

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, SOCIETY AND JUSTICE

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The department provides students with three interrelated disciplines in which they can pursue a B.A. or B.S. degree: anthropology, sociology, and criminology. Our department is an ideal academic home for students interested in developing their understanding of people, society and justice, cultural and social diversity, intercultural and global relations, and issues of justice, crime, and society. These programs give students the tools and perspectives necessary to understanding themselves and others in social and cultural contexts and systems of justice. The educational experience in anthropology, criminology, or sociology—including ample opportunity for interactions with faculty—provides a foundation from which students can better appreciate the challenges they face in their professional and personal lives.

Anthropology is the comprehensive study of the human condition from humanity's evolutionary past to its biological diversity, from the prehistoric and historic past to modern cultural and linguistic diversity, and from rural societies to urban societies. While the program at the University of Idaho considers the breadth of these topics and issues, its primary focus is on Indigenous peoples and international development, contemporary U.S. culture, historical archaeology, archaeological conservation and stabilization, and the archaeology and ethnography of the Indian Tribes of the North American Plateau. Graduates of the program are able to apply the anthropological skills and knowledge with an eye toward making a difference. Graduates go on to experience successful careers or pursue advanced programs of graduate studies.

Criminology is the study of the causes and consequences of crime. Coursework in criminology includes a comprehensive understanding of explanations of crime, research methods used to scientifically measure and study crime, the evaluation of crime control policies, and a consideration of the broader social and political context of crime and justice. Elective courses will acquaint students with various types of crime and norm violation such as juvenile delinquency, social deviance, violent crime, white collar crime, and terrorism. In addition, institutional responses through policing and punishment are also considered. Students will gain a comprehensive understanding of the problems of crime and the criminal justice system. Students may pursue their criminology degree, either entirely or in part, in our online criminology program.

Sociology is the scientific study of human behavior, with an emphasis on understanding social interaction, groups, and organizations. It is an ideal major for students who are curious about themselves and the world they live in; the goal of sociology is to help students develop a "sociological imagination," the ability to understand how individual experiences, behaviors, and opportunities are influenced by the historical moment and social forces beyond the immediate control of any one person. In the criminology emphasis, students study the causes, consequences, and social responses to crime. The sociology program's strengths include U.S. and global diversity, globalization, social inequalities, criminology, deviance, policing, and applied research. The program provides students opportunities to gain practical work experience through internships and service learning. Students leave prepared for careers in social services, human resources, criminal justice, non-profit positions, community

organizing, and applied research and provides a foundation for graduate education in sociology, criminology, social work, and law.

The department offers the academic certificate in equity and justice. The purpose of the certificate in equity and justice is to provide students with specific training in intercultural skills. The certificate recognizes competency in understanding a broad range of diversity issues (race, physical ability, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, social class, etc.) and their relevance in social life and the workplace. The certificate provides students with a focused and work-related credential so they may be more competitive and effective in the job market.

The Archaeological Technician Program is designed to offer students a solid understanding of the practical and theoretical knowledge necessary to be qualified for an entry level position in government or cultural resource management (CRM). Participants must complete the entire training program with emphases in field survey, excavation, and laboratory methods. All three areas of the certificate program include practical experience in the field and lab with academic and/or professional evaluations that include appropriate readings and examinations.

Graduate study in anthropology is offered in areas such as American Indian studies, prehistoric and historical archaeology, sociocultural anthropology, and physical anthropology. The program offers both a thesis and a non-thesis M.A. Both programs include class work, seminars, directed studies, independent research, and a thesis (with public defense) or final project. The curriculum provides sound training in general anthropology, archaeology, physical anthropology, and ethnology. Departmental research specialties include historical archaeology, prehistoric Plateau archaeology, Plateau Indian ethnography, contemporary American culture, human evolution, and indigenous peoples of South America. Anthropologists in the department also regularly collaborate with the university's history department in support of a joint Ph.D. degree in history with an emphasis on historical archaeology. Graduates of the M.A. program have successfully gone on to pursue additional graduate work and professional careers in anthropology. Interested students should contact the department for the application procedures.

Questions concerning the department and its programs should be addressed to the department chair (208-885-6751).

Majors

- Anthropology (B.A. or B.S.) (<https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/letters-arts-social-sciences/culture-society-justice/anthropology-ba-bs/>)
- Criminology (B.S.) (<https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/letters-arts-social-sciences/culture-society-justice/criminology-bs/>)
- Sociology (B.A. or B.S.) (<https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/letters-arts-social-sciences/culture-society-justice/sociology-ba-bs/>)

Minors

- Black Studies Minor (<https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/letters-arts-social-sciences/culture-society-justice/black-studies-minor/>)
- Anthropology Minor (<https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/letters-arts-social-sciences/culture-society-justice/anthropology-minor/>)

- Sociology Minor (<https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/letters-arts-social-sciences/culture-society-justice/sociology-minor/>)

Certificates

- Archaeological Technician Undergraduate Academic Certificate (<https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/letters-arts-social-sciences/culture-society-justice/archaeological-technician-undergraduate-academic-certificate/>)
- Equity and Justice Undergraduate Academic Certificate (<https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/letters-arts-social-sciences/culture-society-justice/equity-justice-undergraduate-academic-certificate/>)

Culture, Society and Justice Graduate Program

- Anthropology (M.A.) (<https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/letters-arts-social-sciences/culture-society-justice/anthropology-ma/>)
- Criminology (M.S.) (<https://catalog.uidaho.edu/colleges-related-units/letters-arts-social-sciences/culture-society-justice/criminology-ms/>)