



Criminology, Pre-Law, BA

Department: Criminology and Criminal Justice
College: [Health and Human Services](#)
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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. Additionally, students may 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. The program in criminology and criminal justice has a fivefold objective: 1. The education of students for employment and leadership in the expanding field of criminology and criminal justice 2. The education of presently employed criminal justice personnel who recognize a need for furthering their education 3. The instruction of students who wish to acquire an understanding of the processes of criminal justice as a cultural part of their higher education 4. The instruction of students who wish to prepare for graduate study and/or research in criminology 5. A curriculum that provides an excellent foundation for students preparing for a career in law.

Career Opportunities: Criminal Justice job projections predicted by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics through 2028:

- Lawyer: 6 percent, as fast as average - median wage \$120,910.00
- Arbitrator/Mediator: 8 percent, faster than average - median wage \$62,270.00
- Hearing Officer: 3 percent, slower than average - median wage \$99,850.00
- Paralegals/Legal Assistants---12 percent, much faster than average - median wage \$50,940.00
- Police Officer: 5 percent, as fast as average - median wage \$63,380
- Drug Abuse/Behavioral Counselor: 22 percent, much faster than average - median wage \$44,630
- Criminologist: 9 percent, faster than average - Higher Education - median wage \$82,050.00

Student Organizations: We encourage all Criminology students to become members of the Criminology Association, The Pennsylvania Prison Society, and/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; Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; 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

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 also allows you to plan with your advisor for important engagement activities that support your higher education goals, such as planning for an internship, research, and/or study abroad. The summer and winter terms are also 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		
Total Fall		16	Total Spring		15

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/PLAW	ECON 122	3	ENGL 202	Composition II	3
Free Elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3	PLAW	Business Elective	3
Total Fall		15	Total Spring		15

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/PLAW	ECON 121	3	LS Elective	LS Requirement	3
PLAW	English Elective	3	PLAW	History Elective	3
Free Elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3	Free Elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3
Total Fall		15	Total Spring		15

Senior Year: Fall			Senior Year: Spring*		
Course	Course Description	Credits	Course	Course Description	Credits
CRIM 401	Contemporary Issues	3	CRIM 403 *	Dilemmas in Criminology/CJ	3
Writing Intensive	LS Requirement	3	Free Elective	Elective/Minor/Double Major	3
PLAW	Political Science Elective	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
Total Fall		15	Total Spring		14

*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) Criminal Justice Systems; 2) Critical Issues in Criminology; and 3) Diversity Issues in Criminology, for 33 total credits in Criminology. PreLaw includes 21 credits, and Liberal Studies includes 47 credits, leaving 19 free electives offering flexibility for majors to take a minor, certificate, or double major. The total credits required is 120.

Liberal Studies (47 credits)

Course	Credits	Grade
Learning Skills: English Composition (6 credits)		
ENG 101 Composition	3	
ENGL 202 Composition II	3	

Learning Skills: Mathematics (3 credits)		
MATH 217 Probability and Statistics	3	

Humanities (9 credits)		
HIST 196, 197, or 198	3	
ENGL 121 Humanities Literature	3	
PHIL/RLST (select one)	3	

Fine Arts (3 credits)		
Select one	3	

Natural Sciences (8 credits) One of the below is recommended		
CHEM 111 & 112 Chemistry I & II	8	
BIOL 103 & 104 Biology	8	

Social Sciences (9 credits)		
CRIM 101 Crime and Justice Systems	3	
Select one (No course with CRIM prefix)	3	
Select one (Global/Multicultural)	3	

Health and Wellness (3 credits)		
Select one	3	

Liberal Studies Elective (6 credits)		
Select one from the list	3	
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- [Global/Multicultural](#), 3 credits required but most courses overlap with other required courses, so talk with your advisor.
 - [Writing Intensive](#), 6 credits required, CRIM 400 fulfills 3 credits, so talk with your advisor regarding other 3 required.
- Review [DegreeWorks](#) for progress toward your degree.

Criminology Pre-Law Core (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	

Group A electives (CJ System) (6 credits)		
CRIM 205 Policing and the Community	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	

Group B electives (Critical Issues) (6 credits)		
CRIM 344 Terrorism	3	
CRIM 354 White-Collar Crime	3	
CRIM 374 Environmental Crime and Justice	3	
CRIM 384 Violence and Victimology	3	
CRIM 394 Crime and Delinquency Prevention	3	

Group C electives (Diversity Issues) (6 credits)		
CRIM 410 Race, Ethnicity, Social Struct & Crime	3	
CRIM 420 Media Portrayal of Crime	3	
CRIM 450 Women and Crime	3	
CRIM 470 Comparative Study of Justice	3	

PLAW: 7 courses, at least 1 in each area (21 credits):		
Business	ACCT 201, ACCT 202, BLAW 235	
Economics	ECON 121, 122	
English	ENGL 212, 227, 265, 310, 321	
History	HIST 320, 341, 342, 346, 475	
Philosophy	PHIL 101, 122, 130, 221, 270, 320, 450	
Political Science	PLSC 358, 359, 361, 405	
Free Electives (19 credits)		

Recommended minors: Anthropology, Asian Studies, Business Administration, Child Development and Family Relations, Cyber Security, Economics, English, Foreign Language, Forensic Biology, Geography, History, Homeland Security, International Studies, Journalism, Latin American Studies, Leadership, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies, Safety Science, Sociology. [Act 120 Police certification](#) can be completed in the final semester for 15 free elective credits. Early admission into the master's program is an option.