

Criminology and Criminal Justice

General Information

Degrees and Areas of Concentration

The department offers courses leading to the Bachelor of Science, the Master of Arts, and Ph.D. in criminology and criminal justice.

Cooperative Programs

Faculty members in the criminology and criminal justice department hold appointments as fellows in the Center for International Studies and the Women's and Gender Studies Program. Workshops, projects, credit courses, and other social services are brought to the criminal justice community.

Internships

Majors are strongly encouraged to participate in CRIMIN 3280 Internship in Criminology and Criminal Justice, during their junior or senior year. The internship affords students the opportunity to gain experience in a criminal justice agency under the joint supervision of agency personnel and criminology and criminal justice faculty.

Minor in Criminology and Criminal Justice

The minor gives recognition to those students from other major areas who find that criminology and criminal justice courses fit their academic or professional needs and/or interests.

Chair's List

Each year, faculty members nominate undergraduates who have done outstanding work in one or more of their courses to the department's Chair's List. In addition to being nominated by a faculty member, the student must meet a cumulative grade-point average threshold for placement on the Chair's List. The list is featured on the department's website, and the Dean of Arts and Sciences is notified of their accomplishment.

Career Outlook

The orientation of the criminology and criminal justice faculty and of the degree program prepares the graduate to work professionally for local, state, and federal agencies concerned with maintaining public safety by the prevention of crime and apprehension and rehabilitation of offenders. The B.S. in criminology and criminal justice is also advantageous for careers with various social agencies, especially those connected with the juvenile court system, probation and parole, and local police. Many students use the B.S. in criminology and criminal justice as preparation for law school.

The interdisciplinary curricula unify a body of knowledge from criminology, social science, law, public administration, and corrections, and provide the student with an understanding of the assumptions, values, and processes of the system of justice. Many pre-law students choose criminology and criminal justice as an undergraduate major because of the excellent preparation offered for law school. An internship program is offered for college credit. The liaison, supervision, and experience with public

agencies that form an integral part of this program help the student arrive at a career decision.

Undergraduate Studies

General Education Requirements

Majors must satisfy the university and college general education requirements (<http://bulletin.umsl.edu/generaleducationrequirements>). Courses used to fulfill the social science or state requirement may not be taken from courses in the major. Foreign language proficiency is not required, although students are encouraged to take foreign language courses. Majors may not take the following courses on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis: criminology and criminal justice courses; SOC 3220, Quantitative Techniques in Sociology; or SOC 3230, Research Methods. Additionally, substitutions approved by departmental advisers for these courses may not be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.

Declaring the Criminology and Criminal Justice Major

Students must complete the following courses before declaring the major:

CRIMIN 1100	Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice	3
CRIMIN 1110	Theories of Crime	3
CRIMIN 2210	Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice	3
CRIMIN 2220	Statistical Analysis In Criminology And Criminal Justice ¹	4

¹ Students must successfully complete CRIMIN 2220 with a grade of C- or better within three attempts.

Degree Requirements

Courses used to fulfill the social science or state requirements may not be taken from courses in the major. Students may register for 3000-5000 level courses only after completing ENGL 3100 (Advanced Expository Writing).

Students may register for 3000-5000 level courses only after prerequisites have been satisfied or after obtaining a signature from the adviser in criminology and criminal justice or consent of the instructor.

Criminology majors may not take course numbers 1100, 2260, or 3345 offered through UM-Independent Studies to fulfill degree requirements in the major.

Expected Learning Outcomes

- Acquire basic knowledge of the theories, methods and substance of issues in criminology and criminal justice.
- Develop critical thinking skills through the application of criminological theory and social science research methods.
- Develop fundamental understanding of interdisciplinary underpinnings (e.g., from sociology, psychology, political science, economics) of criminology and criminal justice issues and policies.
- Acquire knowledge about the structure and functioning of the fundamental institutions (e.g., legislatures, police, punishment, supervisory) that are part of criminal justice systems.
- Acquire understanding of the role of research and its application for informing policies about criminal justice issues.

Core Curriculum

Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice candidates must complete the core curriculum listed below:

Core Curriculum

The following courses in criminology and criminal justice are required:	22
CRIMIN 1100 Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice	
CRIMIN 1110 Theories of Crime	
CRIMIN 1120 Criminal Law	
CRIMIN 2130 Criminal Justice Policy	
CRIMIN 2210 Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice	
CRIMIN 2220 Statistical Analysis In Criminology And Criminal Justice	
CRIMIN 4390 Seminar in Criminology and Criminal Justice	
Select one of the following:	3
CRIMIN 2240 Policing	
CRIMIN 2250 Courts	
CRIMIN 2260 Corrections	
Select one of the following courses in Criminology and Criminal Justice:	3
CRIMIN 3305 Comparative Criminology and Criminal Justice	
CRIMIN 4325 Gender, Crime, and Justice	
CRIMIN 4330 Violence Against Women	
CRIMIN 4340 Race, Crime, and Justice	
Select three additional CRIMIN courses at the 3000, 4000, or 5000 level:	9
Total Hours	37

Candidates must earn a minimum grade of (C-) in the following courses: CRIMIN 2220 Statistical Analysis in Criminology and Criminal Justice, and CRIMIN 4390 Seminar in Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Candidates must also have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better in the major.

Requirements for the Minor

The minor has been designed to ground students in the basics of criminology and criminal justice.

All minor candidates must take:	3
CRIMIN 1100 Introduction To Criminology And Criminal Justice	
The candidate must then select two of the following:	6
CRIMIN 1110 Theories Of Crime	
CRIMIN 1120 Criminal Law	
CRIMIN 2130 Criminal Justice Policy	
Candidates must then complete 6 hours of criminology and criminal justice course work at the 2000 level or above.	6
Total Hours	15

If used for the minor, candidates must earn a minimum grade of (C-) in the following courses: CRIMIN 2220 Statistical Analysis in Criminology and

Criminal Justice, and CRIMIN 4390 Seminar in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Candidates must also have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better in the minor. None of the courses may be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory (s/u) basis.

Certificate in Criminology and Criminal Justice

The certificate in Criminology and Criminal Justice is designed to provide students information about criminal behavior and the criminal justice system to advance current careers, prepare for a new career paths, or earn valuable credit toward a Bachelor's degree. The certificate will offer information to gain a solid foundation about career relevant topics that include: policing, security, victim services, juvenile justice, law, social services, and corrections.

Required Coursework

The certificate consists of 6 courses for a total of 18 hours met through completing four blocks of study.

Block One

All students must complete the following course:

CRIMIN 1100 Introduction To Criminology And Criminal Justice	3
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Block Two

Select at least one of the following three courses:

CRIMIN 1110 Theories Of Crime	
CRIMIN 1120 Criminal Law	
CRIMIN 2130 Criminal Justice Policy	

Block Three

Select at least one of the following three courses:

CRIMIN 2240 Policing	
CRIMIN 2250 Courts	
CRIMIN 2260 Corrections	

Block Four

Select at least two Criminology and Criminal Justice courses at the 3000 level or higher with the exception of CRIMIN 3280

One additional CRIMIN course	3
Total Hours	18

Graduate Studies

Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice

The department offers a Master of Arts degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice, which provides students with advanced theoretical and methodological training for research and management careers in criminal justice.

Admission Requirements

The minimum GPA for regular admission to graduate study is 3.0 on a 4-point scale and students are expected to begin their course of study in the Fall semester. Admission is competitive.

Degree Requirements

The M.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice requires the completion of 33 credit hours, at least 21 of which are required to be in courses housed in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. 12 of these hours represent the core of the curriculum. Students may choose between a thesis and nonthesis course of study. Students whose cumulative GPAs fall below 3.0 after 9 or more hours of work will be placed on probation and given one semester to raise their cumulative GPAs to at least the 3.0 threshold.

Expected Learning Outcomes

- Develop a comprehensive understanding of the theories, methods and substance of issues in criminology and criminal justice and demonstrate an ability to synthesize knowledge in these areas.
- Develop a comprehensive understanding of interdisciplinary underpinnings (e.g., from sociology, psychology, political science, economics) of criminology and criminal justice issues and policies.
- Develop critical thinking and communication skills through the application of criminological theory and social science research methods.
- Develop a comprehensive understanding of the structure and functioning of the fundamental institutions (e.g., legislatures, police, punishment, supervisory) that are part of criminal justice systems.
- Develop comprehensive understanding of the role of research and its application for informing policies about criminal justice issues.

Plan of Study

- Required Coursework (12 hours)
- CRIMIN 5415 Foundations Of Criminological Theory (core) 3
- CRIMIN 6400 Proseminar (core) 3
- CRIMIN 6405 Methods (core) 3
- CRIMIN 6410 Statistical Applications In Criminology And Criminal Justice (core) 3
- Three additional Criminology and Criminal Justice seminars at the 6000 level (9; non-core)
- Electives (12 hours)
Twelve elective hours of coursework are required; some or all of these credits may be earned in Criminology and Criminal Justice 6000 level seminars not counted toward the 21 hour requirement. Students may take a maximum of two 4000-level courses in partial fulfillment of this requirement but they must have the prior approval of the Graduate Committee. All electives taken outside the College of Arts and Sciences also must receive prior approval of the Graduate Committee.

Transfer Courses

Transfer courses are evaluated for acceptance on a case-by-case basis subject to the rules and regulations of the Graduate School. A maximum of 11 credit hours earned at other institutions can be credited toward the UMSL M.A. degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Ph.D. Program in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Eligibility

Undergraduate applicants must have a baccalaureate degree or expect one by the end of the academic year in which they apply. Applicants must

have a grade point average of 3.0 or greater (on a scale of A = 4.0) for the last 60 hours of undergraduate work. Admission is competitive.

Graduate applicants who have or will have a master's degree must have a grade point average of 3.0 or greater (on a scale of A = 4.0) for their graduate course work.

Application

To consider an applicant for admission, the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice must have transcripts, three letters of recommendations, GRE scores, statement of purpose, and a writing sample. Applicants with master's degrees should include a chapter of their thesis. International students whose native language is not English are required to submit scores from the TOEFL examination.

Amount of Course Work

Sixty post-baccalaureate hours of graduate work are required for the Ph.D. More than half of these hours must be completed in residence. A minimum of six credit hours of dissertation research (CRIMIN 7499) are required. Students may enroll for dissertation credits (CRIMIN 7499) only when all other degree requirements have been completed.

Required Courses

CRIMIN 5415	Foundations of Criminological Theory	3
CRIMIN 6400	Proseminar	3
CRIMIN 6405	Methods	3
CRIMIN 6410	Statistical Applications in Criminology and Criminal Justice	3
CRIMIN 6420	Contemporary Criminal Theories	3
CRIMIN 6450	Criminal Justice Process and Policy	3
CRIMIN 6465	Qualitative Research Design	3
CRIMIN 6470	Quantitative Research Design	3
CRIMIN 6471	Evaluating Criminal Justice Interventions	3
CRIMIN 6480	Multivariate Statistics in Criminology	3
Area Courses		9

At least nine hours beyond those required must be taken at the 5000-level or higher within the CCJ Department.

Electives 9

Three additional courses beyond the above requirements are taken as elective courses.

Qualifying Examination

Graduate students in the Ph.D. program do not become recognized as Ph.D. candidates until they have passed the qualifying examination. The goals of the qualifying examination are to assess the student's familiarity with substantive literature, theory and methods of criminology and criminal justice and to evaluate the student's intellectual imagination and ability to apply knowledge to broad criminological questions.

Further information about the qualifying exam is available from the department.

The Dissertation

The dissertation is required of all Ph.D. candidates and demonstrates the student's scholarly expertise. The dissertation process formally begins when all other requirements of the Ph.D. program have been met. The

dissertation committee assists in selecting and developing the research problem and evaluates the student's work on that problem.

Sample Four Year Plan

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
INTDSC 1003 ¹	1	CRIMIN 1110	3
CRIMIN 1100	3	CRIMIN 1120	3
CORE – First Year Writing	3	CORE – Communication Proficiency	3
CORE – Mathematics Proficiency	3	EXPLORE – Math & Sciences	3
EXPLORE – Humanities & Fine Arts	3	EXPLORE – Humanities & Fine Arts	3
Elective or minor	3		
	16		15

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
CRIMIN 2130	3	CRIMIN 2210	3
CORE – US History & Government	3	CRIMIN 2240, 2250, or 2260	3
EXPLORE – Math & Sciences	3	EXPLORE – Social Sciences	3
EXPLORE – Humanities & Fine Arts	3	EXPLORE – Math & Sciences	3
Cultural Diversity Requirement	3	Elective or minor	3
	15		15

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENGL 3100	3	CRIMIN 3000 +level course	6
CRIMIN 2220	4	Elective or minor	9
Elective or minor	9		
	16		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
CRIMIN 3305, 4325, 4330, or 4340	3	CRIMIN 4390	3
CRIMIN 3000 + level course	3	Elective or minor	11-12
Elective or minor	9		
	15		14-15

Total Hours: 121-122

¹ INTDSC 1003 is required only for first-time freshmen and transfer students with less than 24 college credits.

PLEASE NOTE: This plan is an example of what a four year plan could look like for a typical student. Placement exam scores in math as well as the completion of coursework may change the plan. It should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor each semester. All requirements are subject to change.

Courses

CRIMIN 1100 Introduction to Criminology and Criminal Justice: 3 semester hours

Introduction to the basic concepts and approaches in the study of criminology and criminal justice. The major components of the criminal justice system are examined.

CRIMIN 1110 Theories of Crime: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: CRIMIN 1100. Introduction to major theoretical approaches to the study of crime and justice.

CRIMIN 1120 Criminal Law: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: CRIMIN 1100. Analysis of substantive criminal law, evidence and judicial procedure.

CRIMIN 1150 Violence in America: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1100 or consent of instructor. Overview of patterns and correlates of violence in America. Emphasis on the variety of forms of violent crimes, such as murder, assault, robbery, rape, and gang violence. Includes an examination of violence as a response to lawbreaking.

CRIMIN 1200 Foundations of Law: An Introduction to Legal Studies: 3 semester hours

Same as POL SCI 1200. As a broad liberal-arts approach to the study of law, this course is designed to familiarize students with legal ideas, legal reasoning, and legal processes. It also provides comparative and historical perspectives on law that will help explain legal diversity and legal change. Finally, it offers opportunities to explore some of the persistent issues in law and legal theory: for example, issues about the sources of law, the responsibilities of the legal profession, or the relative merits of the adversary system.

CRIMIN 2130 Criminal Justice Policy: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: CRIMIN 1100. Introduction to criminal justice policy making, planning and implementation.

CRIMIN 2180 Alcohol, Drugs and Society: 3 semester hours

Same as SOC 2180. Prerequisite: SOC 1010 or PSYCH 1003. This course examines the medical, legal and social aspects of alcohol and drug use. Medical aspects considered include treatment approaches and the role of Physicians in controlling such behavior. In the legal realm, past and present alcohol and drug laws are explored. Cultural and social influences on alcohol and drug use are discussed.

CRIMIN 2210 Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: CRIMIN 1100. Examination of basic methods of research design, measurement and data collection in criminology and criminal justice.

CRIMIN 2220 Statistical Analysis In Criminology And Criminal Justice: 4 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 2210 (may be taken concurrently) and the university math proficiency requirement. This course is an introduction to techniques of quantitative data analysis. Both descriptive and inferential statistics are applied to problems in criminology and criminal justice. Includes a one hour lab.

CRIMIN 2240 Policing: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: CRIMIN 1100. Overview of current and historical perspectives on the function of American policing. Emphasis on the management of police organizations and relationships with the community.

CRIMIN 2250 Courts: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: CRIMIN 1100. This course provides an overview of current and historical perspectives on the function of the American courts. Emphasis on the dynamics of courthouse justice, with special attention placed on the roles of the prosecutors, judges, defense attorneys, defendants, victims, and jurors regarding the decisions that impact the adjudication process.

CRIMIN 2251 Youth Gangs: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1100 or consent of instructor. This course provides an overview of research and policy concerning youth gangs. Definitional and methodological issues will be examined, along with both qualitative and quantitative research. Topics include: the causes of gangs and gang involvement; and variations by race, gender, time period, and geography.

CRIMIN 2252 Crime and Punishment: 3 semester hours

Same as PHIL 2252. This course will address fundamental conceptual, ethical, and moral issues that arise in the context of the legal system. Topics may include punishment, pre-trial detention, the death penalty, acquittal of persons who are legally guilty, plea bargaining, moral obligation to obey the law, and laws restricting civil liberties.

CRIMIN 2260 Corrections: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: CRIMIN 1100. Examination of correctional philosophies and practices. Emphasis on the history of corrections, the formal and informal organization of correctional facilities, inmate rights, and correctional alternatives.

CRIMIN 3043 History Of Crime And Justice: 3 semester hours

Same as HIST 3043. Prerequisites: Junior standing or consent of instructor. The analysis development, and change in philosophies and responses to crime. Emphasis on major forms and definitions of crime, the emergence of modern policing, the birth of the prison and the juvenile court.

CRIMIN 3209 Forensic Anthropology: 4 semester hours

Same as ANTHRO 3209. Prerequisites: ANTHRO 1005 or BIOL 1102 or consent of instructor. Students learn basic human dental and skeletal anatomy and the methods used by biological anthropologists and archaeologists to collect and analyze human skeletal remains, including how to age and sex skeletal remains, identify ethnic markers, determine stature and handedness, and identify the presence of trauma and/or pathology. Also covers the role of the forensic anthropologist in crime scene investigations and human rights issues. In the weekly lab section students will have an opportunity for hands-on application of techniques to skeletal remains.

CRIMIN 3230 Crime Prevention: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: Junior standing, CRIMIN 1110, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100, or consent of instructor. Examination of situational, social, and legislative approaches to the prevention of crime and delinquency. Emphasis on theories, implementation, and consequences of these approaches.

CRIMIN 3270 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Junior Standing, CRIMIN 1110, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100, or consent of instructor. Examination of formal and informal responses to juvenile delinquency. Emphasis on theories of delinquency and the decision-making processes of police, court and probation officials.

CRIMIN 3280 Internship in Criminology and Criminal Justice: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Junior standing. Internship under faculty supervision in criminal justice setting. May be repeated for one credit.

CRIMIN 3290 Special Readings: 1-6 semester hours

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Individualized study, under regular faculty supervision, designed to meet particular educational needs of selected students.

CRIMIN 3305 Comparative Criminology and Criminal Justice: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100, or consent of instructor. Analysis of crime and criminal justice systems in selected cultures. Emphasis on the ways in which these cultures define and respond to criminal behavior. Fulfills CRIMIN diversity requirement.

CRIMIN 3310 Computers in Criminal Justice: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100; or consent of instructor. This course will critically examine computer crime, cyber-criminology, and the ways in which technology and the Internet facilitate criminal and deviant behavior. Discussion will focus on the types of crime using computer technology, theories addressing digital criminals, and an overview of the criminal justice response to these issues.

CRIMIN 3320 The Death Penalty: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: CRIMIN 1100. An examination of the history, application, and attitudes toward the death penalty.

CRIMIN 3330 White Collar Crime: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: Junior Standing, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100, or consent of instructor. This course examines the physical and financial harm caused by crimes committed by corporations and business employees. Theoretical and empirical perspectives will be examined. Topics include: definitional issues and ethics; public perceptions; social, political and economic impact; and legal decision-making.

CRIMIN 3345 Rights of the Offender: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100, or consent of instructor. Analysis of the objectives of criminal law regarding the rights of persons suspected or convicted of crime. Emphasis on rights regarding the police, the court, and in correctional settings.

CRIMIN 4300 Communities and Crime: 3 semester hours

Same as SOC 4300. Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1110, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100 or consent of instructor. Analysis of the sources, consequences, and control of crime within communities. Emphasis on social and ecological theories of crime, and on population instability, family structure, and the concentration of poverty as causes of crime.

CRIMIN 4320 Forms of Criminal Behavior: 3 semester hours

Same as SOC 4320. Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1110, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100 or consent of instructor. Examination of major types of criminal behavior including violent, property, public order, and organizational offenses. Emphasis on theories of and responses to these crimes.

CRIMIN 4325 Gender, Crime, and Justice: 3 semester hours

Same as SOC 4325 and GS 4325. Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1110, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220 and ENGL 3100 or consent of instructor. Analysis of the role of gender in crime and in the justice system. Emphasis on gender differences in crime commission, criminal processing, and the employment of women in criminal justice agencies. Fulfills CRIMIN diversity requirement.

CRIMIN 4330 Violence Against Women: 3 semester hours

Same as GS 4330. Prerequisites: Junior Standing, CRIMIN 1110, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100, or consent of instructor. This course examines the nature, extent, causes and consequences of various types of violence against women, including rape, sexual assault, stalking, and intimate partner violence. Criminal justice policy and practice regarding violence against women are also examined.

CRIMIN 4335 Probation and Parole: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1110, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, CRIMIN 2260, and ENGL 3100, or consent of instructor. Analysis of alternatives to incarceration and postincarceration supervision. emphasis on diversion, restitution, and community reintegration.

CRIMIN 4340 Race, Crime, and Justice: 3 semester hours

Same as SOC 4340. Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1110, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100 or consent of instructor. Analysis of the involvement of racial minorities in crime and the criminal justice system. Emphasis on group differences in offending, processing, victimization, and employment in criminal justice agencies. Fulfills CRIMIN diversity requirement.

CRIMIN 4350 Victimology: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1110, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100 or consent of instructor. Analysis of major perspectives on victimization. Emphasis on patterns of victimization, the role of victims in the generation of crime, and the experience of the victim in the criminal justice system.

CRIMIN 4360 Sociology of Law: 3 semester hours

Same As SOC 4362. Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100, or consent of instructor. The interaction of legal, political and social forces in the US is explored. Course examines historical developments in law and politics in the US, including law and economics, crime policy, socioeconomic inequality, race relations, and state sanctioned punishment. The course considers how America's federalist structure shapes law, politics and social relations. Examines how legal and political institutions establish and shape power relations between social groups.

CRIMIN 4370 Crime, Justice, and the Media: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: ENGL 3100. This course provides a fresh take on issues of crime and justice through the exploration of media, such as *The Wire*, and its role in shaping the public's perception of crime and justice. Students will learn to synthesize ideas and perspectives about crime and justice as well as critically assess popular media images of crime.

CRIMIN 4380 Special Topics in Criminology and Criminal Justice: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1110, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100 or consent of instructor. In-depth study of a selected topic in criminology and criminal justice.

CRIMIN 4390 Seminar in Criminology and Criminal Justice: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1110, CRIMIN 1120, CRIMIN 2130, CRIMIN 2210, CRIMIN 2220, and ENGL 3100, or consent of instructor. In this capstone course, students demonstrate the ability to work independently, integrating theory and research in criminology and criminal justice in a major paper supervised by the instructor.

CRIMIN 4487 Philosophy of Law: 3 semester hours

Same As PHIL 4487. Prerequisites: CRIMIN 1100 and 3 hours of philosophy and/or consent of instructor. An intensive study of recent philosophical debate about such issues as the authority of law, legal equality and justice, legal responsibility, self-determination and privacy, and legal punishment.

CRIMIN 5415 Foundations of Criminological Theory: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: Graduate standing and consent of instructor. Examination of the history of criminological thought incorporating the major works of such theorists as Bentham, Beccaria, Marx, Durkheim, Lombroso, Sutherland and Merton.

CRIMIN 5533 Philosophy of Law: 3 semester hours

Same as PHIL 5533. Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Examination of origins of law and the basis for legal obligation. Specific consideration of the justification of punishment, morality and law, and legal reasoning.

CRIMIN 6400 Proseminar: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Must be taken in the first Semester). A critical examination of theoretical, methodological and policy issues in criminology and criminal justice. Focus is on the nature of crime, policing, pretrial processes, adjudication and corrections.

CRIMIN 6405 Methods: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing and consent of instructor. Examination of basic methods for research design and data collection. Topics include participant observation and interviewing, survey research, aggregate data analysis, and experimental design.

CRIMIN 6410 Statistical Applications in Criminology and Criminal Justice: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: CRIMIN 6405. Examination of elementary principles of quantitative analysis and their application to crime and justice problems. Topics include univariate, bivariate and multivariate procedures for discrete and continuous data, and a comprehensive introduction to ordinary least squares regression.

CRIMIN 6420 Contemporary Criminal Theories: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: CRIMIN 5415. Examination of contemporary explanations of crime and criminal justice. Theories covered include strain, control, cultural, labeling, conflict, as well as more recent attempts at theoretical integration and multidisciplinary integration.

CRIMIN 6422 Law Courts, and Public Policy: 3 semester hours

Same as POL SCI 6422. Prerequisite: Graduate Standing. An analysis of the role of courts as policymaking institutions and the law as policy. We will explore the role of judges as policymakers, consider the attributes of courts, (both trial and appellate), that make them appropriate yet limited targets for advocates of reform, and the implementation and impact of court decisions. We will consider recent examples of judicial involvement in state and national policymaking. In addition, we will examine the role of lawyers and interest groups in selecting litigation rather than alternative political processes for policy change.

CRIMIN 6430 Law And Social Control: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: Graduate standing and consent of instructor. Examination of the relationship between law and other social institutions, the values and interests that are expressed in law and shaped by legal structures and processes, and law as an instrument of public policy, social control and social change. Same as Sociology 5461.

CRIMIN 6436 Comparative Criminology: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate Standing. Examination of crime and criminal justice systems in world perspective.

CRIMIN 6440 Nature of Crime: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Examination of patterns and correlates of crime at the individual, situational, and aggregate levels. Topics include definitions of crime, offending topologies, and criminal careers.

CRIMIN 6441 Juvenile Delinquency: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Examination of youth crime and juvenile offenders. Topics include definitions of juvenile crime, and theories of juvenile crime causation in the U.S.

CRIMIN 6442 Communities and Crime: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Examination of the trends and sources of crime and social disorder across communities. The course emphasizes relationships among crime, neighborhood change, neighborhood responses to crime, and public policies.

CRIMIN 6443 Violent Crime: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Examination of the sources and patterns of violent offending across time and space. Topics include conceptions and typologies of violent crimes and offenders, victim-offender relationships, and efforts to predict and control violent offending.

CRIMIN 6445 Property Crime: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Examination of the sources and patterns of property offending across time and space. Topics include conceptions and typologies of property crimes and offenders, victim-offender relationships, and efforts to predict and control property offending.

CRIMIN 6448 Victimization: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Examination of the risks and consequences of crime for its victims. Issues considered include victim-offender relationships, characteristics of victims, the nature of the injuries they experience and criminal justice procedures that involve them.

CRIMIN 6450 Criminal Justice Process and Policy: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing. An analysis of criminal justice as a network of decisions and complex organizations. Topics include sources of criminal justice policy, policy agendas, implementation and evaluation.

CRIMIN 6452 The Police: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Historical, social and political analysis of policing in America. Examination of federal, state, county and municipal agencies.

CRIMIN 6465 Qualitative Research Design: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Examination of participant observation and informant and respondent interviewing. Topics include gaining access, sampling, data collection and analysis, and legal and ethical concerns.

CRIMIN 6470 Quantitative Research Design: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Examination of experimental, longitudinal, and cross-sectional designs. Sources of data, sampling procedures, operational definitions, and issues of reliability are also discussed.

CRIMIN 6471 Evaluating Criminal Justice Interventions: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 6405 and CRIMIN 6410. This course examines a broad range of interventions designed to prevent crime or improve some aspect of the criminal justice system. The validity reliability, and feasibility of differing intervention designs are addressed. Several major criminal justice evaluations are discussed.

CRIMIN 6480 Multivariate Statistics in Criminology: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: CRIMIN 6405 and CRIMIN 6470. Introduction to the general linear model with applications to multivariate problems in criminal justice and criminology. Topics include advanced ordinary least squares, causal modeling, time series analysis, simultaneous equations, and analysis of limited dependent variables.

CRIMIN 6485 Directed Readings/Research in Criminology and Criminal Justice: 1-6 semester hours

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Directed reading and research, under faculty supervision, designed to meet particular educational needs of selected students.

CRIMIN 6495 Internship in Criminology and Criminal Justice: 3 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor. Supervised placements with criminal justice agencies. Designed primarily for students with limited field experience.

CRIMIN 6498 M A Thesis Research: 1-6 semester hours

Prerequisite: Graduate standing and consent of instructor.

CRIMIN 6550 Seminar in Criminology and Criminal Justice: 3 semester hours

Prerequisites: Graduate standing and CRIMIN 5415, CRIMIN 6400, and CRIMIN 6405 or consent of the instructor. Research and policy approaches to the study of criminology and criminal justice. Class may be repeated for credit when the subject matter is different.

CRIMIN 7499 Ph.D. Dissertation Research: 1-6 semester hours

To be arranged.