

2023-2024 Catalog

Criminology, Law, and Society

Bachelor of Arts

Academic Department

School of Education and Human Services

Criminology, Law and Society focuses on the problem of crime and on understanding the social, cultural, political, and economic forces that interact with the law. Courses present overviews of legal systems with particular emphasis on criminal and juvenile justice, forms of criminal behavior, the role of law in understanding social and psychological phenomena, and the applications of sociological theory in understanding law and legal systems. Students are provided with opportunities to become acquainted with the varieties of behavior that society chooses to control or regulate; the methods and institutions used to achieve that control or regulation, and the approaches aimed specifically at altering sanctioned behavior.

Students who complete this program will demonstrate:

- An understanding of the criminal justice system and its components, e.g. Police, Courts, and Corrections.
- An understanding of criminological theories and their application to contemporary law and society.
- An ability to integrate and apply analytical skills and substantive knowledge to specific topics and/or problems in criminology, law and society.
- An ability to use skills in critical thinking, synthesis and analysis, of informational sources about policing, criminal law, corrections, leadership, applied research, and social justice.
- Knowledge of the role of ethics, morals, and values in the field of criminology and social doctrine of the Catholic Church.
- An understanding of applied research methodologies.

Total Credits 53

Social & Behavioral Science OR Oral Communication

Complete any 2 courses from the 4 Social and Behavioral Science/Oral Communication courses listed below

OR

Complete 2 courses from the Foreign Language options. Both courses must be in the same language.

Item #	Course Title	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> INST 1351	Introduction to International Studies	3
<input type="checkbox"/> COMM 1331	Public Speaking	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 1332	General Psychology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SOCI 1331	Principles of Sociology	3

Required Courses

Complete all of the following courses.

Item #	Course Title	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> CRIM 1301	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CRIM 1222	Leadership and Professional Do	2

<input type="checkbox"/> INST 2352	Research Methods in Int' Stud	INST 2352 Prerequisite: INST 1351 or CRIM 1301	3
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Complete 4 of the 5 courses.

Item #	Course Title	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> CRIM 1306	Court Systems and Practices	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CRIM 1310	Criminal Law	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CRIM 2313	Correctional Systems and Practices	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CRIM 2323	Legal Aspects of the Criminal Justice System	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CRIM 2328	Police Systems and Practices	3

Criminology Pathway

Must complete one pathway below.

Human Trafficking Pathway

Item #	Course Title	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> CRIM 3319	Introduction to Human Trafficking	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CRIM 3320	Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CRIM 3321	U.S. and Vatican Response to Human Trafficking	3

Terrorism and Homeland Security Pathway

Item #	Course Title	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> CRIM 3322	Terrorism and American Criminal Justice System	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CRIM 3323	Weapons of Mass Destruction	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CRIM 3324	Financing Terrorism	3

Social Justice Pathway

Item #	Course Title	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> CRIM 3371	Race, Ethnicity & Criminal Justice	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CRIM 4331	Crime and Social Justice	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CRIM 4377	Reforming Justice	3

CRIM 4377 Requisites: Junior or Senior Standing.

CLS Electives

Complete 12 credit hours of additional CLS courses.

Required during Senior Year

Complete all of the following courses.

Item #	Course Title	Credits
<input type="checkbox"/> CRIM 4340	Field Internship in Criminal Justice	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CRIM 4350	Action Research Leadership Project for Criminal Justice Majors	3