Bachelor of Arts in Sociology Concentration in Criminology

Criminology Curriculum

Freshman/Year 1

- SOCL 201: SOCL 201: Principles of Sociology-Introduction to the perspectives, approaches and basic concepts used in the sociological study of human social behavior.*

Sophomore/Year 2

- SOCL 227: Criminal Justice Systems-Development, organization, and operation of the police, courts, and corrections. Includes the rudiments of the juvenile system.
- SOCL 298: Career Development in Sociology-"Sophomore Seminar"- career planning and resume building *
- SOCL 302: Social Theory- Survey of the masters of anthropological/sociological thought.*
- SOCL 316: Social Research I: Statistics-Quantitative research process, the relationship of theory to research technique, and simple statistical analysis. Must have completed SOCL 201.*
- SOCL 325: Criminology- Extent, patterns, and causes of crime and delinquency.

Junior/Year 3

- SOCL 516: Social Research II: Quantitative Methods-Study of social research methods, with an emphasis on survey research and analyses of quantitative data, and the experience of carrying out a research project. Must have completed SOCL 302 and 316.*

or

- SOCL 519: Social Research II: Qualitative Methods-Study of social research methods, with an emphasis on interviews and analyses of qualitative data, and the experience of carrying out a research project. Must have completed SOCL 316 and 302 and at least one of the following ANTH 315, 341, or 345. ANTH 341 is recommended.*

Senior/Year 4

Consider doing a 1, 2, or 3 credit hour academic internship, research with a faculty member, or study abroad. Ask your advisor for details.

- SOCL 598: Senior Seminar- Explores issues, trends and research in contemporary sociology along with assisting majors in transitioning to careers.*

Electives

Choose two additional electives from the list below, plus two additional SOCL or ANTH courses.

- SOCL 330: Deviant Behavior-Rule-breaking processes in society. Attention given to deviant identities, subcultures, rule types, and normalizing deviants once they are labeled.
- SOCL 335: Law Enforcement & Social Control- Analysis of the development of policing and organization and operation of police agencies and how they function in roles as law enforcers, peace keepers, and service agents in modern society.
- SOCL 337: Corrections- Society’s response in correctional systems to convicted lawbreakers Development of punishments, penal institutions, and community corrections.
- SOCL 525: Sociology of Law-This course will examine the major sociological perspectives on law and society, legal reasoning, morality and law as well as substantive issues relating to the legal process.

* Required of all Sociology majors.