Criminology Courses (CRIM)

Courses

Genesis, transformation, and day-to-day operation of criminal justice within our society; emphasis on interrelationships between specific stages in the crime-control process and the differences between U.S. and other criminal justice systems. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001). (Spring)

Introduction to the study of criminal behavior, with emphasis on social science approaches. Overview of types of crime, and theories, methods and data used to study crime. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001). (Fall and Spring)

Examination of theoretical definition, social impact, and changing relationship between current technological advancements and society's ability to both detect and punish white collar criminals. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); CRIM 2025 (982:025). (Variable)

Examination of the causes of delinquency in children, focusing on the effects of parenting, youth subcultures, and the media. Includes youth crimes, such as shoplifting and vandalism. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); CRIM 2025 (982:025). (Fall and Spring)

CRIM 2134. Crime Analysis — 3 hrs.
Provides an introductory understanding of the history and methodology of examining crime information. Covers applied technical skills for managing, analyzing, and presenting data relevant to criminal justice agencies. Prerequisite(s): SOC 2020 (980:080) or STAT 1772 (800:072); sophomore standing. (Spring)

Exploration of the connection between community characteristics and crime. Students are presented with theories that address why some neighborhoods have concentrated crime and learn about what scholars, organizers, police, and politicians can do to reduce crime. (Fall)

Overview of sanctioning alternatives to imprisonment, including traditional probation and parole practices, as well as intermediate sanctions such as boot camps, electronic monitoring, fines, and intensive supervision. Sentencing will be discussed, as it influences probation/parole populations, as will the duties and responsibilities of probation and parole officers. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); CRIM 2022 (982:022); sophomore standing. (Variable)

Examination of history, philosophies, and structure of juvenile justice system. Discussion of issues confronting legislators, the judiciary, and juvenile justice personnel in context of the need to provide treatment and protection of individual rights and liberty. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); CRIM 2022 (982:022); sophomore standing. (Spring)

Survey of crimes of the state from a sociological and criminological perspective. Examination of historical and current cases at home and abroad. State crime theoretical perspectives used to understand the epistemological and etiological catalysts of state crime. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Variable)

CRIM 3130. Readings in Criminology — 1-3 hrs.
Individual readings in criminology. May be repeated with consent of department dead. Prerequisite(s): completed nine hours of criminology courses; junior standing; consent of instructor and department head. (Variable)

Introduction and review of major issues in the study of race, class, and crime. Examination of recent empirical research on social inequality, crime and the criminal justice system, as well as discussion of the relationship between inequality and criminal justice policy. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); CRIM 2022 (982:022); junior standing. (Variable)

May be repeated for a total of six credit hours (only three credit hours may count towards completion of the Criminology major). Prerequisite(s): consent of instructor and department head and Cooperative Education Office. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

CRIM 3225. Criminal Court System — 3 hrs.
Designed to provide an analysis of the structure and function of the criminal court system in the U.S. Issues facing the system will be considered from historical and sociological perspectives. Ideals of the system will be compared to actual functioning. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); CRIM 2022 (982:022). (Variable)

Crime and punishment in American society, social history of punishment, theories of punishment, and how it relates to prison subcultures, crime rates, power relations, and cultural values. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); CRIM 2022 (982:022); junior standing. (Spring)

Critical examination of ethical issues related to theoretical and practical issues facing law enforcement, legal, and corrections personnel, civil and criminal laws, medical field, academics, students, consumers, and the general public. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); CRIM 2022 (982:022); junior standing. (Variable)

CRIM 3319/5319 (982:119g). Victimology — 3 hrs.
Sociological investigation of institutional, economic, family, and personal victimization in American society with special attention to causes and processes of exploitation. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Fall)

CRIM 4122/5122 (982:122g). Youth Gangs — 3 hrs.
Origins and development of youth gangs in United States. Topics include recent emergence of gangs, especially in Iowa, relationship between drugs and violence and gang activity, and creation of social policy to prevent and control gang activity. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); junior standing. (Spring)

CRIM 4137/5137 (982:137g). Homicide — 3 hrs.
Presentation of a description, discussion, and evaluation of the various types of homicide. Focus on the characteristics and backgrounds of homicidal offenders. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); CRIM 2025 (982:025); junior standing. (Spring)

May be repeated with department head approval. Prerequisite(s): consent of instructor and department head. (Variable)
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Examination of evolution and development of correctional treatment in United States, with special attention to description and evaluation of programs in juvenile and adult corrections. Alternatives to rehabilitative ideal; students are expected to develop other treatment models. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); CRIM 2022 (982:022) or CRIM 2025 (982:025); junior standing. (Fall)

CRIM 4224/5224 (982:124g). Police and Society — 3 hrs.
Sociological investigation of evolution and structure of policing in United States society, with special attention to conflicts and imperatives which define police officers' roles and character of police work. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); junior standing. (Fall and Spring)

CRIM 4228/5228 (982:128g). Law and Society — 3 hrs.
Sociological analysis of judicial and jury decision making, legal structures, legislation, power, beliefs, conflict, and social change. Examination of criminal, civil, and public law. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); junior standing. (Fall)

Analysis of public policy issues related to crime and justice. Focus on the design, implementation and evaluation of public policy responses to criminal behavior. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); CRIM 2022 (982:022); junior standing. (Fall)

Exploration of similarities and diversity in crime, law, and social control in a cross-cultural and global perspective. Examination of case studies from traditional and contemporary; emphasis on theoretical approaches from anthropology, sociology, and criminology. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001) or ANTH 1002 (990:011); junior standing. (Same as ANTH 3441/5441 (990:162g)) (Variable)

CRIM 4323/5323 (982:123g). Social Deviance and Control — 3 hrs.
Causes and consequences of socially-disapproved behavior; role of social control agencies in recruitment of deviant identities, management of and reaction to deviance; dynamics of labeling processes, and examination of social meaning of non-normative behavior. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); junior standing. (Spring)

CRIM 4331/5331 (982:131g). Women, Crime and Society — 3 hrs.
Sociological analysis of women as victims, offenders, practitioners, and professionals in the criminal justice system. Examination of changing perceptions and behaviors of women in United States and other countries in relation to role expectations of women in criminal justice system. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); SOC 2010 (980:108); junior standing. (Fall)

CRIM 4369/5369 (982:169g). Drugs, Crime, and Society — 3 hrs.
Examination of the relationship between crime and drugs in America. Covers the social and political history of drug use and control, the drug war, the lives of drug addicts, drug treatment policies, and possible revisions to America's drug laws. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); junior standing. (Spring)

CRIM 4381/5381 (982:181g). Topics in Criminology — 3 hrs.
Selected topics; opportunity to focus previous course work and knowledge on a special issue in criminology. Topic listed in Schedule of Classes. May be repeated for maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); CRIM 2025 (982:025); junior standing. (Fall and Spring)

Experiential learning through internship placement in a criminological or criminal justice related agency or position. Requires prior consultation with instructor. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); CRIM 2022 (982:022); CRIM 2025 (982:025); major GPA of 2.80 or higher; junior standing; consent of instructor and department head. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

CRIM 4575 (982:175). Senior Seminar in Criminology — 3 hrs.
Designed for students nearing graduation. Offers an integration of the major concepts, theories, public policies, and components presented within the field of criminology. Prepares students for careers and the job market. Prerequisite(s): Criminology major only; senior standing or consent of instructor. (Fall and Spring)

CRIM 6020. Program Evaluation — 3 hrs.
Qualitative and quantitative research designs and presentation of results, role of theory, managing stakeholders and budgets, ethical issues in evaluation research. Students will design an evaluation project and write a research report. Prerequisite(s): graduate standing or consent of instructor. (Fall)

Examination of the influence of social factors ranging from macro-level institutions to micro-level interactions, on criminal behavior and societal reactions to crime. Prerequisite(s): graduate standing or consent of instructor. (Variable)

Allows for a greater depth of research and discussion into various specialty areas within the field of criminology. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite(s): graduating standing or consent of instructor. (Variable)

CRIM 6285 (982:285). Readings in Criminology — 1-3 hrs.
May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite(s): consent of instructor and department head. (Variable)

CRIM 6295. Field Placement — 3 hrs.
Experiential learning through internship placement in a criminological or criminal justice related agency or position. Requires prior consultation with instructor. Prerequisite(s): completion of 16 CRIM MA program credit hours or consent of instructor. (Fall and Spring)