CRIMINOLOGY (BA)

Criminology studies the criminal legal system with the aim of creating more just policies and institutions that better support marginalized members of society. In the Criminology major, students are taught the skills needed to analyze crime and behavior data; to evaluate offender treatment programs; to design crime prevention models; and to assess social policies.

The Criminology major provides an educational experience that allows students to enter law enforcement, probation, corrections, crime prevention, and crime analysis professions. The major also provides a foundation for graduate study in law, social work, sociology, public policy, and public health.

Program Requirements	Quarter Hours
Liberal Studies Requirements	84
Major Requirements	36
Major Electives	20
Open Electives	52
Total hours required	**192**

Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

- Describe the moral, philosophical, historical, and scientific dimensions of Criminology.
- Explain the principles and methods of research in Criminology, how they are commonly used by professionals and scholars in the field to create and assess policy, and how to analyze these data.
- Contrast the main criminological traditions and perspectives in a clear, reasoned, and discipline-specific manner, and its relation to policy, practice, and research.
- Demonstrate critical thinking and effective communication skills about Criminology

College Core Requirements

Study in the Major Field

The student's course of study in the College consists of three parts: Liberal Studies, the major field, and electives. Together these three parts contribute to the liberal education of the student which is the common purpose of all study in the College. By "liberal education" the College understands not only a deep and thorough knowledge of a particular area of study but a knowledge of the diverse areas of study represented by criticism, history, the arts, the behavioral and social sciences, philosophy, religious studies, the natural science, and mathematics.

The major field program generally is built upon a set of core courses and a specialized "concentration." The number of courses required for a major varies by department. Most students go beyond the minimum requirements, electing additional courses which both broaden and deepen their understanding of their chosen discipline.

Because no academic major program is built in isolation, students are required to pursue a number of electives of the student's choice. The inherent flexibility of this curriculum demands that the student consult an academic advisor at each stage in the total program and at least once prior to each registration.

Students will be prompted to visit the College Office for their official graduation check early in their senior year.

Declaration of Major, Minor and Concentration

All students in the College are required to declare a major field prior to beginning their junior year. The student will then be assigned a faculty advisor in the major field department or program and should make an appointment to see that advisor at his or her earliest convenience.

Students must declare or change majors, minors, and concentrations, via Campus Connection. However, for the purpose of exploring the possibility of changing a major field, the student should consult an academic advisor in the Office for Academic Advising Support.

The Modern Language Requirement (MLR)

All students will be required to demonstrate competence in a modern language (i.e., a language other than English) equivalent to the proficiency attained from one year of college-level language study. This Modern Language Requirement (MLR) may be demonstrated by:

- placing into 104 or above on the DePaul language placement exam
- completing the last course or earning AP/IB credit for the last course in the first-year college sequence of any language (e.g. 103 for DePaul language classes)
- completing a college course or earning AP/IB credit for a college course beyond the first-year level in any language (e.g. 104 or above for DePaul language classes)
- completing the final course of a four-year sequence of the same modern language in high school*
- completing a proctored exam by BYU and passing the exam (see the Department of Modern Languages website for registration details)
- completing a proctored Written Proficiency Test (WPT) by Language Testing International (LTI) and achieving a score of Beginner High or above (see the Department of Modern Languages website for registration details)

*Students are strongly encouraged to take the DePaul language placement exam even if they have met the MLR via study of a language in high school. This will ensure continuation of language study at the proper level.

Please note: Modern Languages courses with an E-designation are taught in English and may not be applied to the Modern Language Requirement.

Students who complete an Inter-College Transfer (ICT) to the College will abide by the MLR in place on the effective date of the ICT, regardless of when they first matriculated at DePaul.

Students who have met the MLR and wish to pursue further work in the language may elect the "Modern Language Option" (see below).

Language for Liberal Studies Option

The Language for Liberal Studies Option (https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-program-guidelines/language-for-liberal-studies-option/) is available to all BA students who wish to study a modern language beyond the level required by their College, and to all other undergraduate students without a modern language requirement who wish to study a language at any level.

Students selecting the Language for Liberal Studies Option may substitute a sequence of three courses in the same language for three domain courses.

The three Language for Liberal Studies Option substitutions must be made in three different domains, and any substitutions must be consistent with the principle that students complete at least one course in each learning domain.

Language for Liberal Studies Option substitutions may not be used to replace requirements in the Math & Computing, and Scientific Inquiry, domains.

Students majoring in one modern language may use the Language for Liberal Studies Option for study of a second language at the Intermediate level or above.

Modern Languages courses with an E-designation are taught in English and may not be applied to the Language for Liberal Studies Option.

NOTE: Please contact your college/school regarding additional information and restrictions about the Language for Liberal Studies Option.

External Credit and Residency

A student who has been admitted to the College begins residency within the college as of the first day of classes of the term in which the student is registered. Students in residence, whether attending on a full-time or part-time basis, may not take courses away from DePaul University without the written permission of the college. Permission must be obtained in advance of registration to avoid loss of credit or residency in the college; see the LAS website for more information.

Liberal Studies Requirements

Honors program requirements can be found in the individual Colleges & Schools section of the University Catalog. Select the appropriate college or school, followed by Undergraduate Academics and scroll down.

First Year Program		Hours
Chicago Quarter		
LSP 110 or LSP 111	DISCOVER CHICAGO or EXPLORE CHICAGO	4
Focal Point		
LSP 112	FOCAL POINT SEMINAR	4
Writing		
WRD 103	COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC I [1]	4
WRD 104	COMPOSITION AND RHETORIC II [1]	4
Quantitative Reasoning		
MAT 120	QUANTITATIVE REASONING [2]	4
Sophomore Year		
Race, Power, and Resistance		
LSP 200	SEMINAR ON RACE, POWER, AND RESISTANCE	4
Junior Year		
Experiential Learning		
Required [3]		
Senior Year		
Capstone		
CRIM 395	CAPSTONE IN CRIMINOLOGY [1,4]	4

1. Students must earn a C- or better in this course.
2. Readiness for MAT 120 is determined by the math placement test taken online after admission. Students may need to take developmental coursework prior to MAT 120. Students who complete MAT 120 and both a Computational Reasoning course and a Statistical Reasoning course in the Math and Computing Learning Domain take one less Learning Domain course. Students may not apply the course reduction to any Domain where only one course is required, and cannot be applied to the Scientific Inquiry Learning Domain. The MAT 120 requirement may be waived by passing a dedicated proficiency exam or it may be fulfilled by credit for advanced math coursework earned in-residence at DePaul (MAT 135, MAT 136, MAT 147, MAT 148, MAT 149, MAT 150, MAT 151, MAT 152 MAT 155, MAT 156, or equivalent) or earned externally either as transfer credit from another college/university or as test credit through AP, CLEP, IB, or International A and A/S Level exams. Calculus course(s) may be used to fulfill any of the three QR/MCD requirements.
3. CRIM 398 recommended.
4. A student majoring in Criminology (CRIM) is required to complete the Capstone offered by the Criminology Department. This is the case even if a student is double majoring (or pursuing a dual degree) and the secondary major (or degree) requires its own Capstone. A CRIM major in the University Honors Program shall take the University Honors Capstone and the CRIM Capstone.

Learning Domains

Arts and Literature (AL) (https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/arts-and-literature/)

- 3 Courses Required

Historical Inquiry (HI) (https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/historical-inquiry/)

- 2 Courses Required

Math and Computing (MC) (https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/math-and-computing/)

- 1 Course Required
  [1 CR Course]

Philosophical Inquiry (PI) (https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/philosophical-inquiry/)

- 2 Courses Required

Religious Dimensions (RD) (https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/religious-dimensions/)

- 2 Courses Required

Scientific Inquiry (SI) (https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/scientific-inquiry/)

- 2 Courses Required
  [1 Lab Course and 1 SWK Course]

Social, Cultural, and Behavioral Inquiry (SCBI) (https://catalog.depaul.edu/undergraduate-core/liberal-studies-program/liberal-studies-learning-domains/social-cultural-and-behavioral-inquiry/)

- 1 Course Required

Notes

Courses offered in the student's primary major cannot be taken to fulfill LSP Domain requirements. If students double major, LSP Domain courses may double count for both LSP credit and the second major. Students who choose to take an experiential learning course offered by the major may count it either as a general elective or as the Experiential Learning requirement.

In meeting learning domain requirements, no more than one course that is outside the student's major and is cross-listed with a course within the student's major, can be applied to count for LSP domain credit. This policy does not apply to those who are pursuing a double major or earning BFA or BM degrees.

Major Requirements

Criminology majors must complete a combination of core criminology courses, criminology electives, and open electives. Core courses equip students with a foundational understanding of crime, social justice issues, victimization, and the criminal legal system. They introduce students classical and contemporary criminological theories and research and analytical techniques. The criminology electives supplement the core courses by offering students an opportunity to explore various topics of interest within the field and obtain practical experience. Open electives provide students the space to explore other academic interests or pursue another major or minor.

Required Courses

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
CRIM 101	INTRODUCTION TO THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM	4
CRIM 201	LAW ENFORCEMENT	4
CRIM 202	CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE	4
CRIM 203	CORRECTIONS	4
CRIM 205	RACE, CLASS, GENDER AND THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM	4
CRIM 301	RESEARCH METHODS IN CRIMINOLOGY	4
CRIM 302	STATISTICS IN CRIMINOLOGY	4
CRIM 303	CRIMINOLOGICAL THEORY	4
CRIM 305	VICTIMOLOGY	4

In addition, as party of their Liberal Studies requirements, students will register for a Criminology-specific capstone course (CRIM 395) that contextualizes the knowledge and skills learned in the curriculum.

Criminology Elective Requirements

Students must complete five elective courses (20 credit hours), with at least one criminology elective at the 300-level. Students work with their academic and faculty advisors to choose courses that reflect their interests and career goals.

The criminology program offers a range of courses in three areas: criminal justice administration, community justice, and race, class, gender and the criminal legal system. Students may select any five criminology elective courses from these areas, in whatever combination suits their interests. Students may also take special topics courses on contemporary issues within the field.

Criminal Justice Administration

Criminal Justice Administration courses prepare students for careers in the criminal legal system by developing the leadership and administrative skills needed in the field. Through these courses, students explore, critique, and develop just and humane responses to crime.

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
CRIM 206	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	
CRIM 207	LAW ENFORCEMENT MANAGEMENT	
CRIM 209	CRIME AND PUNISHMENT	
CRIM 210	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR CRIMINOLOGY	
CRIM 235	JUVENILE JUSTICE	
CRIM 264	FORENSIC SCIENCE	
CRIM 265	DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM	
CRIM 267	HOMELAND SECURITY	
CRIM 275	CYBERCRIME AND CYBERTERRORISM	
CRIM 280	CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR	
CRIM 285	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	
CRIM 306	FOUNDATIONS OF JUSTICE	
CRIM 298	INTERNATIONAL CRIME & JUSTICE	
CRIM 309	FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES	
CRIM 312	21ST CENTURY POLICING	
CRIM 330	REHABILITATION, REINTEGRATION AND REENTRY	
CRIM 349	CRIME MAPPING & ANALYSIS	
CRIM 365	BEHAVIORAL THREAT ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT	

Community Justice

Community Justice courses provide students with a strong understanding of the factors that produce crime at the neighborhood level. They explore effective crime prevention approaches that promote collaboration between criminal legal agencies and community partners. Through these courses, students learn how to support and enhance neighborhood informal social controls with the goal of stabilizing communities and reducing crime.

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
CRIM 107	CRIMINOLOGY GOES TO THE MOVIES	
CRIM 215	GANGS IN SOCIETY	
CRIM 218	COMMUNITIES AND CRIME	
CRIM 225	COMMUNITY NON-VIOLENCE	
CRIM 228	CRIME PREVENTION	
CRIM 230	RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND THE CRIMINAL LEGAL SYSTEM	
CRIM 257	SCHOOL VIOLENCE, DISCIPLINE AND JUSTICE	
CRIM 337	DRUGS AND SOCIETY	

Race, Class, Gender, and the Criminal Legal System

Race, Class, Gender, and the Criminal Legal System courses examine the social, political, and economic factors that impact how crime is defined and responses to it. Through these courses, students learn about the

values, ethics, and power dynamics that influence our understandings and administration of justice.

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
CRIM 105	CRIME AND THE MEDIA	
CRIM 208	LATINOS AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM	
CRIM 240	CRIMES OF THE STATE	
CRIM 242	GENOCIDE & STRUCTURAL VIOLENCE	
CRIM 245	HATE/BIAS CRIMES	
CRIM 320	WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS	
CRIM 325	US POLITICAL PRISONERS AND CRIMES OF CONSCIENCE	
CRIM 345	WHITE COLLAR AND CORPORATE CRIME	

Special Topics

Periodically, the program offers students the opportunity to take courses on new and emerging topics in criminology or as part of the Inside Out Prison Exchange Program. Students can take one or more of these courses to fulfill their criminology electives or open electives requirements as long as the topics are distinct.

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
CRIM 290	SPECIAL TOPICS	
CRIM 390	SPECIAL TOPICS	
CRIM 291	INSIDE OUT PRISON EXCHANGE AND CRIMINOLOGY	
CRIM 391	INSIDE OUT PRISON EXCHANGE AND CRIMINOLOGY	

Other Disciplinary Courses

Students are permitted to complete up to three electives on criminology-related topics from a pre-approved list of courses taught by disciplines such as anthropology, geography, social work, public policy, sociology, or political science.

Course	Title	Quarter Hours
ABD 230	STEREOTYPES AND BLACK IDENTITY	
ANT 274	FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY	
CSS 310	RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: ENGAGEMENT WITH THE PRISON	
CSS 311	MASCULINITY, JUSTICE AND LAW	
CSS 312	LAW AND POLITICS: PRISON POLICIES AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE	
INT 323	HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW	
INT 324	INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW FROM COLONIALISM TO GLOBALIZATION	
INT 325	LAW OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANZIATIONS, NGOS AND GLOBAL GOVERNANCE	
LGQ 319	QUEER PIONEERS: CULTURE, GENDER, AND POLITICAL ACTIVISM	
LST 306	LATINO COMMUNITIES IN CHICAGO	
LST 307	GROWING UP LATINO/LATINA IN THE U.S.	
PAX 214	CONFLICT: STORYTELLING, INTERVENTION, NEGOTIATION	
PAX 380	TOPICS IN NONVIOLENCE	
PAX 383	TOPICS IN CONFLICT INTERVENTION	
PSC 260	LAW AND THE POLITICAL SYSTEM	
PSC 261	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS	
PSC 366	NATIONAL SECURITY AND THE U.S. CONSTITUTION	
PSC 367	IMMIGRATION LAW	
PSC 368	RIGHTS-BASED SOCIAL MOVEMENTS	
SOC 245	URBAN SOCIOLOGY	
SOC 347	CLASS, POWER AND DECISION MAKING IN THE CITY	
WGS 320	TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE: THEORY AND PRACTICE	