

# CRIMINOLOGY (CRIM)

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## CRIM 101 Introduction to Criminology

**3 credits**

*Gen Ed: Social Science*

This course provides a general introduction to the study of crime, deviance, and crime control. Course material will cover crime measurement, patterns, and trends as well as major theoretical explanations for crime. Criminal justice institutions such as police, courts, and corrections will be considered along with specific topics as they relate to criminology. These topics include social deviance, violence, white collar crime, terrorism, vice, drug use, organized crime, mental health issues, racial inequalities, women and crime, and the depiction of crime in popular media and culture. Specific crime control policies are also considered.

## CRIM 301 Criminological Theory

**3 credits**

Review and assessment of common explanations of crime, deviant behavior, and control. May include field trips.

**Prereq:** CRIM 101

## CRIM 320 Deviant Behavior

**3 credits**

This course is a critical examination of the relationship between deviance and social control. It will investigate how and why certain forms of behavior come to be known as deviant, analyze the nature of formal and informal responses to deviance, and explain the interaction of different social control institutions. Specific topics may include corruption, drug use, prostitution, criminal violence, gangs, corporate crime, and heroic deviance.

**Prereq:** SOC 101

## CRIM 325 Family, Violence, and Society

**3 credits**

Sociological analysis of the family, its relationship to other social institutions, and the ways that the family is intersected by conflict, violence and systems of justice. Special attention is given to exploring the causes and impacts of family violence, strategies for its prevention, treatment of those abused, and intervention strategies for abusers.

**Prereq:** CRIM 101 or SOC 101

## CRIM 329 Homicide

**3 credits**

This course provides an analysis of the dynamics and processes associated with various types of homicides, as well as the theoretical explanations of homicide. Topics may include familial homicide, serial homicide, homicide associated with cults, and gang-related homicide, among others. Issues related to criminal justice processing of offenders are also discussed.

**Prereq:** SOC 101.

## CRIM 330 Juvenile Delinquency

**3 credits**

Extent, causes, and control of juvenile delinquent behavior.

**Prereq:** CRIM 101

## CRIM 332 Sociology of Punishment

**3 credits**

This course will provide an introduction to the history of criminal punishment, as well as the moral rationales for criminal punishment. The remainder of the course will focus on contemporary issues in crime, criminal punishment and imprisonment. Throughout the course, particular attention will be given to the ways that decisions about punishment affect and are affected by American culture and social structure. May include field trips.

**Prereq:** SOC 101.

## CRIM 333 Elite and White Collar Crime

**3 credits**

The costs, causes, and control of crime by and against businesses and other organizations; the relationship between trust and white collar crime; the impact of the media in shaping perceptions of white collar crime.

**Prereq:** SOC 101

## CRIM 334 Police and Social Control

**3 credits**

History, development, and role of the police as a component of the justice system, with particular attention to the relationship of the police to community, society, and related institutions of social control; societal control of the police as well as the influences of social change and urban decay and disorder on methods of policing. May include field trips.

**Prereq:** SOC 101

## CRIM 335 Terrorism, Society and Justice

**3 credits**

Analysis of the concepts, issues and dilemmas related to domestic and international terrorism. Terrorist tactics within the context of the global world-system are considered. Examines counterterrorist strategies and the media and government response to terrorism.

## CRIM 336 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems

**3 credits**

*Gen Ed: Social Science, International*

Comparative study of justice systems in selected foreign countries. (Alt/years)

**Prereq:** SOC 101

## CRIM 337 Violence and Society

**3 credits**

Explores the sources and types of violence, victims of violence, impact of firearms on violence, responses to violence by intergovernmental, national criminal justice systems, and non-state actors, and ways to reduce violence in society.

**Prereq:** SOC 101 or Instructor Permission

## CRIM 338 Regulation of Vice

**3 credits**

This course explores the intersection of morality, law, and criminal justice through the examination of "vice" crime, such as illegal drug use, gambling, and sex work. The goal of the class is to explore the socially constructed nature of vice and examine the different socio-legal strategies that have been mobilized to control vice, such as criminalization, decriminalization, regulation, and harm reduction.

The class will pay particular attention to the intended and unintended consequences that different social control schemes can have on the lives of racial and ethnic minorities, the poor, and urban communities.

**Prereq:** SOC 101 or Instructor Permission

**CRIM 339 Crime and the Media****3 credits**

Cross-listed with JAMM 339

Critical evaluation of the media portrayals of crime and the criminal justice system; analysis of how the media help to shape public understanding and public policy.

**CRIM 340 Sex Crimes****3 credits**

This course explores various aspects of sexual crimes, offenders, and deviance. Topics may include, but are not limited to, historical and current perspectives of sex offender legislation, victimization issues, theoretical explanations, and processing offenders in the criminal justice system. Special focus will be placed on sexual offenses and sexual deviance in various locations and settings.

**Prereq:** CRIM 101

**CRIM 404 (s) Special Topic****Credit arranged****CRIM 415 Citizen's Police Academy****3 credits**

Offered only in the spring term, students are acquainted with the activities of a local police department in a community-learning style course. This experience is an opportunity for applied learning in the field. Limited space available. Instructor permission required. Pass/Fail

**CRIM 420 Substance Use and Society****3 credits**

This course reviews the current theory, empirical research, and controversies in relation to substance use in American society. It focuses on current and historical trends in substance use, definitions of substance use and abuse, the effects of substance use, cultural understandings and media portrayal of drugs and their use, and alcohol and drug policy.

**CRIM 421 Gender and Crime****3 credits**

This course uses sociological and criminological theories to explore the relationship between gender and crime. Topics explore adult and juvenile females and their entry into the criminal justice system as victims and offenders. The course examines the challenges faced by females working in criminal justice (policing, courts, and corrections). Gender is also discussed by considering issues faced by the LGBT community in terms of how particular behaviors are criminalized, how LGBT individuals are treated within and by the criminal justice system.

**Prereq:** SOC 101.

**CRIM 435 Psychopathy and Crime****3 credits**

This course provides a general introduction to psychopathy. Emphasis is placed on the perceptions, misconceptions, and the realities of the relationship between psychopathy and crime. In addition, the course explores the historical development of psychopathy, key diagnostic criteria, and the biological and psychological correlates of the disorder.

**Prereq:** CRIM 101

**CRIM 436 Mental Health and Crime****3 credits**

This course examines the historical and contemporary relationships between mental health and criminal/deviant behavior. Emphasis is placed on the criminalization of mental illness, the reciprocal influence between mental health and criminal offending, and the role of clinical diagnoses in the criminal justice system.

**Prereq:** CRIM 101

**CRIM 439 Inequalities in the Justice System****3 credits**

*Gen Ed: Social Science, American Diversity*

Critical focus on the issues of race, class, and gender and their consequences for the operation of the justice system; the role of the justice system in the history and experience of various minorities, theories of minority crime, and issues of selective enforcement, sentencing disparity, and disproportionate incarceration; the role of gender considered through the examination of offenders, victims, and criminal justice professionals.

**Prereq:** SOC 101 and a 3-credit lower-division SOC course; or SOC 301 or ANTH 301.

**CRIM 461 Capstone:Justice Policy Issues****3 credits**

*Gen Ed: Senior Experience*

Justice Policy Issues is designed to provide the resources and guidance necessary for sociology seniors to complete an independent or collaborative policy-oriented research project.

**Prereq:** CRIM 101 or SOC 101; and Senior Standing and Major in Department of Sociology and Anthropology; or Permission

**CRIM 462 Senior Practicum****3 credits**

*Gen Ed: Senior Experience*

This course will involve an applied, on-site experience with an organization or group. The applied experience will be the basis for a thesis that will analyze the applied experience by incorporating theory, methods, and knowledge gained from previously-taken sociology classes. In addition, the practicum will include class meetings covering topics related to the applied experience and career paths for majors in Sociology.

**Prereq:** SOC 101

**CRIM 464 Criminology Abroad****3 credits**

*Gen Ed: Senior Experience*

Criminology Abroad combines a 10-day intensive study abroad experience (typically a faculty-led trip over spring break), along with instruction in comparative criminology. Besides an experience abroad, a student completes a directed research project related to criminology in the visited country.

**Prereq:** SOC 101

**CRIM 466 Inside Out****3-6 credits, max arranged**

Inside Out is a prison exchange class that takes place within a correctional institution in Idaho. The course focuses on a variety of topics ranging from philosophical perspectives of justice to historical perceptions of biology and crime. The class includes both university and incarcerated students and emphasizes peer learning and collaboration.

**Prereq:** CRIM 101 or SOC 101; Instructor Permission required

**CRIM 498 (s) Internship****1-6 credits, max arranged**

Supervised professional field experience in human service organizations. Graded P/F.

**Prereq:** SOC 101 and departmental major and Permission.

**CRIM 499 (s) Directed Study****Credit arranged**

Intended to accommodate a wide variety of sociological topics.

**Prereq:** SOC 101 and Permission