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Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

The Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice is committed to the principles of a liberal education and to assisting its students to think sociologically in order to better understand human society and human behavior. The Department?s curricula are designed to not only prepare students for careers and graduate studies in Sociology and Criminal Justice, but also to equip them with a far-reaching view of the world consistent with the goals of a liberal arts education and to prepare them to recognize the social institutions and patterns upon which everyday life rests.

The Department offers a **Bachelor of Arts degree** in **Sociology** and a **Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice**. The Sociology major provides a comprehensive grounding in the academic discipline of Sociology, its theories, methods, and findings. The Criminal Justice major provides a comprehensive grounding in the discipline of criminology, as well as analysis of the multitude of social factors and institutions that impact the criminal justice system. The Department also offers a minor in Sociology and a minor in Criminal Justice. Click on following links for the curriculum for the Criminal Justice or Sociology Degrees:

Criminal Justice Curriculum [1]

Sociology Curriculum [2]

Why Choose a Degree in Sociology/Criminal Justice?

Sociology graduates have successful careers in such diverse occupations as non-profit business consultation, healthcare, gerontology, risk management and insurance fund-raising and advocacy groups, international relations, state and federal government agency administration, urban and community planning, military officer, career management, evaluation research, seminar and workshop consultations, public opinion polling, market research and employee relations.

Criminal Justice careers may entail law enforcement, probation and corrections, legal research, or homeland security. Preparation for professional and graduate schools includes law school or advanced degrees in Sociology. Today, a variety of master?s and doctoral programs are offered in criminal justice, criminology, gender studies, urban sociology, and applied sociology across the country and around the globe.

Major in Sociology

In order to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, a student must complete at least 120 credit hours of coursework to include: (1) all required general education courses, (2) the following required Sociology courses: 37-101, 103, 203, 206, 210, 303, 310, 314, 322, 412, 420, 435 and 448; (3) three Sociology elective courses selected from a recommended list

(see below); and, (4) a Social Science elective. A minimum grade of ?C? is required in each Sociology course.

Proposed List of Courses that would satisfy **Sociology Elective** Requirements:

Men and Women in Society	**Criminology**
Real/Reel Culture	Law Enforcement
Population Analysis	Courts and Criminal Justice
Sociology of Law	Criminal Law
Technology and Society	Juvenile Delinquency
Principles of Corrections	Victimology
Social Problems	Criminal Justice Administration
Social Deviance	

Minor in Sociology

To graduate with a minor in Sociology, a student must complete 18 hours of course work. Required courses are: Introduction to Sociology, Social Institutions, Social Psychology, Methods of Research in Sociology, Sociological Theories and an elective course in Sociology at the 300 or 400 level.

Major in Criminal Justice

To graduate with a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice, a student must complete at least 120 credit hours of coursework to include: (1) all required general education courses; (2) The following Criminal Justice and related courses (Criminal Justice 104, 208, 311, 313, 315, 316, 402, 415, 448, 450 and Sociology 101, 210, 303, 314, 322, 412, and 420); and (3) two Sociology elective courses at or above the 300 level selected from a recommended list. A minimum grade of ?C? is required in each of the above courses.

Proposed List of Courses that would satisfy **Criminal Justice Elective** Requirements:

Men and Women in Society	**Sociology of Law**
Real/Reel Culture	Technology and Society
Population Analysis	Sociology of the Family
Cultural Anthropology	Juvenile Delinquency
Social Problems	Criminal Justice Administration
Social Change	Social Stratification

Minor in Criminal Justice

To graduate with a minor in Criminal Justice, a student must complete 18 credit hours of course work. Required courses are: Introduction to Criminal Justice, Criminology, Law

Enforcement, Courts and Criminal Justice, Methods of Research and an elective course in Criminal Justice at the 300 or 400 level.

****A minimum grade of ?C? is required for the following general education courses: English Composition I. English Composition II, University Seminar, Speech, Critical Thinking, Global Societies, and Lifetime Fitness and Wellness.**

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