



DEGREE PLANNING GUIDE FOR CRIMINOLOGY

Criminology is the scientific study of the causes of crime, the characteristics of criminals and victims, and the relationship between law and human behavior. The principal academic association in the area, the American Society of Criminology, illustrates the full range of topics studied by criminologists. These areas of study include scholarly, scientific and professional knowledge concerning the causes and prevalence of crime and the prevention, control and treatment of crime and delinquency. Also included are the measurement and detection of crime, legislation and policy, the practice of criminal law, and the study of the criminal justice system.

As a social science, Criminology draws from Sociology, Psychology, Social Work and Political Science, and is closely related to Criminal Justice, which is the study of the criminal justice system and all of its component parts. Criminology is a research-based discipline, and graduates in this area are likely to go to graduate school or to law school after graduation. Graduates who go directly into the workforce usually work in the various parts of the criminal justice system or in the human services area, and they often work for the government at various levels: local, state and federal.

YOUR DEGREE There are two general components of your degree program at St. Edward's: a general study of the liberal arts (this is required for all majors and is often referred to as the general education requirements), and an in-depth study of your major. A complete degree takes approximately 120 credit hours (about 40 courses). Almost half of your study will be in the general liberal arts area including English, math, science, and courses outlined in the undergraduate bulletin, with the balance of your program focused on your major field of study and its related courses and electives. Electives are courses you choose because they interest you, strengthen your career preparation, or perhaps provide you with a secondary area of emphasis (a minor). Your advisor will help, but your planning and proactive involvement is critical.

YOUR MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS This phase of your study will allow you to study your particular field of interest in-depth. Criminology requires a minimum of 51 hours (17 courses) of study in that field. The program includes courses in the areas of Causes of Crime, Crime & the Justice System, Law, Legislation & Policy; Specific Types of Crime & Criminals; and support courses in Sociology, Psychology & Political Science. General education and major courses span all four years of study. Sometimes there is a condition for taking a course called a prerequisite. It could be a requirement that you have had a previous course, junior standing, or some other condition. Complete description of all courses and their prerequisites are found in the University catalog.

WHAT IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND? No problem! Part of what college is about is a process to identify your area of interest. As long as that decision is made in the first two years, it is not likely to impact your degree program very much, as a good deal of your initial coursework is the area of general education, that body of courses common to all students regardless of major. After the first two years, a significant change in your major (for example, from accounting to philosophy) would lengthen your program. If you take five courses each semester, you will graduate in four years. It's unusual to do it much faster and not uncommon for it to take a little longer. It all depends on how many courses you take each semester & if you enroll in summer(s).

Note: You have some choices as to when you would like to take a particular course, particularly those under the General Education Requirement. Please consult the bulletin and your degree plan for prerequisite requirements

SUGGESTED DEGREE PLAN FOR CRIMINOLOGY (CRIM)

FIRST FALL

FSTY 1310 Freshman Studies

FSTY 1311 Rhet & Comp I

MATH 1312 or higher

Modern Language

CRIJ 1302 Admin of Justice

15 hours

FIRST SPRING

ENGW 1302 Rhet & Comp II

CULF 1318 Lit & Human Exper.

CULF 1320 American Experience

Modern Language

CRIM 1307 Crime in America

15 hours

SECOND FALL

CULF 1319 Und. & App Arts

CULF 2321 American Dilemmas

Science in Depth

CRIM 2326 Chem. Dep. Issues

SOCI 1301 Self & Society

15 hours

SECOND SPRING

Ethics

SCIE 2320 Science in Perspective

CRIJ 1310 Crim Law I *or Elective if do 3323 3rd fall

PSYC 2301 General Psychology

POLS 1305/6 Amer Nat'l/State & Local Gov't

15 hours

THIRD FALL

SOCI 2329 Statistics

RELS/PHIL

CRIM 3336 Criminology

CRIJ 3323 Const Crim Proc *Elec if do 1310 2nd spring

CRIM 3331 Crime Victims

15 hours

THIRD SPRING

CULF 3330 Hist of Global Processes

CRIM 3340 Crime Causation

CRIJ/CRIM/FRSC elective

Type of crime/criminals course

SOCI 3330 Social Research

15 hours

FOURTH FALL

CULF 3331 Contemp World Iss

CAPS 4360 Capstone

Upper Div CRIM Elective

Elective

Elective

15 hours

FOURTH SPRING

Oral Communication

PSYC 4341 Abnormal Psychology

SOCI 4343 Race, Class & Gender

CRIJ 4345 Contemporary Issues

Elective

GDCT 4000.01* Intent to graduate

15 hours

**You must register for this course in the term you plan to graduate.
Failure to do so will result in you not being certified and not graduating.*