

# CRIMINOLOGY, B.S.

**Begin Campus:** Any Penn State Campus

**End Campus:** University Park

## Program Description

This major provides the opportunity to develop a stronger foundation in research methods, quantification, and the sciences. It prepares students with relevant aptitudes for pursuing further studies or finding employment where such knowledge is advantageous. Students contemplating futures in social science research, business, forensics, public service, and paralegal positions should consider this degree or some of its recommended courses.

Either the B.A. or B.S. degree is suitable for students seeking entry level positions in the criminal justice system and for students interested in graduate and law school. Students interested in acquiring strong quantitative skills should consider the B.S. degree.

## What is Criminology?

Criminology is a broad and interdisciplinary field of study that promotes an understanding of crime and the criminal justice system and how they relate to human behavior, social environments, and government policy. Examples of topics studied in Criminology are: the causes and consequences of deviant and/or criminal behavior; the structure and functions of the criminal justice system; societal and individual reactions to crimes and criminal justice processing; the spatial and geographical elements associated with crime and poverty; and the dynamics of criminal justice policy making.

## You Might Like This Program If...

- You are interested in studying human behavior through an interdisciplinary lens.
- You are fascinated with deviance and/or criminal behavior.
- You would like to study the functioning of the criminal justice system.
- You're passionate about issues of social justice.
- You would like to go to law school or graduate school.
- You want to pursue a career in policing, corrections or governmental.

## Entrance to Major

In order to be eligible for entrance to this major, a student must:

1. attain at least a C (2.00) cumulative grade-point average for all courses taken at the University; and
2. have at least third-semester classification (<https://www.registrar.psu.edu/enrollment/semester-classification.cfm>).

READ SENATE POLICY 37-30: ENTRANCE TO AND CHANGES IN MAJOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/37-00-entrance-to-a-college-or-major/>)

## Degree Requirements

**For the Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology, a minimum of 121 credits is required:**

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	17-19
Requirements for the Major	61-63

**4 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 4 credits of GQ courses.**

Per Senate Policy 83-80.5, the college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of coursework in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. For more information, check the Recommended Academic Plan for your intended program.

## Requirements for the Major

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>).

## Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Prescribed Courses</b>		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
CRIM/CRIMJ/ SOC 12	Criminology	3
CRIM/CRIMJ 100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRIM 249	Criminology Theory and Evidence	3
CRIM 250W	Research Methods in Criminology	3
STAT 200	Elementary Statistics	4
<b>Additional Courses</b>		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
CAS 283	Communication and Information Technology I	
CMPSC 100	Computer Fundamentals and Applications	
CMPSC 101	Introduction to Programming	
Select one of the following:		3
SOC 1	Introductory Sociology	
SOC 3	Introductory Social Psychology	
SOC 5	Social Problems	
Select 6 credits in race, ethnicity, and gender from the following:		6
AFAM 100N	Black Freedom Struggles	
AFAM 101N	African American Women	
AFAM/SOC/ WMNST 103	Racism and Sexism	
AMST/ WMNST 104	Women and the American Experience	
AMST 105	American Popular Culture and Folklife	
AMST 432	Ethnicity and the American Experience	
ANTH 146	Indigenous North America	
CAS 271N	Intercultural Communication	
CAS 422	Contemporary African American Communication	
CAS 455	Topics in Gender and Communication	
CAS 471	Intercultural Communication Theory and Research	
CMLIT 101	Race, Gender, and Identity in World Literature	

CRIM 451	Race, Crime, and Justice	
CRIMJ/ WMNST 453	Women and the Criminal Justice System	
ENGL 135	Alternative Voices in American Literature	
ENGL 139	African American Literature	
ENGL 462	Reading Black, Reading Feminist	
HIST 154	History of Welfare and Poverty in the United States	
LER/WMNST 136		
PHIL 9	Race, Racism, and Diversity	
PSYCH 432	Multicultural Psychology in America	
SOC 119N	Race, Ethnicity and Culture	
SOC 409	Racial and Ethnic Inequality in America	
SOC 419	Race and Public Policy	
SOC 429	Social Stratification	
WMNST 1	Introduction to Women's Studies	
Select 6 credits from the core courses of the following:		6
CRIM 430	American Correctional System	
CRIM/CRIMJ 432	Crime and the American Court System	
CRIM 435	Policing in America	
CRIM/CRIMJ 451	Race, Crime, and Justice	
CRIM/CRIMJ/ WMNST 453	Women and the Criminal Justice System	
CRIM/CRIMJ/ SOC 467	Law and Society	
CRIM 490	Crime Policy	
Select 6 credits from non-core CRIM/CRIMJ courses at the 400 level (including no more than 3 credits of LA 495, CRIM 494, or CRIM 499)		6
<b>Requirements for the Option</b>		
<i>Requirements for the Option: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select an option		21-23

**Requirements for the Option****Business/Public Administration Option (21 credits)**

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Prescribed Courses</b>		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
ECON 102	Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy	3
ECON 104	Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis and Policy	3
<b>Additional Courses</b>		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 15 credits with at least 3 credits each from groups A, B, C, and D:		15
<i>Group A</i>		
ECON 302	Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis	
BA 301	Finance	
<i>Group B</i>		
BA 303	Marketing	
BA 304	Management and Organization	
PSYCH 281	Introduction to Industrial-Organizational Psychology	
PSYCH 482	Selection and Assessment in Organizations	

PSYCH 484	Work Attitudes and Motivation	
PSYCH 485	Leadership in Work Settings	
<i>Group C</i>		
BLAW 243	Legal Environment of Business	
LER 401		
LER 434		
LER 435		
LER 437		
SOC 455	Work and Occupations	
<i>Group D</i>		
CAS 404	Conflict Resolution and Negotiation	
CAS 450W	Group Communication Theory and Research	
CAS 452	Organizational Communication Theory and Research	
CAS 471	Intercultural Communication Theory and Research	
CAS 483	Communication and Information Technology II	
ENGL 418	Advanced Technical Writing and Editing	
ENGL 419	Advanced Business Writing	
ENGL 421	Advanced Expository Writing	
GER 408	Advanced German Business Communications	
HIST 458Y	History of Work in America	
LER 400-level course(s)		
PLSC 412	International Political Economy	
PLSC 417		
PLSC 419	The Bureaucratic State	
PLSC 444	Government and the Economy	
PLSC 490	Policy Making and Evaluation	
PSYCH 482	Selection and Assessment in Organizations	
PSYCH 484	Work Attitudes and Motivation	
PSYCH 485	Leadership in Work Settings	
SOC 455	Work and Occupations	
SOC 456	Gender, Occupations, and Professions	
SPAN 412	Translation	

**Computing and Statistics Option (21 credits)**

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Prescribed Courses</b>		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
SOC 470	Intermediate Social Statistics	4
STAT 480	Introduction to SAS	1
<b>Additional Courses</b>		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 16 credits of the following:		16
CAS 483	Communication and Information Technology II	
CMPSOC 203	Introduction to Spreadsheets and Databases	
MATH 110 & MATH 111	Techniques of Calculus I and Techniques of Calculus II	
or MATH 140 & MATH 141	(Calculus With Analytic Geometry I and Calculus with Analytic Geometry II)	
MIS 204	Introduction to Management Information Systems	
STAT 460	Intermediate Applied Statistics	

STAT 462	Applied Regression Analysis	
STAT 464	Applied Nonparametric Statistics	

**Legal Studies Option (21 credits)**

Code	Title	Credits
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**Prescribed Courses**

*Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better*

PHIL 12	Symbolic Logic	3
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**Additional Courses**

*Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better*

Select one of the following: 3

CAS 213	Persuasive Speaking	
CAS 215	Argumentation	
CAS 250	Small Group Communication	
CAS 321	Rhetoric and Law	

Select 12 credits of the following: 12

BLAW 243	Legal Environment of Business	
COMM 403	Law of Mass Communications	
CRIM 432	Crime and the American Court System	
or CRIM/ SOC 467	Law and Society	
CRIM 469	Seminar in the Law	
LST 370		
PHIL 105	Philosophy of Law	
PHIL 108	Social and Political Philosophy	
PHIL 408W	Seminar in Social and Political Philosophy	
PLSC 403	The Legislative Process	
PLSC 431	Ancient, Medieval, and Renaissance Political Theories	
PLSC 432	Modern and Contemporary Political Theories	
PLSC 471	American Constitutional Law	
PLSC 472	The American Legal Process	
SOC 405	Sociological Theory	

Select one of the following: 3

HIST 449	Constitutional History of the United States to 1877	
HIST 450	Constitutional History of the United States since 1877	
PLSC 474	Civil Liberties and Due Process	

**Social Science Research Option (22-23 credits)**

Code	Title	Credits
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**Prescribed Courses**

*Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better*

SOC 470	Intermediate Social Statistics	4
STAT 480	Introduction to SAS	1

**Additional Courses**

*Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better*

Select 8-9 credits of the following: 8-9

MATH 110 & MATH 111	Techniques of Calculus I and Techniques of Calculus II	
or MATH 141 & MATH 141	Calculus With Analytic Geometry I and Calculus with Analytic Geometry II	
STAT 460	Intermediate Applied Statistics	

STAT 462	Applied Regression Analysis	
STAT 464	Applied Nonparametric Statistics	

Select 9 credits of the following: 9

HDFS 401	Project Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation in the Human Services	
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PLSC 490	Policy Making and Evaluation	
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Any 400-level STAT course

NOTE: Internships will be counted as elective credits (CRIM 395).

NOTE: The following themes should be incorporated into all CRIM classes, as appropriate: ethical issues, ethnicity and gender issues, and theory.

**General Education**

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/>) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

**Foundations (grade of C or better is required and Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)**

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

**Breadth in the Knowledge Domains (Inter-Domain courses do not meet this requirement.)**

- **Arts (GA):** 3 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 3 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 3 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 3 credits

**Integrative Studies**

- **Inter-Domain Courses (Inter-Domain):** 6 credits

**Exploration**

- **GN**, may be completed with Inter-Domain courses: 3 credits
- **GA, GH, GN, GS, Inter-Domain courses.** This may include 3 credits of World Language course work beyond the 12th credit level or the requirements for the student's degree program, whichever is higher: 6 credits

**University Degree Requirements****First Year Engagement**

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

### Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

### Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

### Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

### Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

### Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

## Integrated B.S. in Criminology and M.P.S. in Criminal Justice Policy and Administration

*Undergraduate degree available at the following campuses: University Park*

*Graduate degree available at the following campuses: World Campus*

Requirements for the Integrated B.S. in Criminology and M.P.S. in Criminal Justice Policy and Administration can be found in the Graduate Bulletin (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/criminal-justice-policy-administration/#integratedundergradprogramstext>).

## Integrated B.S. in Criminology and M.I.A. in International Affairs

*Undergraduate degree available at the following campuses: University Park*

*Graduate degree available at the following campuses: University Park*

Requirements for the Integrated B.S. in Criminology and M.I.A. in International Affairs can be found in the Graduate Bulletin (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/international-affairs/#integratedundergradprogramstext>).

## Integrated B.S. in Criminology and M.P.P. in Public Policy

*Undergraduate degree available at the following campuses: University Park*

*Graduate degree available at the following campuses: University Park*

Requirements for the Integrated B.S. in Criminology and M.P.P. in Public Policy can be found in the Graduate Bulletin (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/public-policy/#integratedundergradprogramstext>).

## Program Learning Objectives

- Recognize the causes and consequences of crime at the micro and macro levels and match these with prominent criminological perspectives.
- Describe the interrelated institutions and processes of the criminal justice system.
- Apply theories of crime and criminal justice to explain actual and hypothetical scenarios, behaviors, and trends.
- Explain the various social science methods of inquiry and use these to test specific criminological research questions.
- Recognize and explain macro-social inequities in crime and criminal justice processes by race, social class, gender, region and age.
- Locate and consult works in the area to produce a research paper that is coherent, cogent, and attentive to conventions of the field.

## 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 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/>)

### University Park

#### Liberal Arts Academic Advising

814-865-2545

Use the Liberal Arts Meet the Academic Advisers web page (<https://la.psu.edu/student-services/academic-advising/meet-the-academic-advisers/>) to see the contact information for the specific adviser(s) of this program

## Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2025-26 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (<https://>

bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition.

## All Options: Criminology, B.S. at University Park Campus

The course series listed below provides **only one** of the many possible ways to move through this curriculum. The University may make changes in policies, procedures, educational offerings, and requirements at any time. This plan should be used in conjunction with your degree audit (accessible in LionPATH as either an **Academic Requirements** or **What If** report). Please consult with a Penn State academic adviser on a regular basis to develop and refine an academic plan that is appropriate for you.

### First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CRIM 100*	3 CRIM/SOC 12*	3
LA 83	1.5 General Education Course (GWS)†	3
General Education Course (GWS)†	3 STAT 200 (GQ)*††	4
General Education Quantification (GQ)†	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 Elective	3
	<b>13.5</b>	<b>16</b>

### Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
SOC 1, 3, or 5*	3 CRIM 250W*	3
CRIM 249*	3 LA 283	1.5
General Education Course	3 Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Course from List*	3
General Education Course	3 BS Option Course*	3
Elective	3 General Education Course	3
	General Education Course	3
	<b>15</b>	<b>16.5</b>

### Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CAS 283, CMPSC 100, or CMPSC 101*	3 4XX Level Course from List*	3
4XX Level Course from List*	3 Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Course from List*	3
BS Option Course*	3 BS Option Course*	3
General Education Course	3 BS Option Course*	3
Elective	3 Elective	3
	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

### Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CRIM 4XX Level Core CRIM Course from List*	3 CRIM 4XX Level Core Course from List*	3
General Education (GWS)†	3 General Education Course	3
BS Option Course*	3 BS Option Course*	3
BS Option Course*	3 General Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5
General Health and Wellness Course (GHW)	1.5 Elective	3

Elective	3	
	<b>16.5</b>	<b>13.5</b>

### Total Credits 121

- \* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major
- ‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education
- # Course is an Entrance to Major requirement
- † Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

### University Requirements and General Education Notes:

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy Cultural Diversity Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ), Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) and Integrative Studies (Inter-domain) requirements. N or Q (Honors) is the suffix at the end of a course number used to help identify an Inter-domain course, but the inter-domain attribute is used to fill audit requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL 137H/CAS 137H in the fall semester and ENGL 138T/CAS 138T in the spring semester. These courses carry the GWS designation and satisfy a portion of that General Education requirement. If the student's program prescribes GWS these courses will replace both ENGL 15/ENGL 30H and CAS 100A/CAS 100B/CAS 100C. Each course is 3 credits.

### Advising Notes:

- 24 credits within the major must be completed at University Park (policy 83-80). Talk with your academic adviser for additional details.
- All incoming first-year students must take a First-Year Seminar (FYS) during Fall or Spring of their first year. Academic advisers can provide a list of FYS being offered and help the student enroll. Most FYS in the College of the Liberal Arts are worth 3 credits and count as a General Humanities (GH) or General Social Sciences (GS) course. For this reason, the FYS is not listed separately on this eight-semester plan; most students will be able to fulfill the FYS requirement while also fulfilling a GH or GS requirement.
- The following sequence **MUST** be followed: CRIM 12/SOC 12 # CRIM 249 # CRIM 250W. It is suggested that CRIM 12 and CRIM 249 be taken as early as possible. CRIM 100 and CRIM 249 can be taken in the same semester. CRIMJ 250W will only be used as elective credits.
- While CRIM 294, CRIM 296, and CRIM 494 provide students with terrific opportunities and learning experiences, these credits may NOT be counted in fulfillment of the Criminology major requirement. They may, however, be used as elective credits to count toward the credit requirement for graduation
- Internship credits will be counted towards elective credits, unless approved by the internship coordinator to meet a general 3 credit 400 level CRIM course requirement
- 3 credits of the Netherlands Education Abroad experience (CRIMJ 499) can be used to meet a general 400 level course

requirement. A total of 15 education abroad credits (max) may be applied toward the major; courses must be approved by the department for application toward the major. CRIM 12/SOC 12, CRIM 100, CRIM 249, and CRIM 250W cannot be taken abroad.



## All Options: Criminology, B.S. at Commonwealth Campuses

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### First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
General Education Course (GWS) <sup>‡</sup>	3 CRIM/SOC 12 or CRIMJ 12 <sup>*</sup>	3
CRIM 100 or CRIMJ 100 <sup>*</sup>	3 General Education Course (GWS) <sup>‡</sup>	3
General Education Quantification (GQ) <sup>‡</sup>	3 STAT 200 <sup>*††</sup>	4
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 Elective	3
<b>15</b>		<b>16</b>

### Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
SOC 1, 3, or 5 <sup>*</sup>	3 Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Course from List <sup>*</sup>	3
General Education Course	3 BS Option Course <sup>*</sup>	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
BS Option Course <sup>*</sup>	3 General Education Course	3
Elective	3 General Education Course	3
<b>15</b>		<b>15</b>

### Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CRIM 249 <sup>*</sup>	3 CRIM 250W <sup>*</sup>	3
CAS 283, CMPSC 100, or CMPSC 101 <sup>*</sup>	3 Race, Ethnicity, and Gender course from list <sup>*</sup>	3
LA 283	1.5 BS Option Course <sup>*</sup>	3
BS option Course <sup>*</sup>	3 BS Option Course <sup>*</sup>	3
General Education Course	3 Elective	3
Elective	3	
<b>16.5</b>		<b>15</b>

### Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Core CRIM course from list <sup>*</sup>	3 Core CRIM course from list <sup>*</sup>	3
CRIM 4XX Level Course from List <sup>*</sup>	3 CRIM 4XX Level Course from List <sup>*</sup>	3
General Education Course (GWS) <sup>‡</sup>	3 BS Option Course <sup>*</sup>	3
BS Option Course <sup>*</sup>	3 General Health and Wellness (GHW)	1.5
General Health and Wellness Course (GHW)	1.5 Elective	3
Elective	3	
<b>16.5</b>		<b>13.5</b>

**Total Credits 122.5**

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## Career Paths

There are opportunities for careers in criminology for everyone. Whether you like field work, working in a laboratory or working behind the scenes in research or administration, the chances are you'll find a rewarding career.

### Careers

Majoring in Criminology will prepare you for a wide array of criminal justice careers, such as law enforcement, corrections and rehabilitation, research analysis, governmental and non-governmental organizations.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES OF THE CRIMINOLOGY PROGRAM (<https://sociology.la.psu.edu/undergraduate/criminology/careers-in-criminology/>)

### Opportunities for Graduate Studies

A baccalaureate degree in Criminology is suitable for students seeking entry-level positions in the criminal justice system and for students interested in graduate and law school.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES (<https://sociology.la.psu.edu/graduate/>)

### Professional Resources

- The American Society of Criminology (<https://asc41.org/>)
- American Sociological Association (<https://www.asanet.org>)

- Penn State Justice Association (<https://pennstateja.wixsite.com/justice-association/academics/>)

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