

School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences

Criminology (B.A.)

The Criminology Program is an interdisciplinary academic program, based primarily in criminology and sociology that studies the interrelationships among law, policy, and societal conditions. The relationships among these factors are dynamic and complex, therefore Criminology integrates a variety of perspectives, approaches, and social science disciplines in order to analyze and understand the origins of crime and injustice and society's response to these issues.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Criminology Program is to examine the causes and consequences of crime and crime control politics by providing a program of study involving a variety of perspectives, approaches, and social science disciplines to undergraduate students. Our faculty members are dedicated teachers and scholars who have published their work in the most prestigious journals in the field. They are committed to expanding the knowledge of the discipline and preparing students to be leaders in influencing our society's response to crime.

Majors in the Criminology program at UT Dallas will be provided an educational experience, which will allow them to put their academic training, background and experience to use in a wide variety of post-graduate educational and occupational positions, including:

- Employment in Criminal Justice agencies at the federal, state, and local government level;
- Graduate School in Criminology or Criminal Justice (or a related social science discipline);
- Law School; or
- Social Work, Counseling, or other Human Service program.

Bachelor of Arts in Criminology

Degree Requirements (120 semester credit hours)

I. Core Curriculum Requirements¹: 42 semester credit hours

Communication (6 semester credit hours)

3 semester credit hours Communication ([RHET 1302](#))

3 semester credit hours Communication Elective ([CRIM 3300](#))²

Social and Behavioral Sciences (15 semester credit hours)

6 semester credit hours Government ([GOVT 2301](#) and [GOVT 2302](#))

6 semester credit hours American History ([HIST 1301](#) and [HIST 1302](#))

3 semester credit hours Social and Behavioral Sciences Elective ([ECON 2301](#) or [ECON 2302](#))²

Humanities and Fine Arts (6 semester credit hours)

3 semester credit hours Fine Arts ([ARTS 1301](#))

3 semester credit hours Humanities ([HUMA 1301](#))

Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning (6 semester credit hours)

3 semester credit hours Mathematics (at or above College Algebra, [MATH 1306](#) or [MATH 1314](#) [recommended])

4 semester credit hours Quantitative Reasoning ([EPPS 3405](#))^{2, 3}

Science (9 semester credit hours including at least one course with a substantial laboratory component)

II. Major Requirements: 43 semester credit hours

Major Preparatory Courses (22 semester credit hours beyond Core Curriculum)

[CRIM 1301](#) Introduction to Criminal Justice

[CRIM 1307](#) Introduction to Crime and Criminology

[CRIM 2306](#) Criminal Law

[CRIM 2308](#) Juvenile law

[CRIM 2313](#) Police & Society

[CRIM 2316](#) Corrections

[CRIM 2317](#) Criminal Prosecution and Court Process

[EPPS 3405](#) Introduction to Social Statistics with Lab^{2, 3}

Major Core Courses (21 semester credit hours)

[CRIM 3302](#) Advanced Criminology

[CRIM 3303](#) Advanced Criminal Justice

[CRIM 3304](#) Research Methods in Crime and Justice Studies

[CRIM 4311](#) Crime and Justice Policy

[CRIM 4322](#) Senior Research Seminar⁴

Distributive Justice Focus

Choose one of the following (3 semester credit hours):

[CRIM 3301](#) Theories of Justice⁵

[SOC 4361](#) Law and Society

[SOC 4302](#) Class, Status and Power

[ECON 4330](#) Law and Economics

International or Comparative Focus

Choose one of the following (3 semester credit hours):

[CRIM 3319](#) Comparative Justice Systems⁵

[SOC 3336](#) Culture Regions

[ECON 4360](#) International Trade

[PSCI 3350](#) Comparative Politics

III. Elective Requirements: 35 semester credit hours

Major Related Upper Level Elective Courses (15 semester credit hours)

15 semester credit hours CRIM upper-division courses or related to CRIM

Advanced Electives (9 semester credit hours)

All students are required to take at least nine semester credit hours of Advanced Electives outside their major field of study. These must be either upper-division classes or lower-division classes that have prerequisites.

Free Electives (11 semester credit hours)

This requirement may be satisfied with lower- and upper-division courses from any field of study.

Note: Students must complete at least 51 semester credit hours of upper-division credit to qualify for graduation.

Minor in Criminology (18 semester credit hours)

For a minor in Criminology, students must take the following: [CRIM 1301](#) and [CRIM 1307](#), and twelve semester credit hours of upper-division CRIM classes, excluding [CRIM 4V97](#), [CRIM 4V98](#), and [CRIM 4V99](#).

1. Curriculum Requirements can be fulfilled by other approved courses from accredited institutions of higher education. The courses listed in parentheses are the most efficient way to satisfy both Core Curriculum and Major Requirements at UT Dallas.

2. This course is a Major requirement that also fulfills a Core Curriculum requirement. Credits will count toward the Core Curriculum requirements.
3. Three semester credit hours are counted under Quantitative Reasoning core, and one semester credit hour are counted as Major Preparatory Courses.
4. To be taken upon completion of core courses
5. Preferred courses for Criminology Majors

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