

CRIMINOLOGY B.A.

Criminology is an area of study within sociology that examines the social causes and consequences of crime. Coursework focuses on the dynamics of victimization and offending, the operation of the criminal justice system, and the impact of income inequality and racial disparities on crime and punishment. Students will graduate from the Criminology program with a deep knowledge of the criminal justice system, a systemic understanding of inequality, and strong data analysis and critical thinking skills. The Bachelor of Arts in Criminology prepares students for professional careers in law enforcement, social services, law, applied research, and academia.

Bachelor of Arts - Criminology

General Education Requirements

Information regarding these requirements can be found in the General Education Section (<http://catalog.umd.edu/academics/general-education-requirements/>) of the catalog.

Summary

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		18
Criminology Perspectives		12
Criminology Electives		12
Total Hours		42

Degree Specific Credits: 42

Required Cumulative GPA: 2.0

Core Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Complete all of the following courses:		
SOCI 101S	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCI 202	Social Statistics	3
SOCI 211S	Introduction to Criminology	3
SOCI 221	Criminal Justice System	3
SOCI 318	Sociological Research Methods	3
SOCI 439	Advanced Criminological Theory	3
Total Hours		18

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Criminology Perspectives

Note: Students can apply only 6 credits of non-Sociology courses (SOCI) to the major.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one course from each of the following perspective categories:		
Macro and Historical Perspectives		3
Complete one of the following courses:		
SOCI 376	Comparative Criminology	
SOCI 422	Sociology of Punishment	

SOCI 437	Communities and Crime	
SOCI 440	Deviant and Criminal Behavior	
Criminal Justice		3
Complete one of the following courses:		
SOCI 335	Juvenile Justice System	
SOCI 362	Sociology of Law Enforcement	
SOCI 423	Sociology of Corrections	
SOCI 475	Work, Labor, and the Criminal Justice System	
PSYX 382	Forensic Psychology	
Interpersonal Violence		3
Complete one of the following courses:		
SOCI 414	Family Violence	
SOCI 425	Victims and Society	
SOCI 446	Prostitution & Human Trafficking	
SOCI 450	Gender, Crime, and Justice	
SOCI 469	Homicide	
Structural Inequality		3
Complete one of the following courses:		
AAST 250	Human Rights and Mass Incarceration	
AAST 360	White Supremacy - History/Defeat	
AAST 410	Dismantling Racism: From Theory to Practice	
HSTA 365	Native American History from 1830	
NASX 231X	Indigenous World View Perspectives	
NASX 475	Tribal Sovereignty	
SOCI 220S	Race, Gender & Class	
SOCI 325	Social Stratification	
Total Hours		12

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Criminology Electives

Notes:

- Courses not used to fulfill the Sociology Perspectives requirement may count toward the elective requirement. Special topics and other Sociology courses may also count toward the elective requirement with the consent of the program director.
- Students may apply no more than 6 credits of non-Sociology (SOCI) courses toward the Criminology Electives.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete 12 credits of the following courses:		
AAST 250	Human Rights and Mass Incarceration	
AAST 360	White Supremacy - History/Defeat	
AAST 410	Dismantling Racism: From Theory to Practice	
HSTA 365	Native American History from 1830	
NASX 231X	Indigenous World View Perspectives	
NASX 475	Tribal Sovereignty	
PSYX 382	Forensic Psychology	
SOCI 325	Social Stratification	
SOCI 220S	Race, Gender & Class	
SOCI 225	Careers in Criminology	

SOCI 301E	Criminal Justice Ethics
SOCI 335	Juvenile Justice System
SOCI 362	Sociology of Law Enforcement
SOCI 376	Comparative Criminology
SOCI 414	Family Violence
SOCI 422	Sociology of Punishment
SOCI 423	Sociology of Corrections
SOCI 425	Victims and Society
SOCI 437	Communities and Crime
SOCI 440	Deviant and Criminal Behavior
SOCI 446	Prostitution & Human Trafficking
SOCI 450	Gender, Crime, and Justice
SOCI 469	Homicide
SOCI 475	Work, Labor, and the Criminal Justice System
SOCI 498	Internship SERV
Total Hours	12

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Double Majoring with Sociology

Rule: Students who want to double major in Criminology and Sociology must complete the following additional requirements.

Note: Special topics and other Sociology courses may also count toward this requirement with the consent of the program director.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete the following course:		
SOCI 455	Classical Sociological Theory	3
Complete 7 of the follow courses (21 credits):		
SOCI 220S	Race, Gender & Class	
SOCI 275S	Gender and Society	
SOCI 306	Sociology of Work	
SOCI 335	Juvenile Justice System	
SOCI 332	Sociology of the Family	
SOCI 345	Sociology of Organizations	
SOCI 346	Rural Sociology	
SOCI 350	The Community	
SOCI 382	Sociology, Psychology, and Social Structure	
SOCI 441	Capstone: Inequality and Social Justice	
SOCI 443	Sociology of Poverty	
SOCI 446	Prostitution & Human Trafficking	
SOCI 470	Environmental Sociology	
SOCI 488	Writing for Sociology	
Other SOCI courses may apply to this requirement with the approval of the program director.		
Total Hours		24

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Advanced Writing Courses

Code	Title	Hours
The following Sociology courses also fulfill the General Education Advanced Writing requirement:		
SOCI 425	Victims and Society	
SOCI 438	Seminar in Crime & Deviance	
SOCI 441	Capstone: Inequality and Social Justice	
SOCI 469	Homicide	
SOCI 488	Writing for Sociology	