

CRIMINOLOGY, BACHELOR OF ARTS (627)

Program Coordinator

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As a scientific discipline, Criminology emerged from the field of Sociology. Core sociological concepts inform explanations of crime and society's response to it. **WKU's Bachelor's program in Criminology** provides students with the opportunity to understand the theoretical principles which guide practical solutions to issues associated with offending, victimization, and interactions with the Criminal Justice System. Compared with traditional criminal justice programs, Criminology has a **strong interdisciplinary focus**. Our program continues this tradition by studying crime through a societal lens as we examine theoretical explanations, policy developments, and the broader implications of solutions on the health and well-being of communities and society.

Program Requirements (35 hours)

A baccalaureate degree requires a minimum of 120 unduplicated semester hours. More information can be found at www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php. (https://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php)

Students who began WKU in the Fall 2014 and thereafter should review the Colonnade requirements located at: <https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>. (<https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>)

The major in criminology requires a minimum of 35 credit hours and leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree. Students majoring in criminology must select a minor, certificate, or second major.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		17
A grade of C or better is required in CRIM 330, SOCL 300, and SOCL 302.		
CRIM 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	
CRIM 330	Criminology	
CRIM 199	College & Careers in Criminology & Sociology	
or SOCL 199	College & Careers in Criminology & Sociology	
SOCL 300	Social Statistics	
SOCL 301	Social Statistics Lab	
SOCL 302	Social Research Methods	
SOCL 309	Social Deviance	
Restricted Electives: Correlates of Crime		3
Select at least one of the following courses:		
CRIM 332	Juvenile Delinquency	
CRIM 361	Race, Class, and Crime	
CRIM 446	Gender, Crime, and Justice	
Restricted Electives: Systems of Social Control		3
Select at least one of the following courses		
CRIM 340	Criminal Courts and Sentencing	

CRIM 370	Issues in Policing	
CRIM 380	Punishment and Society	
CRIM 430	Comparative Systems of Juvenile Justice	
CRIM 432	Sociology of Criminal Law	
PS 328	Criminal Justice Procedures	
Unrestricted Electives		12
Select four from the following:		
ANTH 300	Forensic Anthropology	
CHEM 111	Introduction to Forensic Chemistry	
CHEM 430	Forensic Chemistry	
CRIM 222	Introduction to Crime Mapping	
CRIM 232	Introduction to Law Enforcement	
CRIM 233	Alternatives to Confinement	
CRIM 234	Crime and Popular Culture	
CRIM 238	Victimology & Victim Advocacy	
CRIM 332	Juvenile Delinquency	
CRIM 340	Criminal Courts and Sentencing	
CRIM 346	Special Topics in Criminology	
CRIM 370	Issues in Policing	
CRIM 361	Race, Class, and Crime	
CRIM 380	Punishment and Society	
CRIM 430	Comparative Systems of Juvenile Justice	
CRIM 434	Organized Crime	
CRIM 432	Sociology of Criminal Law	
CRIM 437	The Death Penalty in America	
CRIM 439	Internship in Criminology	
CRIM 440	Police Interrogations and False Confessions	
CRIM 446	Gender, Crime, and Justice	
CRIM 447	Life-Course Criminology	
CRIM 448	International Justice and Crime	
CRIM 451	White-Collar Crime	
CRIM 456	Homicide and Serial Homicide	
CRIM 489	Criminology Study Abroad	
CRIM 495	Directed Study in Criminology	
CRIM 496	Directed Study in Criminology	
HIST 445	American Legal History to 1865	
HIST 446	American Legal History Since 1865	
PH 165	Drug Abuse	
PH 467	Drug Abuse Education	
PH 472	Illicit Drug Policy in the Us	
PLS 225	Introduction to Law	
PHIL 211	Why Are Bad People Bad?	
PS 220	Judicial Process	
PS 326	Constitutional Law	
PS 328	Criminal Justice Procedures	
PS 350	Political Terrorism	
PSY/PSYS 440	Abnormal Psychology	
PSY 441	Psychological Aspects of Alcoholism	
PSY 470	Psychology and Law	

SOCL 359	Sexuality and Society
SOCL 389	Stigma and Society
SOCL 435	Family Violence
SWRK 356	Services for Juvenile Offenders and Their Families
PHIL 427	Philosophy of Law
CRIM 339	Experiential Learning in Criminology
SOCL 315	Public Problem Solving
Total Hours	35

General Elective	3 General Elective	3
	15	15
Total Hours		122

Finish in Four Plan

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG 100		3 ENG 200	3
CRIM 101		3 CRIM 330	3
MATH 183 (Or other Colonnade Math)		3 Colonnade: Natural & Physical Science with Lab	3
Colonnade: Arts & Humanities		3 Unrestricted CRIM Elective	3
General Elective (prefer SOCL 100 or CSJ 200)		3 General Elective	3
		CRIM 199 or SOCL 199	1
		15	16

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
SOCL 302		3 SOCL 300	3
COMM 145		3 SOCL 301	1
CRIM Restricted Elective: Correlates of Crime or Systems of Social Control		3 CRIM Restricted Elective: Correlates of Crime or Systems of Social Control	3
HIST 101 or HIST 102		3 Colonnade Connections course	3
Colonnade: Natural & Physical Science		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
		General Elective	3
		15	16

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG 300		3 General Elective	3
SOCL 309		3 Colonnade: Connections	3
Colonnade: Connections		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 Unrestricted CRIM Elective	3
		15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Unrestricted CRIM Elective- recommend CRIM 439		3 Unrestricted CRIM Elective- Recommend CRIM 439	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 2nd Major/Minor course	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3