

CRIMINOLOGY, LAW, & SOCIETY MINOR, UG

for the Undergraduate Minor in Criminology, Law & Society

Criminology, Law and Society provides a foundation for students seeking to supplement their major area of study, to develop knowledge and skills needed for criminological, law, and justice related occupations, or to lay foundation for law school or graduate study in sociology, criminology, or justice fields. Students take a range of sociology courses that provide theoretical and practical knowledge while exposing students to current sociological, legal, and justice issues.

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Code	Title	Hours
SOC 100 or SOC 163	Introduction to Sociology Social Problems	3-4
SOC 275	Criminology	3
One of the following courses:		3
SOC 378		
SOC 477		
SOC 479	Law and Society ¹	
Choose three courses from the following (9 hours minimum); at least 3 hours must be at the 300- or 400-level:		9
SOC 101	Sociology of Gender	
SOC 225	Race and Ethnicity	
SOC 310	Sociology of Deviance	
SOC 373	Social Inequality	
SOC 375	Criminal Justice System	
SOC 378	¹	
SOC 390	Individual Study ²	
SOC 396	Topics in Sociology ²	
SOC 400	Internships ²	
SOC 477	¹	
SOC 479	Law and Society	
SOC 490	Advanced Independent Study ²	
SOC 496	Advanced Topics in Sociology ²	
Total Hours		18

¹ If not taken as part of the core. Credit is not given for SOC 477 and SOC 479.

² Advisor approval required – course topic must be focused in criminology and/or law.

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2. Compare the strengths and weaknesses of key theories in the fields of criminology, law, and society and evaluate relevant empirical evidence supporting those theories.
3. Identify and evaluate various research methods used in sociolegal research.
4. Analyze primary texts, identifying interpretations and conclusions of those readings.
5. Understand how society influences legal definitions and institutions and how legal definitions and institutions, in turn, shape society.
6. Apply theories and concepts central to criminology, law, and society to real world situations and events.

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1. Identify the key theories and concepts in sociological research on law and legal systems, including law and society and criminology.