UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

Within the Bachelor of Arts degree, the Department of Sociology and Justice Studies offers a program in Criminal Justice, blending career education and the liberal arts. Criminal Justice is an integrated major with required coursework in the core disciplines that provide the theoretical and methodological roots of contemporary criminological inquiry as well as applied coursework in Criminal Justice. The program is designed to provide an academic foundation appropriate for an educated citizen as well as particular specializations for career preparation.

The Department of Sociology and Justice Studies believes that a university must educate broadly to enrich both career and life. Accordingly, students in the Criminal Justice program will complete social science foundation courses as well as core disciplinary courses. In order to assist them as they move into a variety of career paths, students must also complete coursework in an approved specialty track.

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BA

Required courses in the following programs of study may have prerequisites. Reference the course description section for clarification.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

Student Learning Outcomes—students will:

- be able to understand and apply various methodological and theoretical approaches for conducting research and evaluation with regard to criminal justice practices and policies;
- be able to engage in critical inquiry of criminal justice institutions, practices and policies which explores their benefits and consequences for social justice and equity;
- demonstrate mastery of theories of criminology and deviance, a strong understanding of the correlates of crime and be able to make clear links between theoretical and applied contexts;
- demonstrate an awareness of the systems, processes and relationships between components which comprise the criminal justice system (courts/law, law enforcement and corrections).

Note: two years of a single high school foreign language or one year of a single college level foreign language is required.

Required Courses (45 Credits)

- CRIM 300 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System (5)
- PSYC 302 Abnormal Psychology (5)
- POLI 306 Basic Concepts of Criminal Law (5)
- CRIM 307 Forensic Photography (2)
- CRIM 404 Forensic Identification (4)
- CRIM 460 Penology (5)
- CRIM 468 Police Systems and Practices (5)
- CRIM 495 Internship in Criminal Justice (6)
- GEOG 328 Geographic Information Systems (5)
- POLI 302 Criminal Procedure (5)
- PSYC 425 Psychology and the Legal System (5)

Social Justice

- ANTH 438 Peace, Violence and Culture (5)
- CRIM 360 Women in Prison (5)
- CRIM 420 Peacemaking Criminology (5)
- CRIM 421 Restorative Justice (5)
- CRIM 495 Internship in Criminal Justice (6)
- PSYC 305 Child and Adolescent Development (4)
- SOCI 357 A Methodology for Social Research (5)
- SOCI 455 Criminological Theory (5)
- POLI 305 Jurisprudence (5)
- PSYC 425 Psychology and the Legal System (5)

Graduate School

- CRIM 302 Criminal Justice Systems and Development (4)
- CRIM 416 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (5)
- SOCI 363 Sociology of Deviance (5)
- SOCI 452 Juvenile Delinquency (5)
- SOCI 455 Criminological Theory (5)
- POLI 305 Jurisprudence (5)
- PSYC 425 Psychology and the Legal System (5)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINOR

Required Courses (20 credits)

- CRIM 300 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System (5)
- CRIM 330 Social Science Research Methods (5)
- or SOCI 357 A Methodology for Social Research (5)
- CSBS 320 Introductory Statistics for the Social Sciences (5)
- SOCI 301 Survey of Criminology (5)

Disciplinary Core

- CRIM 340 Ethics in Criminal Justice (5)
- or PHIL 212 Introductory Ethics (5)
- CRIM 382 Criminal Justice Organization and Administration (5)
- CRIM 490 Criminal Justice Senior Capstone (5)
- POLI 306 Basic Concepts of Criminal Law (5)
- PSYC 302 Abnormal Psychology (5)

Electives (8–10 credits)

Choose from other CRIM courses or in consultation with Criminal Justice advisor.

Total credits for above minor 28 credits

Note: other courses may be selected as approved by a department advisor. For the corrections/law enforcement and social justice areas, students are highly encouraged to do an internship as one of their electives.

Specialty Areas Electives (30 credits)

Note: all 300 and 400 level CRIM courses have a prerequisite of sophomore standing or above.

Recommended (not required) if interest is:

Corrections/Law Enforcement

- ADST 300 Survey of Alcohol/Drug Problems (5)
- CRIM 304 Forensic Investigation (5)
- CRIM 495 Internship in Criminal Justice (6)
- GEG 328 Geographic Information Systems (5)
- POLI 302 Criminal Procedure (5)
- PSYC 425 Psychology and the Legal System (5)

Social Justice

- ANTH 438 Peace, Violence and Culture (5)
- CRIM 360 Women in Prison (5)
- CRIM 420 Peacemaking Criminology (5)
- CRIM 421 Restorative Justice (5)
- CRIM 495 Internship in Criminal Justice (6)
- PSYC 305 Child and Adolescent Development (4)
- SOCI 357 A Methodology for Social Research (5)
- SOCI 455 Criminological Theory (5)

Minimum total credits for above major 75 credits

MINOR

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MINOR

Required Courses (20 credits)

- CRIM 300 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System (5)
- CRIM 330 Social Science Research Methods (5)
- or SOCI 357 A Methodology for Social Research (5)
- CRIM 382 Criminal Justice Organization and Administration (5)
- SOCI 301 Survey of Criminology (5)

Electives (8–10 credits)

Choose from other CRIM courses or in consultation with Criminal Justice advisor.

Total credits for above minor 28 credits
Terms offered: fall, winter, spring, summer (FWSU). If no terms are indicated, check with the department or EagleNET.

CRIM 299 Individual Study (1–5)
Prerequisite: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.
Individual study in criminal justice. Topics are mutually agreed upon by the instructor and student.

CRIM 300 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System (5)
This course is taught from the perspective of the criminologist and emphasizes the interaction within and between the systems of law enforcement, the courts and treatment.

CRIM 302 Criminal Justice Systems and Development (5)
In this course students will explore the origins and development of the contemporary criminal justice system in America.

CRIM 304 Forensic Inquiry (5)
Note: Scientific methods of inquiry used in forensic investigations. Includes methodologies from social science, natural science, law and criminal justice.

CRIM 307 Special Topics in Criminal Justice (1–5)
An open topics course on contemporary criminal justice practices.

CRIM 330 Social Science Research Methods (5)
Prerequisite: CRIM 300.
An introduction to the scientific method in the social sciences, core concepts and issues in social science methods, core groups of methods for data collection and core group of analytic techniques.

CRIM 340 Ethics in Criminal Justice (5)
In this course, we will explore major ethical theories with an emphasis on their application to components of the criminal justice system. We will analyze current issues and ethical dilemmas that criminal justice professionals deal with. We will examine the complex process of moral and ethical decision making in the criminal justice system.

CRIM 360 Women in Prison (5)
Cross-listed: WMST 360.
In this course, we examine the socio-structural relationships between women’s lives and women’s crimes and explore how race, class and gender assumptions shape the experiences of female correctional officers and female inmates. In addition, we analyze how the prison rules and regulations that girls and women have to abide by are deeply gendered. Since the 1980s, the number of women and girls incarcerated has increased drastically. Yet, we know very little about female criminality and women’s lives inside prison.

CRIM 382 Criminal Justice Organization and Administration (5)
Basic organization and management of criminal justice agencies. Discusses line, personnel and auxiliary functions.

CRIM 399 Individual Study (1–5)
Prerequisite: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.
Individual study in criminal justice. Topics are mutually agreed upon by the instructor and student.

CRIM 404 Forensic Identification (4)
Note: Limited to 15 students.
This course is an advanced laboratory course in forensic facial reconstruction, forensic osteology and computer applications to forensic identification.

CRIM 416 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (5)
A comparative approach to understanding the different criminal justice systems found throughout the world.

CRIM 420 Peacemaking Criminology (5)
Prerequisite: CRIM 300.
This course provides an overview of peacemaking within communities and the justice system. Topics include leaders and tactics, and the historical and philosophical foundations of peace movements.

CRIM 421 Restorative Justice (5)
Prerequisite: CRIM 300.
This course provides an overview of restorative justice within communities and the justice system. Topics include the need for restorative justice practices with an emphasis on the causes of deterrence, new trends in community movements and justice procedures.

CRIM 460 Penology (5)
Note: Acceptable background security check. Course fee. CJ majors have priority.
A study of the contemporary practice of penology in the western world with special attention to the United States and Washington state. Lecture, laboratory and required field trips to Northwest Custodial Institutions.

CRIM 468 Police Systems and Practices (5)
Prerequisite: CRIM 300 or permission of the instructor.
This course examines the policing of a police officer. Topics include criminal investigations, specialized operations, ethics, liability and the process, organization and management of policing in the United States.

CRIM 485 Correctional Counseling: Group Methods (5)
Examines group methods used with criminal offenders, both juvenile and adult. Includes treatment programs, evaluation and therapeutic environments.

CRIM 490 Criminal Justice Senior Capstone (5)
Prerequisites: senior standing, must be taken prior to internship.
Satisfies: senior capstone university graduation requirement.
This course examines the relationship between the major subsystems of the criminal justice system, police, courts, corrections and juvenile justice. Each of these major components addresses issues of crime in society with the same constituents, but from a different perspective. Examination of issues that each component has in common and the manner in which they are differently addressed is the focus of this course. Criminal Justice students will gain an appreciation for the eclectic nature of the profession through in-depth analysis of current issues and designing a resolution mechanism. The character of a criminal justice system is discussed from the perspective of individual mission of each element of the system to identify the presence or absence of commonyality—except for constituency. The distinctive division of labor between corrections, police administration and the courts are described in effort to identify the decision-making processes to further amplify their interdependence and interrelatedness. Through examination of dilemmas faced by the system students will develop an appreciation for and understanding of the system from the macro perspective. The purpose of this course is to bring together the different elements of the system through examining how each of these elements address common, relevant and timely issues.

CRIM 495 Internship (6–12)
Prerequisites: GPA ≥3.0, permission of internship instructor and CRIM 490; permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.
The intern earns credits through participation in a full-time work experience. The length of time is determined by the amount of credit. Normally it will be 10 weeks. Requirements include an on site visit, detailed written report and additional assignments. Internships are limited to the state of Washington and some selected Idaho and Oregon locations. Applications and approval must be obtained prior to the internship experience. Credit for unapproved internship or life experience is not granted.

CRIM 496 Experimental Course (1–5)
CRIM 497 Workshops, Short Courses, Conferences (5)
CRIM 498 Seminar (5)
Prerequisites: 40 major credits and permission of the instructor. For majors only.
CRIM 499 Individual/Independent Study (1–5)
Prerequisite: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean. Not open to students with a GPA <3.0.
For individual/independent study in criminal justice. Topics are mutually agreed upon by the instructor and the student.

The people who burned witches at the stake never for one moment thought of their act as violence; rather they thought of it as an act of divinely mandated righteousness. The same can be said of most of the violence we humans have ever committed.

—Gil Bailie, author and lecturer (b. 1944)