Academic Eligibility Policy.

**Prerequisites:** Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog & Academic Policies for prerequisites.

**Advising:** Regular contact with the academic advisor for criminology is not required but strongly encouraged. Call (540) 231-8971 to schedule an appointment. The Department of Sociology office is located at 560 McBryde Hall.

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**Sociology Core Degree Required Courses: 22 credits**

*In accordance with university guidelines, courses satisfying degree core requirements may not be double counted to satisfy other areas of a degree (e.g. Curriculum for Liberal Education).*

**Sociology: 16 credits. Take in the order listed**

_____	SOC 1004	Introductory Sociology (3) (including First Year Experience)
_____	SOC 3104*	Sociological Theory (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)
_____	SOC 3204	Social Research Methods (4) (Pre: SOC 1004). Recommend taking <b>after</b> STAT 3604
_____	SOC 3004	Social Inequality (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)
_____	SOC 4194	Senior Seminar (3) (Pre: SOC 3104 and SOC 3204)

**Statistics: 3 credits**

_____	STAT 3604	Statistics for the Social Sciences (3) (Pre: MATH 1014 or Math 1025 or MATH 1525 or MATH 1225). Recommend taking <b>before</b> SOC 3204.
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**Africana Studies, American Indian Studies and Women's and Gender Studies Electives: 3 credits**

**Select one of the following:**

_____	AFST 1714	Introduction to African American Studies (3)
_____	AINS 1104	Introduction to American Indian Studies (3)
_____	WGS 1824	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (3)

\*Recommend taking two of the following courses prior to registering for SOC 3104, Sociological Theory: SOC 2004, Social Problems, SOC 2014, Dating, Marriage, and Divorce, SOC 2024, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, SOC 2034, Diversity and Community Engagement, SOC 2304, Individual in Society, and/or SOC 2404, Deviant Behavior.

**Criminology Required Courses: 9 credits. Take in order listed.**

_____	SOC 2404	Deviant Behavior (3)
_____	CRIM 3414	Criminology (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)
_____	CRIM 3434	Systems of Justice (3) (Pre: CRIM 3414)

**Electives: 12 credits.** Select from the following list. A course not used as a criminology required course can be used to fulfill this requirement. A maximum of 3 credits of CRIM 4754, CRIM 4974, and CRIM 4994 can be used to fulfill this requirement.

_____	CRIM 3474	Women and Crime (3) (Pre: CRIM 3414)
_____	CRIM 4424	Juvenile Delinquency (3) (Pre: CRIM 3414)
_____	CRIM 4454**	Topics in Criminology (3) (Pre: CRIM 3414, SOC 3104)
		Topic: _____
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_____	CRIM 4754	Internship (3)
_____	CRIM 4974	Independent Study (3), in related area with approval of the department chair.
_____	CRIM 4994	Undergraduate Research (3), in related area with approval of department chair
_____	PSVP 2044	Peace and Violence (3)
_____	PSVP 4444 (SOC 4444)	Schools, Violence, and Justice (3) (Pre: CRIM 3414 or SOC 3414)
_____	SOC 4404	Sociology of Law (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)
_____	SOC 4414	Drugs and Society (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)

\*\* May take CRIM 4454 twice; topics must be different.

**Curriculum for Liberal Education and Foreign Language**

**Curriculum for Liberal Education:** 36 credits.

All students must fulfill the requirements of the Curriculum for Liberal Education. Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog & Academic Policies for prerequisites

**Area 1: Writing and Discourse**

6 credits from the sequence ENGL 1105/1106.

\_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 1105 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 1106 (3)

**Area 2: Ideas, Cultural Traditions, and Values**

6 credits selected from Area 2 Curriculum for Liberal Education courses. Courses listed in Areas 2 and 6 may not count for both areas.

\_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

**Area 3: Society and Human Behavior**

6 credits selected from Area 3 Curriculum for Liberal Education courses.

\_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

**Area 4: Scientific Reasoning and Discovery**

6 credits of lecture selected from Area 4 Curriculum for Liberal Education courses.

\_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

**Area 5: Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning**

6 credits selected from Area 5 Curriculum for Liberal Education courses.

\_\_\_\_\_ Math 1014 or other higher Math (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

**Area 6: Creativity and Aesthetic Experience**

3 credits selected from Area 6 Curriculum for Liberal Education courses. Courses listed in Areas 2 and 6 may not count for both areas.

\_\_\_\_\_ (3)

**Area 7: Critical Issues in a Global Context**

3 credits selected from Area 7 Curriculum for Liberal Education courses. A course taken to satisfy another area of the Curriculum for Liberal Education that also is included as an Area 7 course will satisfy the Area 7 requirement simultaneously.

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**Foreign Language Requirement:**

Students who completed 3 years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school have completed this requirement. Students who did not complete 3 years of a foreign, classical, or sign language in high school must complete one of the following:

- 2 years of a foreign, classical, or sign language in high school plus FL 1106 or the equivalent in college. These 3 hours count towards the 120 required for graduation.
- Complete FL 1105-1106 or the equivalent in college. These 6 hours do not count toward the 120 required for graduation.
- Complete either SPAN 1114, GER 1114, RUS 1114, or ITAL 1114. The 4 hours do not count towards the 120 required for graduation.