

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

Department of Sociology  
Bachelor of Science in Sociology  
Major: Criminology

For student date of entry under UG Catalog 2022-2023

**This checksheet specifies the requirements for a major in criminology.**

**Number of Credits for a Bachelor of Science Degree: 120 credits.**

77 credits must be completed beyond what is required for a major in criminology.

**Number of Credits for a Criminology Major: 43 credits.**

The 43 credits consist of 22 credits of sociology core degree courses and 21 credits of additional courses for a criminology major.

**Number of Credits of Free Electives: 32 credits.**

**Number of Credits for the Pathways General Education Curriculum: 45 credits.**

All students with a criminology major are required to complete the Pathways General Education Curriculum.

**Double Majors in the Department of Sociology:** The Department of Sociology offers a major in sociology, with and without options, and a major in criminology. Students are permitted to obtain both majors. Courses in the sociology core degree can meet the requirements of both majors, but none of the other required or elective courses taken for either major can count toward the other.

**Minimum GPA:** A minimum 2.0 in-major GPA and 2.0 overall GPA.

All courses with a SOC prefix, CRIM prefix, or cross-listed with SOC and/or CRIM are included in the calculation of the in-major GPA.

**Grade Requirement:** Courses taken as part of the sociology core degree and criminology major must be taken for a letter grade of A-F.

**Requirements for Satisfactory Progress:** Students must have completed Introductory Sociology (SOC 1004), Sociological Theory (SOC 3104), Social Research Methods (SOC 3204), and an additional 6 credits of required or elective courses for the criminology major prior to attempting 72 credits (including transfer, advanced placement, advanced standing, and credit by examination).

Upon having attempted 60 credits, students must have an in-major GPA of 2.0 and an in-major GPA of 2.0 thereafter to be considered as making satisfactory progress toward the degree.

If satisfactory progress is not made, procedures will be followed as required by the Academic Eligibility Policy.

**Prerequisites:** Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog & Academic Policies for prerequisites.

**Advising:** Regular contact with the academic advisor for criminology is not required but strongly encouraged. Call (540) 231-8971 to schedule an appointment. The Department of Sociology office is located at 560 McBryde Hall.

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**Sociology Core Degree Required Courses: 22 credits**

*In accordance with university guidelines, courses satisfying degree core requirements may not be double counted to satisfy other areas of a degree (e.g. Pathways to General Education Curriculum).*

**Sociology: 19 credits. Take in the order listed:**

_____	SOC 1004		Introductory Sociology (3) (including First Year Experience)
_____	SOC 2104 (HD 2104)	<b>OR</b>	Quantitative Approaches to Community Research (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)
_____	STAT 3604		Statistics for the Social Sciences (3) (Pre: MATH 1015)
_____	SOC 3104*		Sociological Theory (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)
_____	SOC 3204		Social Research Methods (4) (Pre: SOC 1004)
_____	SOC 3004		Social Inequality (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)
_____	SOC 4194		Senior Seminar (3) (Pre: SOC 3104, SOC 3204)

**Africana Studies, American Indian Studies and Women's and Gender Studies Electives: 3 credits**

**Select one of the following:**

_____	AFST 1714	Introduction to African American Studies (3)
_____	AINS 1104	Introduction to American Indian Studies (3)
_____	WGS 1824	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (3)

\*Recommend taking two of the following courses prior to registering for SOC 3104, Sociological Theory: SOC 2004, Social Problems, SOC 2014, Sociology of Intimate Relationships, SOC 2024, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, SOC 2034, Diversity and Community Engagement, SOC 2304, Individual in Society, and/or SOC 2404, Deviant Behavior.

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**Criminology Required Courses: 9 credits. Take in order listed.**

_____	SOC 2404	Deviant Behavior (3)
_____	CRIM 3414	Criminology (3) (Pre: SOC 1004 and SOC 2404)
_____	CRIM 3434	Systems of Justice (3) (Pre: CRIM 3414)

**Electives: 12 credits.** Select from the following list. A course not used as a criminology required course can be used to fulfill this requirement. A maximum of 3 credits of CRIM 4754, CRIM 4974, and CRIM 4994 can be used to fulfill this requirement.

_____	CRIM 2504 (HIST 2504)	Crime and Punishment in American History
_____	CRIM 3124 (HIST 3124)	Murder in American History
_____	CRIM 3474	Women and Crime (3) (Pre: CRIM 3414)
_____	CRIM 4424	Juvenile Delinquency (3) (Pre: CRIM 3414)
_____	CRIM 4454+	Topics in Criminology (3) (Pre: CRIM 3414, SOC 3104)
		Topic: _____
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_____	CRIM 4474	Cyber Criminology (3) (Pre: CRIM 3414)
_____	CRIM 4754	Internship (3)
_____	CRIM 4974	Independent Study (3), in a related area with approval of the department chair.
_____	CRIM 4994	Undergraduate Research (3), in related area with approval of department chair
_____	PSVP 2044	Peace and Violence (3)
_____	PSVP 4444	Schools, Violence, and Justice (3) (Pre: CRIM 3414 or SOC 3414)
_____	SOC 4404	Sociology of Law (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)
_____	SOC 4414	Drugs and Society (3) (Pre: SOC 1004)

+ May take CRIM 4454 twice; topics must be different.

**Pathways for General Education Curriculum**

**Pathways for General Education Curriculum:** 45 credits.

All students must fulfill the requirements of the Pathways for General Education Curriculum. Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog & Academic Policies for prerequisites.

**Core Concept 1: Discourse (9 hours)**

1A: Applied/Advanced - Select from approved Pathways courses	3cr _____
1f: Foundational - First -Year Writing	3cr _____ ENGL 1105
1f: Foundational - First -Year Writing	3cr _____ ENGL 1106

**Core Concept 2: Critical Thinking in the Humanities (6 hours)**

Select from approved Pathways courses	3cr _____
	3cr _____

**Core Concept 3: Reasoning in the Social Sciences (6 hours)**

Select from approved Pathways courses	3cr _____
	3cr _____

**Core Concept 4: Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (6 hours)**

Select from approved Pathways courses	3cr _____
	3cr _____

**Core Concept 5: Quantitative and Computational Thinking (9 hours)**

5A: Applied/Advanced – Select from approved Pathways courses	3cr _____
5f: Foundational – Select from approved Pathways courses	3cr _____
5f: Foundational – Select from approved Pathways courses	3cr _____

**Core Concept 6: Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts (6 hours)**

6A: Practice in the Arts- select from approved courses	3cr _____
6D: Practice in Design- select from approved courses	3cr _____

**Core Concept 7: Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States (3 hours)**

Select from approved Pathways courses	3cr _____
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**Foreign Language Requirement:**

Students who completed 3 years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school have completed this requirement. Students who did not complete 3 years of a foreign, classical, or sign language in high school must complete one of the following:

- 2 years of a foreign, classical, or sign language in high school plus FL 1106 or the equivalent in college. These 3 hours count towards the 120 required for graduation.
- Complete FL 1105-1106 or the equivalent in college. These 6 hours do not count toward the 120 required for graduation.
- Complete either SPAN 1114, GER 1114, RUS 1114, or ITAL 1114. The 4 hours do not count towards the 120 required for graduation.