College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Department of Sociology
Bachelor of Science in Sociology
Major: Criminology

For students graduating in calendar year 2022 and for student date of entry under UG Catalog 2020-2021

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: 32 credits.

Number of Credits for the Pathways General Education Curriculum: 45 credits.
All students with a criminology major are required to complete the Pathways General Education Curriculum.

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.
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. Pathways for General Education Curriculum).

Sociology: 19 credits. Take in the order listed

_____ SOC 1004  Introductory Sociology (3) (including First Year Experience)
_____ SOC 2104 (HD 2104)  Quantitative Approaches to Community Research (3)
(Pre: SOC 1004)
_____ SOC 3104*  Sociological Theory (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)
_____ SOC 3204  Social Research Methods (4) (Pre: SOC 1004)
_____ SOC 3004  Social Inequality (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)
_____ SOC 4194  Senior Seminar (3) (Pre: SOC 3104 and SOC 3204)

Africana Studies, American Indian Studies or 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)

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

- SOC 2404 Deviant Behavior (3)
- CRIM 3414 Criminology (3) (Pre: SOC 1004 and SOC 2404)
- 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 2504 (HIST 2504) Crime and Punishment in American History
- CRIM 3124 (HIST 3124) Murder in American History
- 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)
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- CRIM 4474 Cyber Criminology (3) (Pre: CRIM 3414)
- 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 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.
Pathways for General Education Curriculum: 45 credits.
All students must fulfill the requirements of the Pathways for General Education Curriculum. Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog & Academic Policies for prerequisites.

Core Concept 1: Discourse (9 hours)

1A: Applied/Advanced - Select from approved Pathways courses
1f: Foundational - First-Year Writing
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Core Concept 2: Critical Thinking in the Humanities (6 hours)

Select from approved Pathways courses

Core Concept 3: Reasoning in the Social Sciences (6 hours)

Select from approved Pathways courses

Core Concept 4: Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (6 hours)

Select from approved Pathways courses

Core Concept 5: Quantitative and Computational Thinking (9 hours)

5A: Applied/Advanced – Select from approved Pathways courses
5f: Foundational – Select from approved Pathways courses
5f: Foundational – Select from approved Pathways courses

Core Concept 6: Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts (6 hours)

6A: Practice in the Arts- select from approved courses
6D: Practice in Design- select from approved courses

Core Concept 7: Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States (3 hours)

Select from approved Pathways courses

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.