



DEGREE PLANNING GUIDE FOR CRIMINOLOGY

Criminology is the scientific study of the causes of crime, the characteristics of criminals and victims, and the relationship between law and human behavior. The principal academic association in the area, the American Society of Criminology, illustrates the full range of topics studied by criminologists. These areas of study include scholarly, scientific and professional knowledge concerning the causes and prevalence of crime and the prevention, control and treatment of crime and delinquency. Also included are the measurement and detection of crime, legislation and policy, the practice of criminal law, and the study of the criminal justice system.

As a social science, Criminology draws from Sociology, Psychology, Social Work and Political Science, and is closely related to Criminal Justice, which is the study of the criminal justice system and all of its component parts. Criminology is a research-based discipline, and graduates in this area are likely to go to graduate school or to law school after graduation. Graduates who go directly into the workforce usually work in the various parts of the criminal justice system or in the human services area, and they often work for the government at various levels: local, state and federal.

YOUR DEGREE There are two general components of your degree program at St. Edward's: a general study of the liberal arts (this is required for all majors and is often referred to as the general education requirements), and an in-depth study of your major. A complete degree takes approximately 120 credit hours (about 40 courses). Almost half of your study will be in the general liberal arts area including English, math, science, and courses outlined in the undergraduate bulletin, with the balance of your program focused on your major field of study and its related courses and electives. Electives are courses you choose because they interest you, strengthen your career preparation, or perhaps provide you with a secondary area of emphasis (a minor).

YOUR MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS This phase of your study will allow you to study your particular field of interest in-depth. Criminology requires a minimum of 51 hours (17 courses) of study in that field. The program includes courses in the areas of Causes of Crime, Crime & the Justice System, Law, Legislation & Policy; Specific Types of Crime & Criminals; and support courses in Sociology, Psychology & Political Science. General education and major courses span all four years of study. Sometimes there is a condition for taking a course called a prerequisite. It could be a requirement that you have had a previous course, junior standing, or some other condition. Complete description of all courses and their prerequisites are found in the University catalog.

WHAT IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND? No problem! Part of what college is about is a process to identify your area of interest. As long as that decision is made in the first two years, it is not likely to impact your degree program very much, as a good deal of your initial coursework is the area of general education, that body of courses common to all students regardless of major. After the first two years, a significant change in your major (for example, from accounting to philosophy) would lengthen your program. If you take five courses each semester, you will graduate in four years. It's unusual to do it much faster and not uncommon for it to take a little longer. It all depends on how many courses you take each semester & if you enroll in summer(s).

SUGGESTED DEGREE PLAN FOR CRIMINOLOGY (CRIM)

FIRST FALL

FSTY 1310 Freshman Studies
FSTY 1311 Rhet & Comp I
MATH 1312 or higher
Modern Language
CRIJ 1302 Admin of Justice
15 hours

SECOND FALL

CULF 1319 Und. & App Arts
CULF 2321 Amer. Dilemmas
Science in Depth
CRIM 2326 Chem. Dep. Issues
SOCI 1301 Self & Society
15 hours

THIRD FALL

PHIL/RELS
CRIJ 3323 Const Crim Proc *elec if do 1310 2nd spring
CRIM 3331 Crime Victims
CRIM 3336 Criminology
Statistics
15 hours

FOURTH FALL

CAPS 4360 Capstone
CULF 3331 Contemp World
Upper Div CRIM Elective
CRIJ 3313 Corrections
CRIJ 4341 World Just. Systems
15 hours

FIRST SPRING

CULF 1318 Lit & Human Exper.
CULF 1320 American Experience
ENGW 1302 Rhet & Comp II
Modern Language
CRIM 1307 Crime in America
15 hours

SECOND SPRING

Ethics
SCIE 2320 Science in Persp
CRIJ 1310 Crim Law I *or elective if do 3323 3rd fall
POLS 1305/6 Amer Nat'l/State & Local Gov't
PSYC 2301 General Psychology
15 hours

THIRD SPRING

CULF 3330 Hist Glob Process
CRIM 3340 Crime Causation
CRIJ/CRIM/FRSC elective
SOC 3330 Social Research
Type of crime/criminals course
15 hours

FOURTH SPRING

COMM 1317 Pres'l Speaking
Elective
CRIJ 4345 Contemporary Issues
PSYC 4341 Abnormal Psychology
SOC 4343 Race, Class & Gender
GDCT 4000.01
15 hours

Note: This degree plan is intended to be a guide in planning your four year program. Not all of these courses must be taken in the exact sequence presented. You have some choices as to when you would like to take a particular course, particularly those under the General Education Requirement. For instance, you might prefer to take a foreign language in your sophomore year instead of your freshman year.