

Criminology (CRIM)

Courses

CRIM 20003. Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice (ACTS Equivalency = CRJU 1023). 3 Hours.

Introduction to the field of criminology and the criminal justice system, including theories and patterns of criminal behavior, how criminal justice data are collected, social research methods, historical foundations of the field, institutions, and types of crimes and offenders. Provides a foundation for further criminological and theoretical studies. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer)

CRIM 200H3. Honors Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice. 3 Hours.

An introduction to the field history, development, and theoretical underpinnings of criminology and the criminal justice system, including theories aspects such as law enforcement, the courts, and patterns of criminal behavior, how criminal justice data are collected, social research methods, historical foundations of the field, institutions, and types of crimes and offenders. Provides a foundation for further criminological and theoretical studies. Prerequisite: Honors standing. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer)

CRIM 20403. Sociology of Criminal Law. 3 Hours.

Explores the history of criminal law in the United States, the construction of crime and punishment, and issues facing the contemporary legal system. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

CRIM 25103. Criminal Investigation. 3 Hours.

Survey of the theories, concepts, and legal conditions concerning the techniques used in the location, preservation and presentation of evidence. Prerequisite: CRIM 20003. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

CRIM 30101. Special Topics. 1 Hour.

Designed to develop the tools to write effectively in the social sciences, including skills related to organizing manuscripts, writing problem statements, identifying and synthesizing research, and revising and editing. Prerequisite: SOCI 10103 or CRIM 20003. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring) May be repeated for up to 3 hours of degree credit.

CRIM 30203. Criminological Theory. 3 Hours.

Advanced survey of theories of crime causation. Examines broad sociological paradigms, as well as both individual and aggregate-level explanations of crime causation. Applies criminological theories to contemporary issues associated with crime and criminal justice. Prerequisite: SOCI 10103. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

CRIM 302H3. Honors Criminological Theory. 3 Hours.

Advanced survey of theories of crime causation. Examines broad sociological paradigms, as well as both individual and aggregate-level explanations of crime causation. Applies criminological theories to contemporary issues associated with crime and criminal justice. Prerequisite: SOCI 10103 and junior standing. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

CRIM 30403. The Police and Society. 3 Hours.

Overview of origins, theories, development, practice, and current issues in policing in contemporary society. Prerequisite: CRIM 20003. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

CRIM 30503. Serial Crime. 3 Hours.

Historical development of criminal profiling in serial homicide, including sex crimes, stalking, and arson. Focuses on behavioral and criminological theory and a critical examination of different profiling methodologies. Prerequisite: SOCI 10103. (Typically offered: Irregular)

CRIM 30603. Victimology. 3 Hours.

Introduction to the scientific study of victimization. Examines conceptual boundaries of victimology research, covers theories, statistics and trends relevant to victimology, reviews the victim blaming and defending perspectives, explores practical applications of victimology, and the social, legal, and evaluates criminological issues that stem from concern over victims. Prerequisite: SOCI 10103. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

CRIM 32003. Corrections and Social Control. 3 Hours.

Overview of correctional systems and punishment. Focuses on theories of correctional philosophies, practices, and procedures, along with the historical development and modern practices of corrections, sentencing, facilities, and issues facing correctional populations. Examines principles and practices of treatment and rehabilitation. Prerequisite: CRIM 20003. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

CRIM 34103. Special Topics. 3 Hours.

Designed to cover specialized topics not usually presented in regular courses. Prerequisite: SOCI 10103. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

CRIM 341H3. Honors Special Topics. 3 Hours.

Designed to cover specialized topics not usually presented in regular courses. Prerequisite: Honors standing and SOCI 10103. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

CRIM 34403. Stratification and Crime. 3 Hours.

Examines how race, age, gender, social class, and geographic location impact criminal offending, victimization, and arrest. Subsequently, it explores how the criminal justice system stages of policing, sentencing, and incarceration further entrench or mitigate disparities across social strata group. Prerequisite: SOCI 10103. (Typically offered: Spring)

CRIM 34503. Immigration and Crime. 3 Hours.

Provides a comprehensive foundation of the relationship between immigration, one of the most powerful forces that influences a nation's social fabric, and crime. Focuses not only on U.S. immigration but also crime in the global context. Prerequisite: SOCI 10103. (Typically offered: Fall)

CRIM 35003. Criminal Procedures. 3 Hours.

Critical examination of how individual rights and police procedures are balanced with focus on arrests, use of force, identification, and search and seizure. Prerequisite: CRIM 20003. (Typically offered: Irregular)

CRIM 35103. Criminal Evidence. 3 Hours.

Examination of how evidence is collected, processed, and presented in court, with an emphasis on the competing interests of crime control and individual liberties. Prerequisite: CRIM 20003. (Typically offered: Irregular)

CRIM 37203. Deviant Behavior. 3 Hours.

Sociological overview of disconcerting conduct, its definition, theoretical understandings and research. Specific topics may include: interpersonal violence, self-destructive disorders, controversial lifestyles, substance abuse, as well as the relationship between inequality and disturbing acts. Prerequisite: SOCI 10103. (Typically offered: Irregular)

CRIM 399HV. Honors Course. 1-6 Hour.

Undergraduate honors thesis hours designed to engage in advanced undergraduate research under the direction of a faculty advisor. Prerequisite: Honors standing. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring) May be repeated for up to 12 hours of degree credit.

CRIM 40003. Internship in Criminal Justice and Criminology. 3 Hours.

Supervised experience in municipal, county or state criminal justice agency, or any other agency which is approved by instructor. Prerequisite: CRIM 20003. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

CRIM 40103. SPECIAL TOPICS. 3 Hours.

Offerings vary; check for particular course topics offered. Designed to cover specialized topics in greater depth than regular survey courses provide. Prerequisite: Junior standing. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for up to 9 hours of degree credit.

CRIM 4030V. Individual Study. 1-3 Hour.

In-depth individual or group study with a faculty member on advanced sociological readings and/or to participate in supervised research as an experience-based course. Faculty permission required in advance of enrollment. Prerequisite: Instructor consent. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

CRIM 40603. Organizations in Society. 3 Hours.

Review of literature on work and organizations, with focus on race, class, gender inequalities, and interactions between society and organizations; discussion of topics related to white collar crime and deviant behavior inside modern corporations. Prerequisite: SOCI 10103. (Typically offered: Spring)

CRIM 41403. Juvenile Justice. 3 Hours.

Examination of juvenile justice system and juvenile crime, including historical development of the system and treatment of juvenile delinquents along with legal, correctional, and treatment processes and philosophies. Emphasis on current issues facing delinquents, the system, and delinquency prevention in addition to trends in juvenile crime. Prerequisite: CRIM 20003. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

CRIM 42203. Criminal Violence. 3 Hours.

Explores definitions, patterns, explanations, and potential interventions of aggression and criminal violence. Discusses the temporal, spatial, and demographic patterns of violence in the United States. Assesses various explanations of violence and considers possible interventions. Examines the literature on the structural- and individual-level correlates of violent criminal offending. Prerequisite: CRIM 20003 and junior standing. (Typically offered: Spring)

CRIM 42303. Death Penalty. 3 Hours.

Examines problems and social issues related to the death penalty in the U.S., including the history of capital punishment, Supreme Court decisions, how various jurisdictions seek the death penalty, the comparative costs of incarceration and execution, miscarriages of justice, and how the criminal justice system responds to these issues. Prerequisite: CRIM 20003 or SOCI 10103. (Typically offered: Irregular)

CRIM 43003. Spatial Analyses for Social Data. 3 Hours.

Focuses on learning about spatial data and how to use spatial analyses to detect patterns and answer research questions related to crime occurrence. Emphasizes how results translate to practitioner efforts and policy. (Typically offered: Spring)

CRIM 44403. Terrorism and Homeland Security. 3 Hours.

Examines the evolution of modern terrorism and homeland security, focusing primarily on the dynamics of American terrorist movements (ideologies, motives, and tactics). Social, political, and criminal justice responses to terrorism are also considered. Prerequisite: Junior standing. (Typically offered: Spring)