CRIMINOLOGY, B.S.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus
End Campus: University Park

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

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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/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44).

Common Requirements for the Major (All Options)

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<td>CRIM/CRIMJ/</td>
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<td>SOC 12</td>
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<td>CRIM/CRIMJ 100 Introduction to Criminal Justice</td>
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<td>CRIM 249</td>
<td>Criminology Theory and Evidence</td>
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<td>CRIM 250W Research Methods in Criminology</td>
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<td>CAS 283 Communication and Information Technology I</td>
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<td>CMPSC 100 Computer Fundamentals and Applications</td>
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<td>CMPSC 101 Introduction to Programming</td>
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<td>SOC 1 Introduction Sociology</td>
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<td>SOC 3 Introductory Social Psychology</td>
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<td>Select 6 credits in race, ethnicity, and gender from the following:</td>
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<td>AFAM/SOC/WMNST 103 Racism and Sexism</td>
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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

Requirements for the Option
Requirements for the Option: Require a grade of C or better
Select an option 21-23

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

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<td>ECON 102 Introductory Microeconomic Analysis and Policy</td>
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Select 15 credits with at least 3 credits each from groups A, B, C, and D:

**Group A**
- ECON 302 Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis
- BA 301 Finance

**Group B**
- 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

**Group C**
- BLAW 243 Legal Environment of Business
- LER 401
- LER 434
- LER 435
- LER 437
- SOC 455 Work and Occupations

**Group D**
- 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)**

**Prescribed Courses**
- Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better
- SOC 470 Intermediate Social Statistics
- STAT 480 Introduction to SAS

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

**Select 16 credits of the following:**

- CAS 483 Communication and Information Technology II
- CMPSC 203 Introduction to Spreadsheets and Databases
- MATH 110 Techniques of Calculus I
- MATH 111 and Techniques of Calculus II
- MATH 140 with Analytic Geometry I
- MATH 141 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)**

**Prescribed Courses**
- Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better
- PHIL 12 Symbolic Logic

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

**Select one of the following:**

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

**Select 12 credits of the following:**

- BLAW 243 Legal Environment of Business
- COMM 403 Law of Mass Communications
- CRIM 432 Crime and the American Court System
- CRIM 469 Seminar in the Law
- LST 370 Research Methods for Law and Government Information Resources
- 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:**

- 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)**

**Prescribed Courses**
- Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better
- SOC 470 Intermediate Social Statistics
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Additional Courses

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

Select 8-9 credits of the following:

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<td>or MATH 141 &amp; MATH 142</td>
<td>Calculus With Analytic Geometry I and Calculus with Analytic Geometry II</td>
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<td>Intermediate Applied Statistics</td>
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<td>HDFS 401</td>
<td>Project Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation in the Human Services</td>
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<td>PLSC 490</td>
<td>Policy Making and Evaluation</td>
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<td>Any 400-level STAT course</td>
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**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**

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