

Criminology -1

Criminology

Faculty: Holleran, *Chair:* Fenwick, Krimmel, Stout

The Bachelor of Science program in criminology is based on the study of criminal behavior and society's response to it, including the analysis of those policies and systems designed to control criminality. Through the in-depth exploration and study of both theoretical and empirical research drawn from the behavioral, legal, and social sciences students learn about many aspects of crime as a social phenomenon, including the correlates of crime and criminal behavior, the tools and methods used to study and prevent crime, and the institutions involved in the processing of criminal offenders. The department seeks to achieve this mission through its curriculum that emphasizes the development of critical thinking and problem solving skills with respect to each of the following: 1) the structure and organizational behaviors of the justice system; 2) the theories underpinning normative socialization and both formal and informal social control; 3) the roles policing, courts, corrections, and laws play in contributing to social control; 4) the practical and ethical complexities of the roles of justice professionals; 5) macro and micro level criminology theories regarding the etiology of crime, criminality, and delinquency; 6) the measurement, detection, and prevention of crime, criminality, and delinquency; 7) the research, planning, and evaluation methods used to expand knowledge in the field; 8) the international variations on criminal justice systems and social control and comparative criminology; 9) the development and refinement of communication skills both orally and in writing with particular emphasis on persuasive argumentation supported by logic, legal precedent, and scholarly research; and 10) the practical application of all of this knowledge in ways that promote active leadership that effectuates positive change in the agencies of law, law enforcement, rehabilitation, governmental service, academia, and research.

Students who successfully complete the required curriculum in the Department of Criminology receive the degree of Bachelor of Science.

Requirements for the Major

Twelve course units in criminology including LWJ 100, 200, 201, 202, 203, 205, 300, 306, 350 or 351, 498, and two LWJ options. Students must also take one course unit of statistics, specifically STA 115.

Program Entrance, Retention, and Exit Standards

Every major program at the College has set standards for allowing students to remain in that program, to transfer within the College from one program to another, and to graduate from a program. The following are the standards for the Department of Criminology. Minimum grades are noted in parentheses:

- Retention in the program is based on the following performance standards in their "critical content course": LWJ 100 (C) and LWJ 306 (C).

Criminology -2

- Transfer into the program from another program within the College is based upon the following performance standards: LWJ 100 (C) and STA 115 (C+).
- Graduation requires a minimum grade of C in LWJ 100 and a C in LWJ 306 and a GPA of 2.0 in courses for the program.

Students should always consult their advisers when planning courses for future years. Also supplements to this online bulletin will be available on an ongoing basis.

Four Year Suggested Sequence: 32 Total Course Units

Students should always consult their advisers when planning courses for future years. Also supplements to this online bulletin will be available on an ongoing basis.

First Year:

FSP	First Seminar	1 course unit
LWJ	100/Justice and Social Control	1 course unit
LWJ	200/Policing Civil Societies	1 course unit
WRI	102/Academic Writing*	1 course unit
STA	115/Statistics	1 course unit
Foreign Language*		2 course units
Liberal Learning		1 course unit
Total		8 course units

** Course required unless exempt*

Second Year:

LWJ	201/Courts and Judicial Process	1 course unit
LWJ	202/History and Philosophy of Corrections	1 course unit
LWJ	203/Applied Criminal Procedure	1 course unit
LWJ	205/Criminology	1 course unit
Foreign Language		1 course unit
Liberal Learning		3 course units
Total		8 course units

Third Year:

LWJ	300/Crimes and Offenses	1 course unit
LWJ	306/Research Methods	
LWJ	350s/Advanced Criminology (Choice: 350, 351 <i>or</i> 352)	1 course unit
Liberal Learning		3 course units
Electives		3 course units
Total		8 course units

Fourth Year:

LWJ	498/Senior Capstone	1 course unit
LWJ	Option	1 course unit
Liberal Learning		3 course units
Electives		3 course units

Criminology -3

Total

8 course units

Graduate and Legal Studies

Traditionally, the department has had a significant number of its majors apply for and be accepted into graduate or law school. As a result, members of the faculty have been assigned to seek out, identify, and mentor students (both majors and minors) who indicate an interest in graduate studies or law school.

Internships in Criminology

The department has a dynamic internship program for majors and minors. The program matches each student's internship interest with a field placement. The program is academically rigorous since, in addition to the work-site activities as an intern, students are required to complete a challenging research report on which they are graded. Typical internship sites are the New Jersey Attorney General's Office, the New Jersey Department of Insurance, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Mercer County Prosecutor's and Public Defender's Office, federal and state law enforcement agencies, and the Juvenile Justice Commission. This program is open to seniors and juniors with GPAs of 2.5 and above.

LWJ 399/Internship in Criminology may be taken after students have completed 4 course units of the major and meet the other requirements for an internship (i.e., junior/senior status and a 2.5 GPA).

Criminology Minor

Students participating in the department's minor are required to take the following five courses:

LWJ	100/Justice and Social Control	1 course unit
LWJ	200/Policing Civil Societies	1 course unit
LWJ	201/Courts and Judicial Process	1 course unit
LWJ	202/History and Philosophy of Corrections	1 course unit
LWJ	205/Criminology	1 course unit

Note: Students will be required to receive permission from the department chairperson to participate in the minor and must submit appropriate declaration forms to the Office of Records and Registration.

Forensic Science Concentration

The Department of Criminology works in collaboration with the School of Science, Department of Chemistry, toward the completion of a Forensics Concentration. Students should consult with the chairpersons of the Department of Chemistry and the Department of Criminology as they plan their appropriate concentration.

COURSES

LWJ 100/Justice and Social Control

1 course unit

(every semester)

Students will explore the historic need in societies to shape and control the behavior of their members so that they conform to established group norms. The course will examine the complex interaction between factors such as culture, law, power and equity that contribute to the maintenance of social order. It will address the development of legal systems from the social science perspective while investigating the nature of normative behavior in historical perspective. Students will explore the development of modern-day formal control systems such as prisons, police, and the courts as they strive to balance the need to coercively control violators against the need to maintain a free society.

LWJ 200/Policing Civil Societies

1 course unit

(every semester)

Traces the development of modern-day policing in civil societies from the 18th century through modern times. At the core of this course is the study of the interplay between citizens and the police. It is at this juncture, where citizens and the police interact, that misunderstandings develop, relationships are formed, problems are solved, and future plans are designed. This course also considers the problems that police face due to misunderstandings of their role including corruption and other forms of deviance. Moreover, the course considers theories of modern police practice and reform efforts as well as the development and construction of police ethics.

LWJ 201/Courts and Judicial Process

1 course unit

(every semester)

Prerequisite: LWJ 100

The specific learning goals of the course are designed to provide a framework, both philosophically and sociologically, upon which students in the major and minor begin to build their knowledge base about law and social control. This course will provide this basic framework by giving students the fundamental understandings of what law is, how it operates, and the roles of courts as an agent of social control. Specifically, this course contributes to meeting the following objectives in the departmental mission statement: (1) the structure and organizational behaviors of the justice system; (2) the roles civil and criminal courts play in contributing to social order; (3) the practical and ethical complexities of the roles of justice professionals; (4) the ways in which rhetoric, politics, and contemporary values affect law and justice; and (5) the genesis of legal systems and their developmental evolution.

LWJ 202/History and Philosophy of Corrections

1 course unit

(every semester)

Prerequisite: LWJ 100

This course examines the foundations of correctional thought and practice through to the present day trends in corrections. After laying this initial groundwork, this course will examine the different types of incarceration and their fundamental roles in the corrections system. Empirical research on corrections and governmental statistics and reports on corrections will also be explored in this course.

Criminology -5

LWJ 203/Applied Criminal Procedure

1 course unit

(every semester)

formerly (LWJ 415/Constitutional Criminal Procedure

Prerequisite: LWJ 100

Students will clearly understand the importance of individual rights and liberties as established by the Federal Bill of Rights. Special and specific attention will be directed to the rights of those accused of the commission of a crime in the state and criminal justice systems of this country. Emphasis will initially be placed on the strong presumption of innocence until proven guilty in a court of law in the American system of justice. Through a comprehensive reading of court decisions, students see both sides of a particular issue, the impact of a decision and the many players in the criminal justice system. Students will understand that the Bill of Rights protects every individual from arbitrary and capricious conduct of the government as we live our daily lives.

LWJ 205/Criminology

1 course unit

(every semester)

A general introduction to the study of criminal behavior from an interdisciplinary perspective. The main focus is on the classical and contemporary theories developed over the past two hundred years to explain and predict criminal behavior in society. The propositions, assumptions, empirical validity, and policy implications of these criminological theories, as well as the social context in which they were developed, will be examined. In addition, the ability of these theories to explain crime rates across different countries and cultures will be examined. Other significant issues in criminology such as the measurement and extent of crime, the role of demographics (age, race, gender, social class) in the causation of and reaction to crime, and explanations of specific crime types such as substance abuse and white collar crime will also be discussed.

LWJ 256/Women in the Criminal Justice System

1 course unit

(annually)

Prerequisite: LWJ 100

This course examines the treatment of women within the criminal justice system as professionals, offenders, and victims. Empirical research on gender-related issues from criminology and related disciplines and the law are explored.

LWJ 300/Crimes and Offenses

1 course unit

(every semester)

formerly LWJ 422/Substantive Criminal Law

Prerequisites: LWJ 100 and LWJ 203

This course exposes students to the limits of criminal law not only from an academic point of view, but also from a practical and legal viewpoint with a focus on constitutional, jurisdictional, and organizational behavioral restraints on the law. This course turns to a study of the basic elements of all crimes and the theoretical bases for imposing a criminal liability. Those principles are then explored in detail in an applied manner via the study of law regulating crimes against the person (e.g., homicide, rape, and assault and battery).

LWJ 301/Foundations of Advocacy and Reasoning

1 course unit

(every semester)

Prerequisites: LWJ 100, LWJ 201

This course is designed to explore the ways in which rhetoric, politics, and contemporary values affect law and justice. Moreover, the course explores an understanding of the development and refinement of communication skills both orally and in writing, with particular emphasis on persuasive argumentation supported by logic, legal precedent, and scholarly research.

Criminology -6

LWJ 302/Ethical Foundations in Criminology

1 course unit

(annually)

The purpose of this course is to integrate personal morals and ethics and basic ethical and philosophical tenets with practical criminal justice considerations. To that end, the course will cover the following: basic ethics and philosophy, decision making in criminal justice, racism and discrimination, ethical issues in policing, ethical issues in corrections, ethical concerns related to defense attorneys/prosecutors/the courts, ethics in punishment/sentencing, ethical problems in criminal justice research, and white collar crime.

LWJ 303/White-Collar Crime

1 course unit

(occasionally)

An investigation and analysis of white-collar crime in American society. Based on the major classic and contemporary writings in this area of law violation, this course is designed to explore white-collar crime in relation to the political economy, corporate and government organization, the legal system, and structural and cultural features of the workplace.

LWJ 304/Victims in the Criminal Justice System

1 course unit

(occasionally)

The discipline of victimology has developed quite recently out of the social sciences of sociology and criminology. In historic terms, concern for the victim has been a major consideration in society. In contemporary times, however, the state has assumed surrogate victim status, and, as a result, individual victims have been relegated to the role of witnesses in their cases. This course explores the traditional role of the victim as an agent of social control: one who alerts the community to norm violations, establishes his or her status as a victim, and negotiates a settlement for the wrong.

LWJ 305/Criminology and Mental Health

1 course unit

(annually) *formerly LWJ 445 Forensic Psychology*

Prerequisites: PSY 101, junior or senior standing, or permission of instructor

An interdisciplinary examination of the relationships between clinical psychology and the legal system. Students are first exposed to the constructs of dynamic psychology, psychiatric assessment and treatment, and the nomenclature of mental disorders. Then, the class explores the medicalization of deviance when dealing with the mentally ill offender (especially in contexts of the insanity and diminished capacity defenses) and the mentally incompetent person under the civil law (especially civil commitment, guardianship, and conservatorship). Legal and ethical issues that face both the clinician and legal counsel are explored.

LWJ 306/Research Methods

1 course unit

(every semester)

formerly LWJ 300/Research Methods

Prerequisites: LWJ 100, STA 115

This course focuses on principles of research design, database management, and applied quantitative analysis. Elements of research design include unit(s) of analysis, measurement, and variable selection. Moreover, pre-experimental, quasi-experimental, and experimental designs are evaluated with respect to structure and threats to validity. Database management and applied quantitative analysis will be explored using the personal computer. Students will learn to employ SPSS, SAS, and/or Excel for data storage, variable transformation, and applied statistical analysis. Applied statistical analysis will consist of summary measures, contingency tables, correlation, and, time permitting, applied linear regression.

Criminology -7

LWJ 340/International Terrorism

1 course unit

(occasionally)

This course will utilize an interdisciplinary approach to explore terrorism, with an emphasis on criminological theories. Both domestic and international extremism and terrorism will be examined historically, sociologically, and psychologically. Concepts that will be incorporated into the discussion include the influence of law and culture, the country's historical response to radical social movements, and the influence of media coverage. In addition, we will consider current efforts to investigate and prevent terrorism.

LWJ 350/Advanced Criminology: Juvenile Delinquency and Justice

1 course unit

(every semester)

Prerequisite: LWJ 205

This course is designed to introduce students to an area of criminology which deals with a special population of offenders: juveniles. This course will identify many different facets of this particular system of criminal justice. It will explore the motives of juvenile crime and their characteristics in hopes of assisting students' understanding the psyche of a juvenile offender. This course will not only deal with some psychological and environmental factors of juvenile crimes, it will also deal with the entities and functions of the juvenile justice system, including arrest, adjudication, sentencing recidivism and more. Students must understand the importance of the juvenile justice system and the impact that these juveniles have on the criminal justice system as a whole. These young offenders, if not properly dealt with, could become long term and chronic offenders. Understanding juvenile crime can lead to the "nipping of the bud" of these types of offenders who would eventually create criminal disturbances in the future. Juvenile crime is a crucial part of the criminal justice system as a whole as well as society and the quality of life for those in that society.

LWJ 351/Advanced Criminology: Comparative Criminology

1 course unit

(annually)

Prerequisite: LWJ 205

The comparative analysis of law, crime, and justice in Western and non-Western societies. Attention will focus on crime trends in the postwar period and linkages with the socio-economic structure, culture, lifestyles, routine activities, the physical environment, and the "web of opportunity for crime." Implication for theory construction and public policy will be drawn.

LWJ 352/Advanced Criminology: Race and Crime

1 course unit

(annually)

(same as AAS 353)

Prerequisite: LWJ 205

This course is a critical examination of the correlation between race and crime in America. The course will focus on four major areas: race and the law, race and criminological theory, race and violent crime, and myths and facts about race and crime. Through critical examination of readings and official statistics, students will come to understand the complexity of the relationship between race and crime within the American criminal justice system and broader social context.

LWJ 370 Special Topics in Criminology and Justice Studies

1 course unit

(occasionally)

The Department of Criminology and Justice Studies seeks to shape students who become informed citizens able to analyze critically and problem solve justice related issues with a genuine concern for social responsibility, fairness and equity. To that end, the department offers coursework that is current and relevant to today's society. For example, an important current issue in today's society is the changing landscape of urban life and the resulting proliferation of

Criminology -8

street gangs. To bring this issue into the classroom, the department will, on occasion, offer topics courses that address pertinent social issues related to crime such as “Gangs in America: Past and Present.”

LWJ 391/Independent Study in Criminology and Justice Studies **1 course unit** (every semester)

Prerequisites: Criminology and Justice Studies major and permission of instructor

For advanced students wishing to pursue a special area of interest in criminology and justice studies. Students develop a proposal around a sophisticated research design including problems definition, hypotheses, methodology, etc. to complete a comprehensive study. Topic and research design developed in consultation with a faculty adviser.

LWJ 399/Internship in Criminology and Justice Studies **1 course unit** (every semester)

(by arrangement/may be repeated for credit)

LWJ 498/Senior Capstone in Policy Analysis **1 course unit** (every semester)

Prerequisite: LWJ 300

This course is designed to further expand the student’s knowledge of exactly how things effect the flow of crime and its prevention within the community. This course will deal with the creation, application, evaluation, and revamping of public policy. By understanding how these public policies aim to perform a specific task to the community, students will learn the most effective and feasible ways to create policy as well as the most valuable ways to implement and enforce these policies and the underlying factors which trigger the creation of such policies.