

Criminology Minor

Who defines crime and criminal behavior? Why do people commit crimes? What does society do, and what can society do better to prevent and respond to crime? The criminology minor gives students the tools to analyze how society defines, regulates and tries to prevent crime, as well as considering social issues and structures that may cause people to break laws. The minor program in criminology allows students to pair their majors with an exploration of issues of crime and the criminal justice system.

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Courses address the role of systemic inequality and state violence in relation to crime. Students select courses from multiple social scientific disciplines including sociology, anthropology, political science, psychology and indigenous, race and ethnic studies to gain an understanding of the nature of crime, including the social and cultural factors contributing to criminal behavior and institutional efforts to prevent it. They also gain skills in analyzing evidence as well as identifying, apprehending and rehabilitating perpetrators.

Minor in Criminology

Code	Title	Credits
Required Core Courses:		16
SOC 204	Introduction to Sociology	
PS 106	Power, Politics, and Inequality	
SOC 380	Introduction: Deviance, Control, and Crime	
ANTH 176	Introduction to Forensic Anthropology	
Electives: ¹		20
ANTH 473	Advanced Forensic Anthropology ²	
CRES 420		
CRES 445	Conflicts of Incarceration	
ES 352	Social Equity and Criminal Justice	
ES 450	Race and Incarceration	
FHS 482		
PS 275	Legal Process An Introduction to the American Judiciary	
PS 375	Race, Politics, and the Law	
PS 466	Civil Rights in Post-Warren Era	
PS 485	Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	
PPPM 418	Introduction to Public Law	
PSY 309	Psychopathology	
PSY 366	Culture and Mental Health	
SOC 370	Urban Sociology	
SOC 484	Issues in Deviance, Control, and Crime: [Topic]	
Total Credits		36

¹ Up to 4 credits of internship or practicum can be applied towards the minor.

² ANTH 176 and ANTH 473 must be taken in sequence if ANTH 473 is selected as an elective.

Additional Requirements

- At least 20 credits must be at the upper-division level