

# 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.

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## 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	Introduction to Sociology	3-4
or SOC:1030	Contemporary Social Problems	

## Theory, Statistics, and Methods

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
One of these:		
SOC:2160	Applied Statistics for Social Scientists	3
STAT:1020/ PSQF:1020	Elementary Statistics and Inference	3
STAT:1030	Statistics for Business	4
STAT:2010	Statistical Methods and Computing	3
STAT:3510/ IGPI:3510	Biostatistics	3
STAT:4143/ PSQF:4143	Introduction to Statistical Methods	3

## Upper-Level Sociology Requirement

Course #	Title	Hours
3 s.h. from these:		
SOC:2064	African American Families: Urban and Suburban	3
SOC:2710	The American Family	3
SOC:2770	Black and White Community Politics	3
SOC:2810	Social Inequality	3
SOC:2830	Race and Ethnicity	3
SOC:3100	Critical Race Theory: Culture, Power, and Society	3
SOC:3171	Drugs and Society	3
SOC:3220	Sociology of Mental Health	3
SOC:3510	Medical Sociology	3
SOC:3530	Social Psychology of Small Groups	3
SOC:3610	Organizations and Modern Society	3
SOC:3630	The Racial Wealth Gap: Black Debt, White Debt	3
SOC:3650	Education, Schools, and Society	3
SOC:3750	Born in the USA: Fertility and Reproduction	3
SOC:3880	The Sociology of Networks	3
SOC:4000	Data Science for Social Good	3
SOC:4200	Sociology of Religion	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:4680	Corruption: The Social Scientific Perspectives	3
SOC:4820	Sociology of Sexuality	3

## Electives

Students complete 18 s.h. of elective coursework in criminology, law, and justice (prefix CRIM). 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 and CRIM:2470 Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice or SOC:2170 Research Methods, and an additional approved course from the "Theory, Statistics, and Methods" list. With permission, students may use graduate courses in sociology (prefix SOC) numbered 5000 or above to satisfy the electives requirement.

Course #	Title	Hours
18 s.h. from these:		
CRIM:2210	Iowa Criminal Justice Policy and Reform	3
CRIM:2430	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems	3
CRIM:2460	Policing in Modern Society	3
CRIM:3110	Communities and Crime	3
CRIM:3250	Drugs, Deviance, and Social Control	3
CRIM:3260	Immigration and Crime	3
CRIM:3414	Criminology of Genocide	3
CRIM:3415	Global Criminology	3
CRIM:3416	Race, Crime, and Justice	3
CRIM:3417	Community Corrections	3
CRIM:3420	Juvenile Delinquency	3
CRIM:3421	Gangs and Gang Crime	3
CRIM:3422	A Critical History and Exploration of Mass Incarceration and Reentry	3
CRIM:3425	Women, Crime, and Justice	3
CRIM:3437	American Crime	3
CRIM:3450	Criminal Legal System	3
CRIM:3600	Crime and Public Policy	3
CRIM:4120	Environmental Criminology	3
CRIM:4300	Gender and Violence	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 Sociological Perspective	3
CRIM:4460	Sociology of Law	3
CRIM:4680	Corruption: The Social Scientific Perspectives	3
CRIM:4998	Honors Research	1-3

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

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 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

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