

Bachelor Of Science in Criminology

Program Overview

The criminology program provides an interdisciplinary overview of the origins of criminal behavior, consequences of crime for society and legal responses societies develop to combat crime. Emphasizing excellence, diversity & inclusiveness, critical thinking, honesty & integrity, service, justice, and community. Whether you're interested in law enforcement, victim advocacy or further academic study, our bachelor's in criminology provides a solid foundation for your future success.

Our degree in criminology includes several experiential learning opportunities, providing hands-on skills and experience for a broad array of criminal justice and criminology jobs. As an MU criminology major, you'll have the chance to engage in service projects, research opportunities, study abroad programs and internships. Past internships have included placements at local police departments, the Department of Children and Family Services, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Degree Requirements

To earn this degree, students must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher in the Major as well as an overall GPA of 2.0, complete a minimum of 120 credit hours, and fulfill the course requirements of the program listed below.

*This is a sample plan; specific courses may vary from year to year. Academic advisors will work with each student to develop their individual schedule.

Total Program Credits: 120+

Major-Specific Required Courses			CREDITS
✓			
	CRIM 110 [^]	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
	CRIM 211	Policing	3
	CRIM 220	Corrections	3
	CRIM 244	Criminal Behavior	3
	CRIM 440	Senior Seminar	3
	PSYC 110 [^]	Introduction to Psychology	4
	SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
	SOC 240	Sociological Theory	3
	SOC 322	Qualitative Research Methods	3
	SOC 325	Quantitative Research Methods	4
	SOC/SOWK 222	Social Research Methods	3
	SOC/SOWK 228 [^]	Racial, Ethnic, and Gender Inequality	3
	Choose 1 of the following:		CREDITS
	CRIM 275	Practicum in Criminology	1-3
	CRIM 496	Directed Research	1-3
	Choose 12-14 hours of the following electives:		CREDITS
	CRIM 310	Victimology	3
	CRIM 340	Adolescence & Juvenile Justice	3
	ENG 338	Culture Through Literature	3
	PEAC 112	Concerning Poverty	3
	PEAC 218	Mediating Conflict	3
	PSYC 201	Social Psychology	3
	PSYC 225	Behavior Disorders	4
	PHIL 215	Ethical Decision Making	3
	PHIL 230	Logic	3
	SOC 305	Self and Society	3
	SOC 355	Health, Med. Care, & Society	3
	SOC/SOWK 102	Human Conflict	3
	SOC/SOWK 220	Social Gerontology	3
	SOWK 110	Intro to Social Work: Service, Empow. & Justice	3
	SOWK 366	Social Welfare Policy	3
	Or others approved by department		

MAJOR	*Options
CORE	[^] CORE equivalent
ELECTIVE/MINOR	
EXPERIENTIAL	

CORE		CREDITS
✓	Foundation	
	LA-FWS	First-Year Writing Seminar 3
	LA-FCS	First-Year Communication Seminar 3
	LA-FQR	Quantitative Reasoning 3-4
	LA-FSS	First Year Success Seminar 1
	LA-FCG	Cultural and Global Understanding 3-5
	Exploration	
	LA-EAH	Arts and Humanities 3
	LA-ENS	Natural Sciences 3-6
	LA-ESS	Social Sciences 3-4
	Transformation	
	LA-TFR	Faith, Reason, and Ethics 3
	LA-TBI	Big Issues - 2 courses 6-7
	LA-TCE	Creative Expression 1-3
	Additional credits to bring total to 120+ credits	
✓	Electives	
	Experiential Learning	

Example Course Sequence:

The following is a sample of a semester-by-semester approach to completing this program in 4 years.

YEAR 1						
FIRST SEMESTER						
COURSE		CREDITS	PREREQUISITES			
CRIM 110^	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3				
PSYC 110^	Introduction to Psychology	4				
LA-FWS	First-Year Writing Seminar	3				
LA-FCS	First-Year Communication Seminar	3				
LA-FSS	First Year Success Seminar	1				
JAN TERM						
COURSE		CREDITS				
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3				
SECOND SEMESTER						
COURSE		CREDITS				
SOC 101^	Introduction to Sociology	3				
CRIM 211	Policing	3				
CRIM 220	Corrections	3				
LA-EAH	Arts and Humanities	3				
		29				

YEAR 2						
THIRD SEMESTER						
COURSE		CREDITS	PREREQUISITES			
SOC 222	Social Research Methods	3	SOC 101			
SOC 240	Sociological Theory	3	SOC 101			
LA-FQR	Quantitative Reasoning	3				
LA-TFR	Faith, Reason, and Ethics	3				
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3				
JAN TERM						
COURSE		CREDITS				
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3				
FOURTH SEMESTER						
COURSE		CREDITS				
SOC 228^	Racial, Ethnic, and Gender Inequality	3				
PHIL 230*	Logic	3				
LA-ENS	Natural Sciences	3				
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3				
		30				

4-Year Sample Schedule Cont.

YEAR 3			
FIFTH SEMESTER			
COURSE		CREDITS	PREREQUISITES
CRIM 244	Criminal Behavior	3	CRIM 110 and SOC 101
PEAC 112*	Concerning Poverty	3	
LA-TCE	Creative Expression	3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
EXPERIENTIAL		3	
JAN TERM			
COURSE		CREDITS	
EXPERIENTIAL		3	
SIXTH SEMESTER			
COURSE		CREDITS	
SOC 322	Qualitative Research Methods	3	SOC 101 and SOC/SOWK 222
LA-TBI	Big Issues	3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
EXPERIENTIAL		3	
		30	

YEAR 4			
SEVENTH SEMESTER			
COURSE		CREDITS	PREREQUISITES
PSYC 225*	Behavior Disorders	4	PSYC 110
SOC 325	Quantitative Research Methods	4	SOC 101 and SOC/SOWK 222
LA-TBI	Big Issues	3	
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
EXPERIENTIAL		3	
JAN TERM			
COURSE		CREDITS	
EXPERIENTIAL		3	
EIGHTH SEMESTER			
COURSE		CREDITS	
CRIM 496*	Directed Research	3	CRIM 110, PSYC 110, SOC 101, SOC/SOWK 222, and consent of instructor
CRIM 440	Behavior Disorders	3	FWS or ENG 111; CRIM 110; SOC 101, 222, 322, 324 & Jr. or Sr. Standing
ELECTIVE/MINOR		3	
EXPERIENTIAL		3	
		32	
	TOTAL CREDITS	121	