

Major in Criminology

The Sociology Department offers a specialized program in criminology, designed to give students a comprehensive introduction to the field. Courses focus on the characteristics and causes of crime and deviance and on the origins, nature and consequences of societal reactions to crime and deviance, giving particular attention to the criminal justice system. Basic instruction is also given in sociological theory and research methods.

The program is particularly appropriate for students wishing to pursue one of the following career options:

- **graduate work in the social sciences with a special emphasis on criminology or criminal justice**
- **a career in criminal justice (e.g., law enforcement, corrections, crime prevention), especially in agencies or departments involved in planning and evaluation**
- **a career in law, social work or counseling**

A cumulative grade point average of 2.25 or better is required for regular admission to the criminology major. The Department will accept the grade of C- in required and elective courses in the Criminology major but requires that the student maintains a minimum grade point average of 2.00 in courses applied to the Criminology major. Courses taken for CR/NC or AUDIT cannot be applied to major requirements.

A sociology major may **not** also major in criminology. Criminology majors may **not** minor in sociology or social welfare **without an approved degree plan** constructed in consultation with the sociology undergraduate advisor.

Students must complete 40 hours of course work in criminology—34 hours core and 6 hours of pertinent electives as advised. Core courses: 101; 205; one of 211 or 213; 280; 312; 313; one of 371 or 471; 381; two of 412, 414, 416, 418, 423, 424, 425, 426; and 481L. Generally, students should follow core courses in sequence, beginning with 100-level requirements, proceeding to 200-level requirements, and so on.

Electives: students must choose electives from an **APPROVED** list available from the Department of Sociology. Students may not count the same course as both a core course and an elective. Some upper-division electives require other courses as prerequisites.

Criminology Major Requirements

For students declaring their major Fall 2003 and after

	COURSE		GRADE
REQUIRED	101	Introduction to Sociology	_____
	205	Crime, Public Policy & the Criminal Justice System	_____
	211	Social Problems OR 213 Deviance	_____
	371	Classical Sociological Theory OR 471 Contemporary Sociological Theory	_____
Methods	280	Introduction to Research Methods	_____
Stats	381	Sociological Data Analysis	_____
Sequence	481(L)	Research Methods in Sociology (4 hrs) <i>(3 hour lecture accompanied by 1 hour lab)</i>	_____
	312	Causes of Crime and Delinquency	_____
	313	Social Control	_____
Choose 2 courses at the 400-level	412 Sociology of Police and Social Control / 414 Sociology of Corrections / 416 Sociology of Law/ 418 Selected Topics in Criminology / 423 Gender and Crime/ 424 Race, Class, and Crime / 425 From Youthful Misbehavior to Adult Crime/ 426 Drugs, Crime, and Social Control	_____	_____
Choose 2 electives from the approved list	_____	_____	_____

Approved Electives

Sociology

211 Social Problems *

213 Deviance*

216 The Dynamics of Prejudice

326 Sociology of New Mexico

331 Collective Behavior

345 Youth & Society (taken Spring 2004 or later)

399 Advanced Undergraduate Workshop in Sociology

412 Sociology of Police and Social Control*

414 Sociology of Corrections*

415 Social Stratification (effective Fall 2004)

416 Sociology of Law*

418 Selected Topics in Criminology*

423 Gender and Crime*

424 Race, Class and Crime*

425 From Youthful Misbehavior to Adult Crime*

426 Drugs, Crime and Social Control*

441 Complex Organizations

445 Occupations and Professions

488 Field Observation & Experience

491 Directed Study in Criminology
(and 499 Senior Honors Thesis by advance departmental approval)

Approved Electives con't.

Anthropology

251 Forensic Anthropology

Philosophy

381 Philosophy of Law and Morals

Political Science

270 Public Policy & Administration

301 The Government of New Mexico

303 Law in the Political Community

315 Constitutional Law: Powers

316 Constitutional Law: Liberties

317 Constitutional Law: Rights

375 Public Management and Administration

415 Judicial Politics (no longer offered)

470 Public Policy Analysis (no longer offered)

Psychology

331 Psychology of Personality

332 Abnormal Behavior

430 Alcoholism

* Students may not count the same course as both a criminology core course and an elective.