

Criminology, Law and Justice, B.S.

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 coursework 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 coursework in the major, including SOC:4909 Graduation Portfolio; all remaining GE CLAS Core courses; and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability ^a		
Hours		0
First Year		
Fall		
Major: introductory criminology course ^b		3
ENGL:1200	The Interpretation of Literature	3 - 4
or RHET:1030	or Rhetoric	
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course ^c		4 - 5
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	2
Elective course ^d		3
Hours		15-17
Spring		
Major: introductory criminology course		3
RHET:1030	Rhetoric	3 - 4
or ENGL:1200	or The Interpretation of Literature	
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion ^e		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course ^c		4 - 5

Elective course ^d	2
Hours	15-17

Second Year

Fall		
SOC:2130	Sociological Theory	3
Major: criminology, law and justice elective (prefix CRIM)		3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning ^e		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course ^c		4 - 5
Elective course ^d		1 - 3
Hours		14-17

Spring

Major: criminology, law and justice elective (prefix CRIM)		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab ^e		4
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues ^e		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course ^c		4 - 5
Elective course ^d		2
Hours		16-17

Third Year

Fall		
SOC:2160	Applied Statistics for Social Scientists	3
Major: advanced criminology, law and justice elective (prefix CRIM) ^f		3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab ^e		3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts ^e		3
Elective course ^d		3
Hours		15

Spring

SOC:2170	Research Methods	3
Major: capstone course		3
Major: advanced criminology, law and justice elective (prefix CRIM) ^f		3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture ^e		3
Elective course ^d		3
Hours		15

Fourth Year

Fall		
SOC:6170	Introduction to Sociological Data Analysis	3
Major: advanced criminology, law and justice elective (prefix CRIM) ^f		3
Major: upper-level sociology elective		3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives ^e		3
Elective course ^d		3
Hours		15

Spring

PHIL:3604	Introduction to Philosophy of Science	3
or CRIM:4800	or Research Practicum in Criminology	
or PHIL:2603	or Introduction to Symbolic Logic	
SOC:4909	Graduation Portfolio	0

SOC:6180	Linear Models in Sociological Research	3
Major: advanced criminology, law and justice elective (prefix CRIM) ^f		3
Elective course ^d		3
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Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) ^g		
Hours		15
Total Hours		120-128

- a Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative and Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Culture.
- b Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
- c Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.
- d Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.
- e GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.
- f Advanced courses are numbered 3000 or above. Two of the four advanced electives must be taken after (and not concurrent with) the completion of SOC:2130 and SOC:2170.
- g Please see Academic Calendar, Office of the Registrar website for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Graduation Services.