

SOCIOLOGY B.A. - CRIMINOLOGY

Criminology has been an area of study within sociology since the inception of the discipline at the turn of the twentieth century. Contemporary criminology examines the making of laws, the nature and extent of crime, the causes of crime, and society's efforts to control crime through the juvenile and criminal justice systems. The concentration builds upon the required course work in sociology and allows students to pursue extended study of crime and the criminal justice system. In addition, the concentration provides opportunity for practical experience in juvenile and criminal justice systems through internship placements. The criminology concentration prepares students for employment in public and private criminal justice agencies, as well as graduate study in sociology, criminal justice, and law.

Bachelor of Arts - Sociology; Criminology Concentration

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		12
General Sociology Electives (at least two must be upper division)		9
Criminology Concentration Requirements		15
Total Hours		36

Degree Specific Credits: 36

Required Cumulative GPA: 2.0

Note: Students in the Criminology concentration are not allowed to double major with Criminology

Core Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Complete all of the following courses:		
SOCI 101S	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCI 202	Social Statistics	3
SOCI 318	Sociological Research Methods	3
SOCI 455	Classical Sociological Theory	3
Total Hours		12

Minimum Required Grade: C-

General Sociology Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Complete three of the following courses, two of which must be 300-level or above:		
Any Sociology (SOCI) course		
S W 423	Addiction Studies	
Total Hours		9

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Criminology Concentration Requirements

Concentration Core

Note: Students should complete SOCI 211S and SOCI 221 prior to taking advanced CRIM courses.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete all of the following courses:		
SOCI 221	Criminal Justice System	3
SOCI 211S	Introduction to Criminology	3
Total Hours		6

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Concentration Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Complete three of the following courses:		
SOCI 335	Juvenile Justice System	
SOCI 362	Sociology of Law Enforcement	
SOCI 422	Sociology of Punishment	
SOCI 423	Sociology of Corrections	
SOCI 438	Seminar in Crime & Deviance	
SOCI 440	Deviant and Criminal Behavior	
SOCI 498	Internship	
S W 423	Addiction Studies	
Total Hours		9

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	