CRIME, LAW, AND PSYCHOLOGY, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

The Crime, Law, and Psychology (CLP) minor is a multidisciplinary minor that offers a broad overview of the causes of crime, an understanding of the criminal justice system, and an awareness of how public policy influences criminal law. Classes will provide in-depth understanding of both sociological and psychological causes of criminal behavior; the psychological analysis of crime, the legal process, and policy-making. Students will have flexibility in choosing classes in three domains: Criminology, Psychology, and Political Science. This minor is designed for students with interest in learning about criminal behavior, the causes of criminal behavior, criminal investigation, and the legal system. PSYCH 100 is a prerequisite for all other PSYCH courses. PLSC 1 and PLSC 14 are prerequisites for some of the PLSC courses in the minor.

What is Crime, Law, and Psychology?

Intrigued by the criminal mind? The minor in Crime, Law, and Psychology explores sociological and psychological causes of criminal behavior. Interested in how the law works? The minor also allows you to study the legal process of adjudicating criminal cases and the political process that creates policies to prevent, control, and prosecute crime.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You are fascinated by the causes of criminal behavior and by the effect of crime on society.
- You want a solid understanding of how the criminal-justice system works, and how society treats those processed by the system.
- You envision yourself working in law enforcement, corrections, or social work.

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Requirements for the Minor

For the Minor in Crime, Law, and Psychology a minimum of 18 credits is required.

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10).

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Supporting Courses and Related Areas

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Select 1 course from the Supported Courses of Criminal Justice, Criminology, and Sociology courses (3 credits) (Initial approved list) 3

- SOC/CRIMJ 13 Juvenile Delinquency
- SOC/CRIMJ/CRIM 406 Sociology of Deviance

Select 1 course from the Supported Courses Psychology Courses (3 credits) (Initial approved list) 3

- PSYCH 221 Introduction to Social Psychology
- PSYCH 232 Cross-Cultural Psychology
- PSYCH 238 Introduction to Personality Psychology
- PSYCH 270 Introduction to Abnormal Psychology
- PSYCH 414 Social and Personality Development
- PSYCH 438 Personality Theory
- PSYCH 442 Trauma and Resiliency
- PSYCH 445 Forensic Psychology
- PSYCH 473 Behavior Modification
- PSYCH 476 Child Psychopathology

Select 1 course from the Supported Courses of Political Science Courses (3 credits) (Initial approved list) 3

- PLSC 2 American Public Policy
- PLSC 123 Ethnic and Racial Politics
- PLSC 177N Politics and Government in Washington DC
- PLSC 178 Organized Crime, Law, and Politics
- PLSC 419 The Bureaucratic State
- PLSC 439 The Politics of Terrorism
- PLSC 471 American Constitutional Law
- PLSC 472 The American Legal Process
- PLSC 473 American Judicial Behavior
- PLSC 482 American State and Urban Politics
- PLSC 487 International Law and Organizations
- PLSC 489 Public Administration

Academic Advising

The objectives of the university’s academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee’s unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary...
academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy)

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Career Paths
The minor in Crime, Law, and Psychology can be pursued by students in most Penn State Behrend degree programs. Penn State Behrend has a comprehensive support system to help you identify and achieve your goals for college and beyond. Meet with your academic adviser often and take advantage of the services offered by the Academic and Career Planning Center beginning in your first semester.

Careers
Within the Crime, Law, and Psychology minor, you’ll learn about criminal behavior, the reasons for crime, how crime is investigated, and the legal and correctional systems. This knowledge is particularly beneficial if you are considering a career in law enforcement, security, corrections, probations, social work, psychology, and government, or if you plan to attend law school.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS OF GRADUATES WITH A MINOR IN CRIME, LAW, AND PSYCHOLOGY (http://behrend.psu.edu/school-of-humanities-social-sciences/academic-programs-1/minors/crime-law-and-psychology-minor)

Opportunities for Graduate Studies
A minor in the liberal arts, particularly when added to a major program outside of the liberal arts, demonstrates to graduate school admissions committees your commitment to interdisciplinary thinking. Law school is a common graduate-school choice for students who have pursued the Crime, Law, and Psychology minor.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES (http://behrend.psu.edu/school-of-humanities-social-sciences/academic-programs-1/minors/crime-law-and-psychology-minor)

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