

## **Winthrop Sociologists with a Criminology Concentration are...**

- **Big-picture thinkers**
  - Whether they are taking classes from police officers and victims' advocates with advanced degrees, or full-time professors, our majors get a unique balance of applied knowledge and theoretical knowledge about why people commit crimes, how other societies deal with crime, and what are the best deterrent and rehabilitative practices. Understanding the causes and consequences of crime is what leads to effective and innovative solutions.
- **Culturally Competent**
  - Whether police officers, parole officers, or financial crime investigators, our majors not only understand the ins and outs of the criminal justice system, but they are also able to work effectively in diverse settings because of their training in understanding larger racial, class, and gender relations both locally and globally.
- **Data analysts**
  - Whether they work in corrections, policing, or investigative work, every department in the criminal justice system needs to be able to analyze trends and predict and explain outcomes. Every department needs to assess their effectiveness and measure their progress toward their goals. This is the foundation that they get in our major along with strong research and software (SPSS, SAS, Atlas.ti) skills that can inform criminal justice decision making.

**What are Sociology majors with a Criminology concentration doing?**

2019 Grad: Joey Jennings, Future Ph.D. in Sociology

Joey is currently weighing offers from the University of Pennsylvania (two fellowships included!), University of Maryland (full tuition and a graduate assistantship!), and has final interviews scheduled with University of Notre Dame and University of Tennessee.



2015 Grad: Cheryl Peace Victim's Advocate at Safe Alliance and College Instructor  
MS in Criminal Justice UNC Charlotte (summa cum laude)



2012 grad- Hank Zapf- Currently MBA candidate, Clemson University. Previously a Financial Crimes Consultant for Wells Fargo and entrepreneur.

