CRIMINOLOGY, B.A.

Requirements

Criminology

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Total minimum number of credits required for a major in Criminology leading to the B.A. degree - 120
Total minimum number of credits required for a minor in Criminology - 18

The Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences offers an interdisciplinary major in Criminology. Designed for flexibility and appeal to both the practicing professional and the student seeking admission to graduate school, the program incorporates a variety of carefully chosen courses in sociology, psychology, political science, and economics, such as Criminology, Juvenile Delinquency, Abnormal Behavior, Forensic Psychology, Criminal Law, and the Economics of Crime, leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology. Internships in the areas of corrections, law enforcement, and the administration of justice are readily available to eligible students. Credit hours in internships may not be applied to the 45 hours required in the major.

Information about the program and about career opportunities in the field may be obtained from the advisor for this program.

Criminology Major

A major in Criminology consists of 44 hours, including introductory courses (12 hours), criminology core courses (20 hours), major electives (9 hours), and a capstone course (3 hours). The 44 hours do not include any prerequisites.

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<th>Introductory Courses (12 hours)</th>
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<td>[PS-233] Law &amp; Society</td>
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<td>[EC-102] Microeconomics</td>
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<td>[PSY-101] General Psychology</td>
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Criminology Core Courses (20 hours)

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<th>[EC-320] Economics of Crime</th>
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<td>[PS-232] Criminal Law</td>
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<td>[SOC-309] Career Mentoring in the Social Sciences</td>
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<td>[PS-265] OR [SOC-370] Quantitative Reasoning in the Social Sciences</td>
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Major Electives (9 hours)

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<td>[PS-332] Civil Rights and Civil Liberties</td>
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<td>[SOC-360] White Collar Crime</td>
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<td>[SOC-375] Advanced Criminological Theory</td>
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Capstone (3 hours)

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<td>[SOC-390] Senior Capstone in Sociology</td>
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Five-year B.A./M.B.A. in Criminology

- Fast-track your career by earning both a bachelor's degree in Criminology and a Master of Business Administration degree in just five years.
- Wilkes University offers a unique opportunity for you to earn a Master of Business Administration degree in only one extra year with the accelerated five-year B.A./M.B.A. in Criminology.

REQUIREMENTS

The bachelor of arts (B.A.) degree in Criminology requires 120 credits, and the Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) requires 39 credits. Wilkes University's B.A./M.B.A. program allows students to apply elective credits as an undergraduate that can be applied to the M.B.A. requirements, thereby allowing the student to finish the master's program in only three semesters.
## Recommended Course Sequence

### Required Courses and Recommended Course Sequence

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<td><strong>First Semester</strong></td>
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<td>PS 111 Introduction to American Government</td>
<td>ENG101 Composition or Distribution Requirement</td>
<td>FYF 101 First-Year Foundations</td>
<td>PSY 101 General Psychology</td>
<td>SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology</td>
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<td><strong>Third Semester</strong></td>
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<td>SOC 222 Criminology</td>
<td>Major Elective</td>
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<td><strong>Fourth Semester</strong></td>
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<td>EC 102 Microeconomics</td>
<td>Free Elective</td>
<td>Major Elective</td>
<td>PS 233 Law and Society</td>
<td>Major Elective</td>
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<td><strong>Fifth Semester</strong></td>
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<td>EC 320 Economics of Crime</td>
<td>PS 322 Criminal Law</td>
<td>SOC 370 or PS 265 Qualitative Reasoning</td>
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### Sixth Semester

- Distribution Requirement: 3
- Major Elective: 3
- Free Electives: 6
- SOC 309 Career Mentoring in the Social Sciences: 2
- SOC 371 Methods of Social Research OR PS 261 Research Methods in Political Science: 3

**Total Credits: 17**

### Seventh Semester

- Free Electives: 12
- Major electives: 3

**Total Credits: 15**

### Eighth Semester

- Free Electives: 11
- SOC 390 or PS 390 Senior Capstone: 3

**Total Credits: 14**

*See the General Education Curriculum for a list of courses that satisfy the Distribution Requirements.

## SOC. SOCIOLOGY

### SOC-101. INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
**Credits: 3**

A systematic view of sociology, providing essentials for an approach to questions about man in society; analysis of social processes, structures, and functions.

### SOC-201. INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE
**Credits: 3**

This course introduces students to the American criminal justice system, with a focus on the interconnectedness of the major pieces: the police, the courts, and the correctional system. Benefits and limitations of the existing criminal justice system will be explored, along with growing threats to both society and the system itself.

### SOC-211. THE FAMILY
**Credits: 3**

History and ethnological studies of family. Role of family in the development of the individual. Interrelation of church, state, and family. Social conditions and changes affecting the American family. Family stability and disorganization.

**Pre-Requisites**

[[ANT-101]] or 102, [[SOC-101]], or approval of the instructor.
SOC-212. HUMAN SEXUALITY
Credits: 3
A balanced and thoughtful introduction to what is currently known about human sexuality. Research in sexuality comes from a variety of disciplines, including Psychology, Sociology, Biology, Medicine, Physical Education, and Human Education. Without assuming that the student has an extensive background in any of these fields, this course draws liberally on all of them and works hard to show how the biology, psychology, and sociology of sex are interrelated.

Pre-Requisites
[[SOC-101]] or approval of the instructor.

SOC-214. SEX ROLES
Credits: 3
This course deals with the origins of sex roles, the historical changes in sex roles, the consequences of sex roles to the individual and to society, and the outlook for sex roles in the future.

Pre-Requisites
[[ANT-101]] or 102, [[SOC-101]], or approval of the instructor.

SOC-215. FAMILY VIOLENCE
Credits: 3
It is customary to think of violence between family members as infrequent and, when it does occur, as being the result of some mental defect or aberration. Research evidence shows that neither of these views is correct. This course examines the prevalence, experience, causes, and prevention of family violence.

Pre-Requisites
[[ANT-101]] or 102, [[SOC-101]], or approval of the instructor.

SOC-220. VIOLENCE IN SOCIETY
Credits: 3
An overview of the causes, correlates, and history of violence in American society. Topics include the relationship between guns and gun control and violence, violence and popular culture, drug-related violence, and the development of organized crime and gangs in the United States.

Pre-Requisites
[[SOC-101]]

SOC-222. CRIMINOLOGY
Credits: 3
An analysis of the nature and extent of crime and the causes and prevention of criminality. Topic areas include the history of criminology, criminological research methods, the extent and patterns of crime, theories of criminal behavior, and current issues surrounding crime in the U.S. today.

Pre-Requisites
[[SOC-101]] or approval of the instructor.

SOC-223. DRUGS AND ALCOHOL IN AMERICAN SOCIETY
Credits: 3
An examination of drugs and alcohol in American society as a major social problem.

Pre-Requisites
[[SOC-101]] or approval of the instructor.

SOC-226. CORRECTIONS, PROBATION AND PAROLE
Credits: 3
A study of the agencies devoted to the correction and treatment of convicted offenders with a special focus on adult and juvenile probation, parole agencies supervising offenders in the community, as well as residential correction facilities, including jails, prisons, and juvenile institutions.

Pre-Requisites
[[SOC-101]] or approval of the instructor.

SOC-228. DEVIANCE AND SOCIAL CONTROL
Credits: 3
This course examines the nature of deviant behavior and the social responses to it. Topics covered include the following: what constitutes deviance; theories of deviance; varieties of deviant behavior; and the types of societal responses to deviant behavior.

Pre-Requisites
[[SOC-101]] or approval of the instructor.

SOC-231. FIELDS OF SOCIAL WORK
Credits: 3
A survey of the main problems of social work and of agencies and methods that have developed to cope with them. The nature and requirements of the different fields of social work.

Pre-Requisites
[[ANT-101]] or 102, [[PSY-101]], [[SOC-101]], or approval of the instructor.

SOC-234. GROUP COUNSELING
Credits: 3
Students enrolled in this course will learn about different types of group counseling services. Students will acquire knowledge of group practice issues for each phase in the evolution of groups. Students will develop initial competence in beginning work as a group leader or facilitator.

Pre-Requisites
[[SOC-101]].

SOC-235. CORRECTIONS COUNSELING
Credits: 3
Interviewing and intervention strategies in dealing with the criminal offender population in both prison and community settings, as well as the social services available for this population.

Pre-Requisites
[[SOC-101]].

SOC-236. INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING
Credits: 3
Students enrolled in this course will gain knowledge of the counseling process, including values, goals, methods, and limitations. Students will learn about various client characteristics that impact the counseling relationship. Students will develop initial competence in delivering counseling services.

Pre-Requisites
[[SOC-101]].
SOC-251. SOCIOLOGY OF MINORITIES  
Credits: 3  
A theoretical analysis of inter-group tensions and processes of adjustment  
with special reference to modern racial, national, and religious conflicts,  
both domestic and abroad.  

Pre-Requisites  
[[ANT-101]] or 102, [[SOC-101]], or approval of the instructor.  

SOC-252. RACE, CLASS, GENDER AND CRIME  
Credits: 3  
An examination of the relationship between social structure and crime,  
with an emphasis on developing and applying a critical perspective. Topics  
include the relationship between immigration and crime, the role of protests  
both contemporary and historically in shaping our attitudes about crime,  
the ways that socialization impacts criminality across race/class/gender  
boundaries, and ways in which the system can be improved.  

Pre-Requisites  
[[SOC-101]]  

SOC-261. SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT  
Credits: 3  
An examination of sport from a social and cultural perspective. Emphasis is  
placed on examining how the institution of sport is a microcosm of American  
society, reflecting society’s major cultural beliefs, and how the organization  
of sport reflects that of society.  

Pre-Requisites  
[[SOC-101]] or approval of the instructor.  

SOC-263. THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT  
Credits: 3  
Cross-listed with [[PS-212]]. See description under the Political Science  
course listings.  

SOC-309. CAREER MENTORING IN THE SOCIAL  
SCIENCES  
Credits: 2  
This course will offer career guidance for students in the Behavioral  
and Social Sciences. The course will include topics such as mentoring,  
networking, résumés and interviewing skills.  

Pre-Requisites  
[[SOC-101]], junior standing. Course will be cross-listed with PS and  
[[PSY-309]]  

SOC-325. JUVENILE DELINQUENCY  
Credits: 3  
An examination of the nature and extent of juvenile delinquency, its causes,  
and its prevention. Topics include the similarities and differences between  
juvenile and adult justice systems, trends in juvenile delinquency, theories of  
delinquency, gangs, and the roles of family, schools, and legal institutions.  

Pre-Requisites  
[[SOC-222]]
SOC-375. ADVANCED CRIMINOLOGICAL THEORY
Credits: 3
This course is designed for students currently taking the sociological methods course (SOC371) as part of the sociology and criminology capstone process. This course investigates the most common criminological theories students are likely to utilize for their own research projects. Theories are discussed with a focus on the operationalization of concepts of theory into variables that students may find in social science databases.

Pre-Requisites
[[SOC-222]] and [[SOC-370]].

SOC-381. SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY
Credits: 3
The aim of the course is provide the student majoring in sociology, or in one of the related fields, with an historical background necessary for understanding of the current trends in sociology as well as for clarification of its distinct subject matter, problems, and methods.

Pre-Requisites
[[SOC-101]] or approval of the instructor.

SOC-390. SENIOR CAPSTONE
Credits: 3
This course is intended for senior sociology majors. In this course you will complete an empirical research paper, quantitative or qualitative, and present the results to an audience of faculty and peers.

Pre-Requisites
[[SOC-371]], [[SOC-381]].

SOC-399. COOPERATIVE EDUCATION
Credits: 1-6
Professional cooperative education placement in a private or public organization related to the student's academic objectives and career goals. In addition to their work experience, students are required to submit weekly reaction papers and an academic project to a Faculty Coordinator in the student's discipline. (See the Cooperative Education section of this bulletin for placement procedures.)

Pre-Requisites
Sophomore standing, minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA, consent of academic advisor, and approval of placement by the department chairperson.