

# Criminology, Law, and Justice, BA

## Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in criminology, law, and justice requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 39 s.h. of work for the major. Students must maintain a grade-point average of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They must also complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core. Transfer students must earn at least 24 s.h. in criminology, law, and justice coursework at the University of Iowa; transfer courses must be approved by a sociology advisor.

Students who earn the major in criminology, law, and justice may earn the major in sociology. No more than 9 s.h. of major coursework can be applied to both of the majors. Students who earn both majors may not complete a minor in either area.

Students may count up to 56 s.h. of coursework from the Department of Sociology and Criminology toward credit required for the Bachelor of Arts degree. BA students who are graduating with a double major in the department (criminology, law, and justice and sociology) may apply more than 56 s.h. from the department toward their degree, but they must earn at least 56 s.h. of credit in courses outside the department in order to graduate.

Students who earn the major in criminology, law, and justice may earn a minor in sociology. No more than 3 s.h. can count toward both the major and minor.

Students who earn the major in criminology, law, and justice may not earn the criminology, law, and justice minor.

Courses listed in more than one area may only be used toward one requirement.

The BA with a major in criminology, law, and justice requires the following coursework.

Requirements	Hours
Introductory Courses	6-7
Required Courses	6
Quantitative Courses	3-4
Electives	18
Upper-Level Sociology Requirement	3
Capstone Course	3
Graduation Portfolio Course	0

## Introductory Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
Two of these:		
CRIM:1410	Introduction to Criminology	3
CRIM:1447	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	3
SOC:1010 or SOC:1030	Introduction to Sociology Contemporary Social Problems	3-4

## Required Courses

Students should complete SOC:2130, and either CRIM:2470 or SOC:2170 as soon as possible.

Course #	Title	Hours
This course:		
SOC:2130	Sociological Theory	3
One of these:		
CRIM:2470	Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice	3
SOC:2170	Research Methods	3

Students with an additional major in psychology may be able to count PSY:2811 Research Methods and Data Analysis in Psychology I as the research methods course; consult an advisor for more information.

## Quantitative Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
SOC:2160	Applied Statistics for Social Scientists	3
STAT:1020	Elementary Statistics and Inference	3
STAT:1030	Statistics for Business	4
STAT:2010	Statistical Methods and Computing	3
STAT:3510	Biostatistics	3

## Electives

Students complete 18 s.h. of elective coursework in criminology, law, and justice (prefix CRIM) numbered 2000-4999. Four of the required electives must be advanced, chosen from criminology, law, and justice courses numbered 3000-4901 or CRIM:4998 Honors Research. Two of the four advanced electives must be taken after (and not concurrent with) the completion of SOC:2130 Sociological Theory, CRIM:2470 Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice or SOC:2170 Research Methods, and an additional approved course from the "Quantitative Requirements" list. With permission, students may use graduate courses in sociology (prefix SOC) numbered 5000 or above to satisfy the electives requirement.

Either CRIM:4400 Internship in Criminal Justice and Corrections or CRIM:4410 Treatment Interventions in Corrections may count toward the elective requirement, but not both.

The following courses may not be used as major electives.

Course #	Title	Hours
CRIM:2440	Student Practicum in Policing	3
CRIM:2470	Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice	3
CRIM:3400	Criminology Mentoring Program	1
CRIM:4800	Research Practicum in Criminology	3
CRIM:4930	Teaching Internship	1-3
CRIM:4950	Sociology Criminology Student Ambassador	1
CRIM:4990	Directed Individual Study	1-3

## Upper-Level Sociology Requirement

Students complete one sociology course (prefix SOC) numbered 2000–4899, excluding the following courses.

Course #	Title	Hours
Not from these:		
SOC:2160	Applied Statistics for Social Scientists	3
SOC:2170	Research Methods	3
SOC:3170	Applied Research	3
SOC:4800	Research Practicum in Sociology	3

## Capstone Course

All students complete a capstone course, which illustrates their accomplishments and includes assembling a portfolio. Students generally take the course during their last two semesters of coursework for the major, as long as they have completed an approved statistics course; CRIM:2470 Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice or SOC:2170 Research Methods; one of the introductory courses in criminology, law, and justice; SOC:2130 Sociological Theory; and at least 6 s.h. of electives.

Course #	Title	Hours
One of these:		
CRIM:4400	Internship in Criminal Justice and Corrections	3
CRIM:4800	Research Practicum in Criminology	3
SOC:4910	Capstone Course in Sociology and Criminology	3

## Graduation Portfolio Course

During their last semester, all students must enroll in the following course, in which they submit the portfolio they assembled in the capstone course.

Course #	Title	Hours
SOC:4909	Graduation Portfolio	0