

CRIMINAL JUSTICE *College of Social & Behavioral Sciences and Social Work*

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BA		Minor

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UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Within the Bachelor of Arts degree, the Department of Sociology and Justice Studies offers a program in Criminal Justice, blending career education and the liberal arts. Criminal Justice is an integrated major with required coursework in the core disciplines that provide the theoretical and methodological roots of contemporary criminological inquiry as well as applied coursework in Criminal Justice. The program is designed to provide an academic foundation appropriate for an educated citizen as well as particular specializations for career preparation.

The Department of Sociology and Justice Studies believes that a university must educate broadly to enrich both career and life. Accordingly, students in the Criminal Justice program will complete social science foundation courses as well as core disciplinary courses. In order to assist them as they move into a variety of career paths, students must also complete coursework in an approved specialty track.

Note: all 300 and 400 level CRIM courses have a prerequisite of sophomore standing or above.

Required courses in the following programs of study may have prerequisites. Reference the course description section for clarification.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES – STUDENTS WILL:

- be able to understand and apply various methodological and theoretical approaches for conducting research and evaluation with regard to criminal justice practices and policies;
- be able to engage in critical inquiry of criminal justice institutions, practices and policies which explores their benefits and consequences for social justice and equity;
- demonstrate mastery of theories of criminology and deviance, a strong understanding of the correlates of crime and be able to make clear links between theoretical and applied contexts;
- demonstrate an awareness of the systems, processes and relationships between components which comprise the criminal justice system (courts/law, law enforcement and corrections).

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR (74-75 CREDITS)

Note: two years of a single high school foreign language or one year of a single college level foreign language is required.

Required Courses:

Introduction (5 credits)

CRIM 300 Introduction to Criminal Justice (5)

Foundation Courses (15 credits)

CSBS 310 Foundations of Social and Behavioral Sciences Theory (5)
CSBS 320 Introductory Statistics for the Social Sciences (5)
CSBS 330 Integrated Social Science Methods (5)

Disciplinary Core Courses (35 credits)

CRIM 360 Women in Prison (5)
or CRIM 460 Penology (5)
CRIM 382 Criminal Justice Organization and Administration (5)
CRIM 490 Criminal Justice Senior Capstone (5)
GOVT 306 Basic Concepts of Criminal Law (5)
PHIL 212 Introductory Ethics (5)
or CRIM 340 Ethics in Criminal Justice (5)
PSYC 302 Abnormal Psychology (5)
SOC 301 Crime and Society (5)

Specialty Tracks

Please note: other courses may be selected as approved by a departmental advisor. For the Law Enforcement and Corrections tracks, students are highly encouraged to do an internship as part of their elective credits.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Please choose from the following courses for a total of 19-20 credits.

ADST 300 Survey of Alcohol/Drug Problems (4)
CRIM 304 Forensic Inquiry (5)
CRIM 307 Special Topics in Criminal Justice (Forensic Photography) (2)
CRIM 404 Forensic Identification (4)
CRIM 468 Police Systems and Practices (5)
CRIM 495 Internship in Criminal Justice (6)
GOVT 302 Criminal Procedure (5)
SOC 363 Sociology of Deviance (5)

PRE-GRADUATE CRIMINOLOGY

Please choose from the following courses for a total of 19-20 credits.

CRIM 302 Criminal Justice Systems and Development (5)
CRIM 416 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (5)
CSBS 321 Computer Aided Data Analysis (4)
GEOG 328 Geographic Information Systems I (5)
GOVT 305 Jurisprudence (5)
PSYC 425 Psychology and the Legal System (5)
SOC 363 Sociology of Deviance (5)
SOC 455 Criminology (5)

CORRECTIONS

Please choose from the following courses for a total of 19-20 credits.

Please note: CRIM 360 and CRIM 460 can be used as an elective only if the other course is taken as part of the disciplinary core.

CEDP 313 Child and Adolescent Development (4)
CRIM 360 Women in Prison (5)
CRIM 460 Penology (5)
CRIM 485 Correctional Counseling: Group Methods (5)
CRIM 495 Internship in Criminal Justice (6)
PSYC 425 Psychology and the Legal System (5)
SOC 452 Juvenile Delinquency (5)
SOC 459 Sociology of Community Corrections (5)

Introduction credits

5 credits

Foundation credits

15 credits

Disciplinary core credits

35 credits

Specialty track credits

19-20 credits

Minimum total credits for above major

74 credits

MINOR

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINOR (30 CREDITS)

Required Courses (20 credits)

CRIM 300 Introduction to Criminal Justice (5)
CRIM 382 Criminal Justice Organization and Administration (5)
CSBS 330 Integrated Social Science Methods (5)
SOC 301 Crime and Society (5)

Electives (10 credits)

Select courses from any other CRIM prefix courses.

Required credits

20 credits

Elective credits

10 credits

Total credits for above minor

30 credits

Criminal Justice Courses

Terms offered: fall, winter, spring, summer (FWSU). If no terms are indicated check with the department or EagleNET.

CRIM 299 Individual Study (1-5)

Prerequisite: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.

Individual study in criminal justice. Topics are mutually agreed upon by the instructor and student.

CRIM 300 Introduction to Criminal Justice (5)

This course is taught from the perspective of the criminologist and emphasizes the interaction within and between the systems of law enforcement, the courts and treatment.

CRIM 302 Criminal Justice Systems and Development (5)

In this course students will explore the origins and development of the contemporary criminal justice system in America.

CRIM 304 Forensic Inquiry (5)

For majors only.

Scientific methods of inquiry used in forensic investigations. Includes methodologies from social science, natural science, law and criminal justice.

CRIM 307 Special Topics in Criminal Justice (1-5)

An open topics course on contemporary criminal justice practice.

CRIM 340 Ethics in Criminal Justice (5)

In this course, we will explore major ethical theories with an emphasis on their application to components of the criminal justice system. We will analyze current issues and ethical dilemmas that criminal justice professionals deal with. We will examine the complex process of moral and ethical decision making in the criminal justice system.

CRIM 360 Women in Prison (5)

In this course, we examine the socio-structural relationships between women's lives and women's crimes and explore how race, class and gender assumptions shape the experiences of female correctional officers and female inmates. In addition, we analyze how the prison rules and regulations that girls and women have to abide by are deeply gendered. Since the 1980s, the number of women and girls incarcerated has increased drastically. Yet, we know very little about female criminality and women's lives inside prison. (Cross-listed WMST 360)

CRIM 382 Criminal Justice Organization and Administration (5)

Basic organization and management of criminal justice agencies. Discusses line, personnel and auxiliary functions.

CRIM 399 Individual Study (1-5)

Prerequisite: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.

Individual study in criminal justice. Topics are mutually agreed upon by the instructor and student.

CRIM 404 Forensic Identification (4)

Limited to 15 students.

This course is an advanced laboratory course in forensic facial reconstruction, forensic osteology and computer applications to forensic identification.

CRIM 416 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (5)

A comparative approach to understanding the different criminal justice systems found throughout the world.

CRIM 460 Penology (5)

Prerequisite: acceptable background security check. Course fee. CJ majors have priority.

A study of the contemporary practice of penology in the western world with special attention to the United States and Washington State. Lecture, laboratory and required field trips to Northwest Custodial Institutions.

CRIM 468 Police Systems and Practices (5)

Prerequisite: CRIM 300 or permission of the instructor.

This course examines the profession of a police officer. Topics include criminal investigations, specialized operations, ethics, liability and the process, organization and management of policing in the United States.

CRIM 485 Correctional Counseling: Group Methods (5)

Examines group methods used with criminal offenders, both juvenile and adult. Includes treatment programs, evaluation and therapeutic environments.

CRIM 490 Criminal Justice Senior Capstone (5)

Prerequisites: senior standing; must be taken prior to internship.

[satisfies senior capstone university graduation requirement] This course examines the relationship between the major subsystems of the criminal justice system, police, courts, corrections and juvenile justice. Each of these major components addresses issues of crime in society with the same constituents, but from a different perspective. Examination of issues that each component has in common and the manner in which they are differently

addressed is the focus of this course. Criminal Justice students will gain an appreciation for the eclectic nature of the profession through in-depth analysis of current issues and designing a resolution mechanism. The characterization of a "criminal justice system" is discussed from the perspective of individual mission of each element of the "system" to identify the presence or absence of commonality—except for constituency. The distinctive division of labor between corrections, police administration and the courts are described in effort to identify the decision-making processes to further amplify their interdependence and interrelatedness. Through examination of dilemmas faced by the system students will develop an appreciation for and understanding of the system from the macro perspective. The purpose of this course is to bring together the different elements of the system through examining how each of these elements address common, relevant and timely issues.

CRIM 495 Internship (6-12)

Prerequisites: 2.5 GPA, permission of internship instructor and CRIM 490; permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.

The intern earns credits through participation in a full-time work experience. The length of time is determined by the amount of credit. Normally it will be 10 weeks. Requirements include an on site visit, detailed written report and additional assignments. Internships are limited to the state of Washington and some selected Idaho and Oregon locations. Applications and approval must be obtained prior to the internship experience. Credit for unapproved internship or life experience is not granted.

CRIM 496 Experimental Course (1-5)

CRIM 497 Workshops, Short Courses, Conferences (5)

CRIM 498 Seminar (5)

Prerequisites: ENGL 205, 40 major credits and permission of the instructor. For majors only.

CRIM 499 Individual/Independent Study (1-5)

Prerequisite: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean. Not open to students with a GPA below 3.0.

For individual/independent study in criminal justice. Topics are mutually agreed upon by the instructor and the student.

