

INDIVIDUALIZED MAJOR

Criminal Studies

Criminal Studies embodies an array of disciplines from sociology and social psychology to politics and law. As with any individualized major, individual plans of study will reflect the student's specific interests by concentrating on certain areas of study. Students should use this sheet along with the course catalog and consultation with faculty advisors to create the best plan of study for their individual academic goals. Recent titles of Criminal Studies IMJRs reflect the variety of foci that students have adopted:

Forensic Science
Politics of Crime and Justice
Family Legal Issues

Prison Administration
Criminal Counseling
Crime, Law, & Justice

Criminal Studies

REQUIRED COURSES

The individualized major consists of at least 36 credits at the 2000-level or higher (formerly 200-level); at least 18 credits must be offered by the College granting your degree.

Research Methods

You must include a research methods or research course to satisfy part of your information literacy competency requirement. This methods course should be offered by one of the departments represented in your plan of study. Examples of appropriate methods courses include:

HDFS 2004 (205) Research Methods in Human Development and Family Studies
POLS 2072QC (291QC) Quantitative Analysis in Political Science
PSYC 2100Q (202Q) Principles of Research in Psychology
SOC 3201 (205) Methods of Social Research

Capstone

Every individualized major must satisfy a capstone requirement. Therefore, your plan of study must include INTD 4600W (295W) Capstone course, or INTD 4697W (296W) Senior thesis, or an acceptable alternative.

Writing

You must include another writing-intensive course in your major, beside the capstone. This will normally be a course that is designated "W" in the course catalog.

Experiential Learning

Study abroad, internships, and/or research are strongly recommended. Possible internship courses include:

HDFS 3080 (288) Supervised Field Experience
INTD 3594W (212W) Urban Semester Field Work Seminar
POLS 3991 (297) Supervised Field Work
PSYC 3880 (294) Field Experience
SOC 3990/3991 (296) Internship: Field Experience/Internship: Research Paper
WS 3891/3894 (261/262) Women's Studies Internship Program and Seminar

RECOMMENDED COURSE PREREQUISITES

Some of the courses relevant to a criminal studies major have prerequisites. This is especially true of the science courses generally included in a major focused on forensics. PSYC 1100 (132) and 1103 (135) are typical prerequisites for advanced psychology courses. The more quantitative Business Administration courses have several prerequisites.

STRONGLY RECOMMENDED COURSES

HDFS 3340 (266) Introduction to Counseling
POLS 3817 (251) Law and Society
POLS 3827 (255) Politics of Crime and Justice

PSYC 2300 (245) Abnormal Psychology
SOC 2301 (216) Criminology

OTHER RELEVANT COURSES

This is not a complete list. Please consult the catalog and then check that the courses are taught regularly by looking at PeopleSoft listings and talking with your faculty advisors.

ANTH

3153 (280) Human Rights in Democratizing Countries
3251 (237) Psychological Anthropology

BADM

3710 (210) Principles of Managerial Accounting
3720 (220) The Legal and Ethical Environment of Business
3730 (230) Financial Management
3740 (240) Managerial and Interpersonal Behavior

CHEM

2443-2445 (243-245) Organic Chemistry

DGS

Instructor consent is required for enrollment in DGS courses

4234 (234) Diagnostic Molecular Technologies
4235 (235) Laboratory in Molecular Diagnostics
4246 (246) Contemporary Issues in Human Genetics

HIST

3201 (253) The History of Human Rights
3202 (226) International Human Rights
3551 (248) Topics in U.S. Legal History

HDFS

2300 (273) Family Interaction Processes
3420 (269) Abuse and Violence in Families
3510 (276) Planning and Managing Human Service Programs
3520 (264) Legal Aspects of Family Life
3530 (274) Public Policy and the Family
3540 (285) Child Welfare, Law and Social Policy
3550 (281) Comparative Family Policy
Other HDFS courses on childhood, adolescence, adulthood, family, gender, ethnicity and class may also be relevant.

HRTS

3042 (205)/POLS 3042 (205) Theory of Human Rights
3201 (253)/HIST 3201 (253) History of Human Rights
3202 (226)/HIST 3202 (226) International Human Rights
3212 (258)/POLS 3212 (258) Comparative Perspectives on Human Rights
3831 (215)/SOCI 3831 (215) Human Rights in the United States
Other HRTS courses may also be relevant.

MCB

2000 (203) Introduction to Biochemistry (for students of agriculture, general biology, medical technology, nursing and pharmacy)
2210 (210) Cell Biology

2410 (200) Human Genetics
3010 (204) Biochemistry (for students considering advanced course work in biochemistry, biophysics and other areas of molecular biology)
3201 (201) Gene Expression
3414 (214) Experiments in DNA Application
4416 (290) Forensic Application of DNA Science

PHIL

2215 (215) Ethics
2217 (217) Social and Political Philosophy
3226 (226) Philosophy of Law

PNB

2264-2265 (264-265) Human Physiology and Anatomy (for students in medical technology, physical therapy, nursing and sport science)
2274-2275 (274-275) Enhanced Human Physiology and Anatomy (with inquiry-based labs)

POLS

2622 (274) State and Local Government
3802 (252) Constitutional Law
3807 (256) Constitutional Rights and Liberties
3812 (253) Judiciary in the Political Process
3842 (260) Public Administration
3847 (276) The Policy-making Process

PSYC

2201 (259) Drugs and Behavior
2301 (243) The Study of Personality
2400 (236) Developmental Psychology
2501 (256) Cognitive Psychology
2700 (240) Social Psychology
3103 (255) Motivation and Emotion
3301 (269) Introduction to Clinical Psychology
Other PSYC courses may also be relevant.

SOCI

3307 (219) Drugs and Society
3311 (217) Deviant Behavior
3315 (218) Juvenile Delinquency
3457 (244) Sociology of Mental Illness
3503 (243) Prejudice and Discrimination
3901 (280) Urban Sociology
3903 (281)/URBN 3276 (281) Urban Problems
5301 (340) Seminar on Crime and Justice (*Open to seniors with a 2.6+ TGPA*)
Other SOCI courses on gender, ethnicity, and class may also be relevant.

WS

3263 (263) Women and Violence