Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- recognize the causes and consequences of crime at the micro and macro levels and match these with prominent criminological perspectives;
- describe the interrelated institutions and processes of the criminal justice system and legal systems;
- apply theories of crime, legal systems, and criminal justice systems to explain actual and hypothetical scenarios, behaviors, and trends;
- understand the role of formal law in advanced democracies;
- explain the various social science methods of inquiry and use these to test specific criminological research questions;
- recognize and explain social inequities in crime and criminal justice processes by race, social class, gender, region, and age; and
- evaluate the effectiveness of policy interventions for altering social behavior, including those deemed illegal or harmful.

Overview

The criminology, law and justice major examines issues related to race and ethnic diversity, and gender and poverty, heightening awareness of these important topics. Students learn about sociological explanations for crime and criminal justice; the operation of law and the criminal justice system, including their complex interplay with other institutions, such as the economy and politics; and important data sources on crime in the United States and internationally.

The criminology, law and justice course work required for the major is the same for B.S. and B.A. students, but the major for the B.S. includes additional semester hours in theory, statistics, and methods courses.

Requirements

The Bachelor of Science with a major in criminology, law and justice requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 48 s.h. of work for the major. Students must maintain a g.p.a. of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They also must 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 course work at the University of Iowa; transfer courses must be approved by a sociology advisor.

Requirements for the major are similar for the Bachelor of Science and the Bachelor of Arts. B.A. students take a minimum of 39 s.h. of course work for the major, while B.S. students take a minimum of 48 s.h. which includes additional theory, statistics, and methods courses.

Students who earn the major in criminology, law and justice can earn the major in sociology. No more than 9 s.h. of major course work can double count for each of the majors. Students who earn both majors may not complete a minor in either area.

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

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

The B.S. with a major in criminology, law and justice requires the following course work.

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SOC:2064 Racial Inequity and the Experiences of African American Families in the U.S. 3
SOC:2710 The American Family 3
SOC:2810 Social Inequality 3
SOC:3171 Drugs and Society 3
SOC:3220 Sociology of Mental Illness 3
SOC:3510 Medical Sociology 3
SOC:3610 Organizations and Modern Society 3
SOC:3650 Education, Schools, and Society 3
SOC:3750 Born in the USA: Fertility and Reproduction 3
SOC:3830 Race and Ethnicity 3
SOC:3850 Economy and Society 3
SOC:3880 The Sociology of Networks 3
SOC:4200 Sociology of Religion 3
SOC:4210 Social Psychology of Small Groups 3
SOC:4225 The Social Psychology of Leadership 3
SOC:4230 Sociology of Self-Improvement 3
SOC:4540 Political Sociology and Social Movements 3
SOC:4820 Sociology of Sexuality 3
CRIM:2430 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems 3
CRIM:2460 Policing in Modern Society 3
CRIM:2901 Special Topics in Criminology, Law, and Justice 3
CRIM:3250 Drugs, Deviance, and Social Control 3
CRIM:3350 Criminals in the Making: A Life Course Approach 3
CRIM:3415 Global Criminology 3
CRIM:3416 Race, Crime, and Justice 3
CRIM:3417 Community Corrections 3
CRIM:3420 Juvenile Delinquency 3
CRIM:3425 Women, Crime, and Justice 3
CRIM:3437 American Crime 3
CRIM:3450 Criminal Legal System 3
CRIM:4420 Criminal Punishment 3
CRIM:4430 Interpersonal Violence in Society 3
CRIM:4440 Sociology of White-Collar Crime 3
CRIM:4450 Juvenile Justice: A Sociolegal Perspective 3
CRIM:4460 Sociology of Law 3
CRIM:4470 Communities and Crime 3
CRIM:4901 Advanced Topics in Criminology, Law, and Justice 3

Students may apply one of the following 3 s.h. courses toward the elective requirement:

CRIM:3500 Policies and Procedures of Policing 3
CRIM:4400 Internship in Criminal Justice and Corrections 3
CRIM:4410 Treatment Interventions in Corrections 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 course work for the major, as long as they have completed the three statistics courses; SOC:2170 Research Methods; one of the introductory courses in criminology, law and justice; and at least 6 s.h. of electives.

Graduation Portfolio

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

Honors

Honors in the Major

Students have the opportunity to graduate with honors in the major. Departmental honors students must maintain a g.p.a. of at least 3.33 in all University of Iowa courses and in all sociology and criminology, law, and justice courses. In order to graduate with honors, the following course work must be completed.

University of Iowa Honors Program

In addition to honors in the major, students have opportunities for honors study and activities through membership in the
University of Iowa Honors Program. Visit Honors at Iowa to learn about the University honors program.

Membership in the UI Honors Program is not required to earn honors in the criminology, law and justice major.

**Academic Plans**

**Four-Year Graduation Plan**

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the University's Four-Year Graduation Plan. Courses in the major are those required to complete the major; they may be offered by departments other than the major department.

Sequencing of course work is important in meeting the four-year plan.

**Before the fifth semester begins:** two introductory courses and a statistics course

**Before the seventh semester begins:** theory and methods courses, three additional introductory courses, two electives, statistics, and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree

**Before the eighth semester begins:** a capstone course and two more electives

**During the eighth semester:** enrollment in all remaining course work in the major, including SOC:4909 Graduation Portfolio; all remaining GE CLAS Core courses; and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate

**Career Advancement**

The major in criminology, law and justice provides a foundation for graduate or professional study in criminology, criminal justice, sociology, psychology, law, social work, urban planning, education, social policy, and similar areas. The major pairs well with majors in other disciplines, such as psychology and social work, and affords students a competitive edge when applying to graduate school in forensic psychology or social work with a corrections emphasis.

The Pomerantz Career Center offers multiple resources to help students find internships and jobs.