Criminology (BA)

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 hours)  

I. Core Curriculum Requirements: 42 semester credit hours

Communication: 6 semester credit hours

COMM 1311 Survey of Oral and Technology-based Communication
RHET 1302 Rhetoric

Mathematics: 3 semester credit hours

One of the following:
MATH 1306 College Algebra for the Non-Scientist
MATH 1314  College Algebra

Life and Physical Sciences: 6 semester credit hours
Select any 6 semester credit hours from Life and Physical Sciences core courses (see advisor)

Language, Philosophy and Culture: 3 semester credit hours
One of the following:
- HUMA 1301  Exploration of the Humanities
- LIT 2331  Masterpieces of World Literature
- PHIL 1301  Introduction to Philosophy
- PHIL 2316  History of Philosophy I
- PHIL 2317  History of Philosophy II

Creative Arts: 3 semester credit hours
- ARTS 1301  Explorations of the Arts

American History: 6 semester credit hours
- HIST 1301  U.S. History Survey to Civil War
- HIST 1302  U.S. Survey from Civil War

Government / Political Science: 6 semester credit hours
- GOVT 2305  American National Government
- GOVT 2306  State and Local Government

Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 semester credit hours
One of the following:
- ECON 2301  Principles of Macroeconomics
- ECON 2302  Principles of Microeconomics
- SOC 1301  Introduction to Sociology

Component Area Option: 6 semester credit hours
- EPPS 2301  Research Design in the Social and Policy Sciences
And one of the following:
- EPPS 2302  Methods of Quantitative Analysis in the Social and Policy Sciences
- EPPS 2303  Descriptive and Inferential Statistics for the Social and Policy Sciences

II. Major Requirements: 60 hours
Major Preparatory Courses: 18 semester credit hours

- CRIM 1301 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CRIM 1307 Introduction to Crime and Criminology
- CRIM 2306 Criminal Law
- CRIM 2313 Police and Society
- CRIM 2316 Corrections
- CRIM 2317 Criminal Prosecution and Court Process

Major Core Courses: 24 semester credit hours

- CRIM 3300 Crime and Civil Liberties
- CRIM 3302 Advanced Criminology
- CRIM 3303 Advanced Criminal Justice
- CRIM 3310 Youth Crime and Justice
- CRIM 4311 Crime and Justice Policy
- CRIM 4322 Senior Research Seminar

Distributive Justice Focus

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

- CRIM 3301 Theories of Justice
- ECON 4330 Law and Economics
- SOC 4302 Class, Status and Power

International or Comparative Focus

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

- CRIM 3319 Comparative Justice Systems
- ECON 4360 International Trade
- PSCI 3350 Comparative Politics
- SOC 3336 Culture Regions

Major Related Upper-Division Elective Courses: 18 semester credit hours

18 hours of CRIM upper-division courses or related to CRIM

III. Elective Requirements: 18 hours

This requirement may be satisfied with lower-and upper-division courses from any field of study. Students must complete at least 51 semester credit hours of upper-division courses to qualify for graduation.
1. Incoming freshmen must complete and pass UNIV 1010 Freshman Seminar and the corresponding school-related freshman seminar course. Students, including transfer students, who complete their core curriculum at UT Dallas must take UNIV 2020.

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

3. To be taken upon completion of Criminology major core courses.

4. Preferred courses for Criminology Majors.