



# Criminology, BA

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**Program Description:** The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice offers students seeking careers in criminology or criminal justice a broad liberal arts education that encourages them to think critically about crime and justice issues and prepares them for careers in the criminal justice system. The degree programs offered are the Bachelor of Arts program in criminology and the Bachelor of Arts program in criminology/pre-law. The department also offers a minor in criminology. Through the School of Graduate Studies and Research, the department also offers graduate work at both the master's and doctoral levels. Qualified students can attend [Act 120 training](#) leading to MPOETC Police certification and earn 15 credits towards graduation. In addition, qualified students can earn a master's and baccalaureate degree in five years, known as a [4+1 program](#). This early admission to the [Master's degree](#) is available for qualified students, in which students earn graduate credits in their junior and/or senior years in Criminology.

**Career Opportunities:** Criminal Justice job projections predicted by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics through 2031:

- Criminologist: 5 percent, as fast as average - Higher Education - median wage \$92,910.
- Police Officer: 3 percent, slower than average - median wage \$64,610.
- Transit and Railroad Police: 3 percent, slower than average – median wage \$64,930.
- Federal Law Enforcement Officer: 5 percent, as fast as average - median wage \$58,673.
- Background Screening Specialist: 8 percent, faster than average - median wage \$62,290.
- Drug Abuse/Behavioral Counselor: 22 percent, much faster than average - median wage \$48,520.
- Probation/Parole Officers: 0 percent, little or no change - median wage \$60,250.

**Student Organizations:** We encourage all Criminology students to become members of the Criminology Association or the Forensic Science Club. Students who academically qualify also are recommended to join the local chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma (National Criminal Justice Honor Society). Student members regularly participate in fundraising and volunteer activities that provide them experiences that will improve their resume. Past experiences have included ride-alongs with various police organizations (Pittsburgh, D.C., NYC), prison visits, research presentations, and academic tournament participation at regional and national conferences. Additionally, in the past these clubs have organized their own individual and coordinated events.

**Experiential Learning:** Experiential learning is an important aspect of education. In the past, our students have enjoyed internships with the following organizations: U.S. Marshals Service; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Explosives; Ocean City Police Department; The Washington Center; U.S. Postal Inspectors; Philadelphia Police Department, as well as with many other federal, state, and local agencies associated with the criminal justice system and rehabilitative services. Additionally, students can study abroad in a host of countries or complete a "semester at sea".





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Four-year Course Sequencing

**Four-year Sequencing** The below four-year plan outlines the courses required in each semester of your baccalaureate degree. The goal is for you to visualize the years to come and understand what courses or other requirements are needed in order to graduate in four years. This four-year plan also allows you to plan with your advisor for important engagement activities that support your higher education goals, such as completing a double major or a minor, attending the police academy (Act 120), planning for an internship, study abroad, and/or start a Master's degree during your senior year. Summer and winter terms also offer an opportunity to take courses or accomplish other goals.

Freshman Year: Fall			Freshman Year: Spring		
Course	Course Description	Credits	Course	Course Description	Credits
CRIM 101	Crime and Justice Systems	3	CRIM 102	Survey of Criminology	3
HIST (LS)	LS Requirement 196, 197, 198	3	ENGL 101	Composition I	3
Fine Arts (LS)	LS Requirement	3	143 Wellness	LS Requirement	3
PHIL/RLST	Philosophy or Religious Studies	3	Global/MC	LS Requirement	3
Natural Science (NS)	LS Requirement	3	Natural Science	LS Requirement	3
NS with Lab		1	NS non lab		
<b>Total Fall</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>Total Spring</b>		<b>15</b>

Sophomore Year: Fall			Sophomore Year: Spring		
Course	Course Description	Credits	Course	Course Description	Credits
CRIM GRP A	Major Requirement	3	CRIM GRP B	Major Requirement	3
CRIM GRP A	Major Requirement	3	CRIM GRP B	Major Requirement	3
ENGL 121	Literature	3	MATH 217	Probability & Statistics	3
LS Elective	LS Requirement	3	ENGL 202	Composition II	3
Free Elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3	Free Elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3
<b>Total Fall</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total Spring</b>		<b>15</b>

Junior Year: Fall			Junior Year: Spring		
Course	Course Description	Credits	Course	Course Description	Credits
CRIM GRP C	Major Requirement	3	CRIM GRP C	Major Requirement	3
CRIM 306	Research Methods	3	CRIM 400 WI	Theoretical Criminology	3
Social Science	LS Requirement	3	LS Elective	LS Requirement	3
Free Elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3	Free Elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3
Free Elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3	Free Elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3
<b>Total Fall</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total Spring</b>		<b>15</b>

Senior Year: Fall			Senior Year: Spring*		
Course	Course Description	Credits	Course	Course Description	Credits
CRIM 401	Contemporary Issues	3	CRIM 403 *	Dilemmas in Criminology/CJTC	3
Free Elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3	Free Elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3
Free Elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3	Free Elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3
Free Elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3	Free Elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3
Free Elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3	Free Elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	2
<b>Total Fall</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total Spring</b>		<b>14</b>

\*Act 120 Police Certification CRIM 403 Moves to Fall



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## Summary of Requirements

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**Summary of Requirements:** The criminology major requires five core courses and two courses from each of three areas: 1) The Criminal Justice Systems; 2) Critical Issues in Criminology; and 3) Diversity Issues in Criminology, for a total of 33 credits in Criminology. The IUP Liberal Studies program includes 46-47 credits, and there are 41 free electives available offering flexibility for majors to take a minor, certificate, or double major. The total credits required is 120, and you are able to review your progress on [Degree Works](#).

### Liberal Studies (46-47 credits)

Course	Credits	Grade
<a href="#">Learning Skills: English Composition (6 credits)</a>		
ENG 101 Composition	3	
ENGL 202 Composition II	3	

<a href="#">Learning Skills: Mathematics (3 credits)</a>		
MATH 217 Probability and Statistics	3	

<a href="#">Humanities (9 credits)</a>		
HIST 196 197 198	3	
ENGL 121 Humanities Literature	3	
PHIL/RLST (select one)	3	

<a href="#">Fine Arts (3 credits)</a>		
Select one	3	

<a href="#">Natural Sciences (7-8 credits)</a>		
Natural Sciences with a lab	4	
Natural Sciences without a lab	3	

<a href="#">Social Sciences (9 credits)</a>		
CRIM 101 Crime and Justice Systems	3	
Select one – No course with CRIM prefix	3	
Select one – No course with CRIM prefix	3	

<a href="#">Dimensions of Wellness (3 credits)</a>		
Select one	3	

<a href="#">Liberal Studies Electives (6 credits)</a>		
Select one from the list	3	
Select one from the list	3	

### Criminology Core Requirements (33 credits)

Course	Credits	Grade
CRIM 102 Survey of Criminology	3	
CRIM 306 Criminological Research Methods	3	
CRIM 400 Theoretical Criminology	3	
CRIM 401 Contemporary Issues in Criminology	3	
CRIM 403 Dilemmas in Criminology and CJ	3	
Controlled Electives - 2 from each group below	18	

<b>Group A electives (CJ System) (6 credits)</b>		
CRIM 205 Policing and the Community	3	
CRIM 210 Criminal Law	3	
CRIM 215 Survey of Courts and the CJ System	3	
CRIM 225 Survey of Corrections	3	
CRIM 235 Survey of Juv. Justice and Juv. Law	3	
CRIM 255 Law, Social Control, and Society	3	

<b>Group B electives (Critical Issues) (6 credits)</b>		
CRIM 344 Terrorism	3	
CRIM 354 White-Collar Crime	3	
CRIM 374 Environmental Crime and Justice	3	
CRIM 384 Violence and Victimology	3	
CRIM 391 Substance Use and Abuse in Criminal Justice	3	
CRIM 394 Crime and Delinquency Prevention	3	

<b>Group C electives (Diversity Issues) (6 credits)</b>		
CRIM 410 Race, Ethnicity, Social Struct & Crime	3	

Free Electives	40-41	
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[Global/Multicultural](#), 3 credits required but most courses overlap with other required courses, so talk with your advisor.

**Additional Information:** Double major or Dual degree is recommended: Anthropology, Asian Studies, Economics, English, Geography, History, Homeland Security, International Studies, Journalism, Philosophy, Political Science, Religious Studies, Sociology, Spanish. Recommended minors: same as double major programs listed above with the addition of: Business Administration, Child Development and Family Relations, Computer Science, Cyber Security, Foreign Language, Forensic Biology, Latin American Studies, Leadership, Psychology, Safety Science.