

Criminology

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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 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) macro and micro level criminology theories regarding the etiology of crime, criminality, and delinquency; 5) the measurement, detection, and prevention of crime, criminality, and delinquency; 6) the research, planning, and evaluation methods used to expand knowledge in the field; 7) the international variations on criminal justice systems and social control and comparative criminology; 8) the development and refinement of communication skills both orally and in writing with particular emphasis on persuasive argumentation supported by logic and scholarly research; and 9) the application of knowledge and skills in ways that promote active leadership in governmental agencies, academia, and research.

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

Note: *Beginning in academic year 2009-2010, courses in Criminology carry the prefix CRI, prior to that, the course prefix was LWJ. Students normally may not take a course twice, once with a LWJ prefix and again with a CRI prefix.*

Requirements for the Major

Twelve course units in criminology including CRI 100, 200, 201, 202, 203, 205, 300, 306, 350 or 351, 498, and two CRI 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": CRI 100 (C) and CRI 306 (C).
- Transfer into the program from another program within the College is based upon the following performance standards: CRI (C) and STA 115 (C+) or STA 215 (C).
- Graduation requires a minimum grade of C in CRI 100, C in CRI 306, and a C in CRI 498 and a GPA of 2.0 in courses for the program.

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Four Year Suggested Sequence: 32 Total Course Units

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First Year:

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| FSP | First Seminar | 1 course unit |
| CRI | 100/Justice and Social Control | 1 course unit |
| CRI | 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*

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Second Year:

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

Third Year:

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| CRI | 300/Crimes and Offenses | 1 course unit |
| CRI | 306/Research Methods | 1 course unit |
| CRI | 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:

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| CRI | 498/Senior Capstone | 1 course unit |
| CRI | Option | 1 course unit |
| | Liberal Learning | 3 course units |
| | Electives | 3 course units |
| 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.

CRI 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:

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| CRI | 100/Justice and Social Control | 1 course unit |
| CRI | 200/Policing Civil Societies | 1 course unit |
| CRI | 201/Courts and Judicial Process | 1 course unit |
| CRI | 202/History and Philosophy of Corrections | 1 course unit |
| CRI | 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.

Quantitative Criminology Minor

To enter the minor, the student must satisfy the following prerequisites:

- One semester of Calculus (MAT 125 or MAT 127)
- One semester of Statistics (STA 215)
- One semester of Criminology (CRI 205); students completing the minor will not be required to complete CRI 100 as the prerequisite for CRI 205.

For students who are statistics majors

Students will be able to double-count STA 305 since this is required in the Statistics major. They will then take four courses from the five in Group B.

For students who are criminology majors

Students will be required to take the sequence MAT 125 and STA 215 to enable them to meet the prerequisites above. Students will be able to double-count one of the Advanced Criminology courses from Group B (i.e., 350, 351, or 352). Students will then take 4 courses from Group A.

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For students who are mathematics majors

Students must choose at least two courses from both Groups A and B, and five courses in total.

For students in other majors

Selections from Groups A and B as advised by the Department of Criminology and by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

TCNJ policy on minors: 5 courses are required for a minor. Only one course taken as a part of the student's major may also be counted toward the student's minor.

Courses for the Minor

The courses for the minor are organized into two groups (Group A and Group B).

Group A:

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| STA | 303/Design of Experiments |
| STA | 305/Regression Analysis |
| STA | 306/Applied Multivariate Analysis |
| STA | 307/Data Mining and Predictive Modeling |
| STA | 318/Operations Research |

Group B:

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| CRI | 306/Research Methods |
| CRI | 350/Advanced Criminology: Juvenile Delinquency and Justice |
| CRI | 351/Advanced Criminology: Comparative Criminology |
| CRI | 352/Advanced Criminology: Race and Crime |
| CRI | 498/Senior Capstone in Policy Analysis |

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. Students will also be required to meet with Dr. David Holleran (Criminology) and/or Dr. David Holmes (Mathematics and Statistics) to discuss course sequencing for the minor.

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.