

Criminology

Program Overview

The Department of Sociology and Criminology at Capital University offers majors and minors in both fields of study. Grounded in the scientific studies of society and crime, students explore the social, cultural, gendered, ethnic, and racial aspects of diversity, analytical and critical thinking, and ethical approaches to community engagement and knowledge. The program emphasizes research; professional pursuits; theoretical, methodological, and statistical literacy; and the expression of knowledge through oral and written communication. Our curriculum is designed to facilitate a double major in Sociology and Criminology. Many of our students choose to gain expertise in other areas of study, such as Psychology, Military Science, Philosophy, and Spanish.

Careers and Placement

Our curriculum provides students with essential foundations to engage in a range of careers and graduate study. Our graduates hold positions in a number of non-profit social organizations and government agencies. Some of our recent graduates are in positions with the following employers: City of Columbus Attorney's Office, City of Columbus Police Department (and others across the United States), Franklin County Probation Office, Alvis House, St. Vincent Family Services, Ohio Job and Family Services, Equitas Health, and various private law practices. Students who seek to advance beyond the baccalaureate degree continue on to graduate study in fields such as criminology, sociology, law, public policy, education, counseling, and social work.

Experiential Learning

Students are encouraged to participate in internships, research, and community-engaged learning. The department recognizes the academic achievements of our Criminology majors by providing an opportunity to join the selective National Criminal Justice Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma.



What Our Grads Are Doing Now:

Law Enforcement

Victim Advocacy

Lawyer or Paralegal

Parole Officer

Social Worker

Probation Officer

You'll Be Prepared To:

- Identify, describe, and analyze the significance and complexity of the diversity of society
- Assess the role of theory in shaping criminological knowledge
- Demonstrate, examine, and critically analyze how social and structural factors influence human behaviors and social existence
- Communicate ideas clearly and coherently in a variety of formats
- Apply critical thinking skills to social phenomena
- Illustrate the importance of civic and ethical engagement
- Recognize and ethically apply basic social science research methods
- Author a culminating artifact that integrates the learned skills

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Four Year Sample Curriculum

First Year, Fall

Introduction to Sociology
Academic Composition
First Year Seminar
Criminal Justice

First Year, Spring

Oral Communication
Ethics
Science
Fine Arts
Elective

Second Year, Fall

Foreign Language
Deviance
Principles of Criminology
Social Science Statistics

Second Year, Spring

Foreign Language
Religion
Methods
Cultural Pluralism

Third Year, Fall

Career Planning
Humanities
Sociology of Law
Elective

Third Year, Spring

Victimology
Lab Science
Electives

Fourth Year, Fall

Juvenile Justice
Capstone
Electives

Fourth Year, Spring

White Collar Crime
Global Systems
Electives

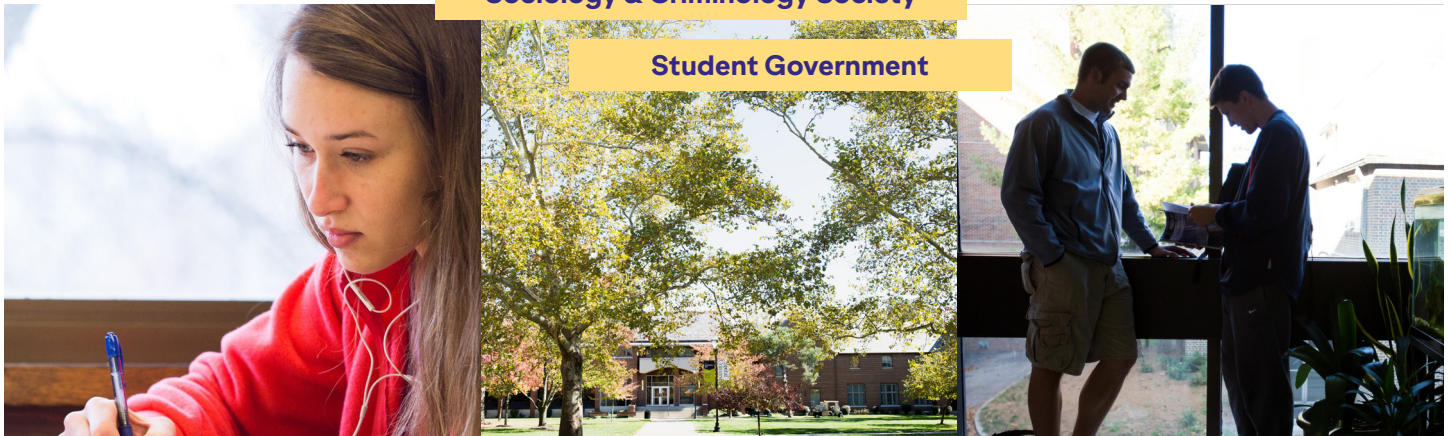
All courses subject to availability and advisor approval. All undergraduates must demonstrate that Signature Learning goals have been met.

Program Specific Organizations

Symposium on Undergraduate Scholarship

Sociology & Criminology Society

Student Government



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