

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.

Criminology Minor Requirements

Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements must be taken for a letter grade and passed with a grade of C- or better.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Core Courses:		12
SOC 204 or SOC 207	Introduction to Sociology Social Inequality	
SOC 280	Introduction to Criminology	
SOC 380	Deviance, Social Control, and Crime	
Electives: ¹		24
ANTH 176	Introduction to Forensic Anthropology	
ANTH 473	Advanced Forensic Anthropology	
ANTH 366	Human Osteology Laboratory	
CRES 445	Conflicts of Incarceration	
EC 330	Urban and Regional Economic Problems	
EC 410	Experimental Course: [Topic]	
ES 101	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	
ES 450	Race and Incarceration	
FHS 213	Issues for Children and Families	
FHS 329	Youth Psychopathology in Context	
FHS 483	Prevention of Interpersonal Violence	
GEOG 481	GIScience I	
GEOG 482	GIScience II	
GLBL 360	International Cooperation and Conflict	
GLBL 370	International Human Rights	
JCOM 302	Communication Law	
JCOM 303	Media Ethics	
LAW 102	Introduction to Criminal Law	
LAW 103	Introduction to Criminal Investigation	
LAW 301	Youth and Social Change	
LAW 417	The Death Penalty	

PHIL 344	Introduction to Philosophy of Law
PPPM 434	Urban Geographic Information Systems
PS 106	Power, Politics, and Inequality
PS 206	Ethics, Identity, and Power
PS 275	Legal Process An Introduction to the American Judiciary
PS 316	Black Lives Matter and American Democracy
PS 346	Terrorism and Weapons Proliferation
PS 368	Gender in the Law
PS 375	Race, Politics, and the Law
PS 472	Matters of Life and Death
PS 485	Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
PSY 306	Social Psychology
PSY 309	Psychopathology
PSY 383	Psychoactive Drugs
PSY 420	Psychology and Law
PSY 422	Forensic Psychology
PSY 472	Psychology of Trauma
PSY 478	Social Development
PSY 480	Development and Psychopathology
SOC 301	American Society
SOC 313	Social Issues and Movements
SOC 370	Urban Sociology
SOC 451	Social Stratification
SOC 455	Issues in Sociology of Gender: [Topic]
SOC 465	Political Sociology
SOC 484	Issues in Deviance, Control, and Crime: [Topic]
SPED 418	Disrupting the School to Prison Pipeline

Total Credits **36**

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

Additional Requirements

- At least 16 credits must be at the upper-division level

Residency Requirements

- At least 24 minor credits must be taken at UO.