

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater  
Curriculum Proposal Form #1  
**New Degree, Major, or Submajor**

**Effective Term:** 2141 (Spring 2014)

**Degree:** Minor

**Program Title:** Criminology

**GPA Required in the Major/Submajor:** 2.0

**Sponsor(s):** Larry Neuman

**Department(s):** SOCIOLOGY, ANTHRO & CJ

**College(s):** Letters and Sciences

**Consultation took place:**  NA  Yes (list departments and attach consultation sheet)

Departments:

*Check if:*

- New Degree: Intent to Plan \*
- New Degree: Final Proposal
- New Major: Intent to Plan \*
- New Major: Final Proposal
- New Submajor: Minor
- New Submajor: Emphasis/Track
- New Submajor: Certificate Program
- Module: Intent to Plan
- Module: Final Proposal
- Other (list):

**Proposal Information:**

[\(Procedures for form #1\)](#)

\* *Note:* You must receive approval from System to plan a new Degree or Major (submajors not included)

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### **Tentative catalog description of the program**

The Criminology Minor offers students a study of the nature and causes of criminal and delinquent behaviors and the operation of the criminal justice system in the United States. Students receive a foundation in criminology and acquire additional reasoning and communication skills relevant to the field of criminology. They can select additional courses on the criminal justice system, criminal behavior, and victimization.

### **Student Learning Objectives (SLO) of the Criminology Minor program**

1. Identify sources of U.S. crime data and examine trends and patterns of criminality and victimization that are revealed by the data.
2. Identify the basic general typologies of criminality and victimization.
3. Apply basic quantitative literacy appropriate to the criminal justice field, including the interpretation of crime statistics.
4. Demonstrate analytical reasoning skills through a familiarity with criminological theory and research as applied to crime prevention and control policies.
5. Identify causes of criminality and victimization for people of different class, racial-ethnic, gender, and age groups, and well as the different criminal justice responses to these groups.
6. Identify the key stages of the criminal justice system and the organizational processes and discretionary decision-making that occur at each stage.
7. Demonstrate knowledge of constitutional law as it relates to the operation of the criminal justice system.
8. Demonstrate knowledge of the U.S. policing system, current policing practices, and the role of police in communities.
9. Demonstrate knowledge of the U.S. correctional system and current correctional practices in secure and community settings.

### **List of courses to be included in the program (with SLO for each)**

<u>Required Courses</u>	<u>SLO</u>
Sociology 276 Introduction to Criminology	1, 2, 5, 6
Sociology 374 Sociology of Police & Courts	6, 7, 8
Sociology 378 Sociology of Punishment & Corrections	9
Sociology 475 Criminological Theory	4, 5
Sociology 295 Basics Social Statistics	1, 3
Sociology 476 Methods of Social Research	1, 3
<u>Elective Courses</u>	
Sociology 370 Juvenile Delinquency	5
Sociology 371 Sociology of Homicide	5
Sociology 372 White Collar Crime	5
Sociology 373 Sociology of Terrorism	5
Sociology 375 Restorative Justice	9
Sociology 379 Women and Crime	5
Sociology 425 Minorities & the CJ System	5, 6, 8
Crimjus 321 Criminal Investigation	6, 8
Crimjus 322 Investigation of Child Abuse	6, 8
Crimjus 325 Forensic Documentation	8
Crimjus 327 Community Correct. & Treatment	9
Polisci 316 Police & Criminal Justice Admin.	8
Polisci 415 Criminal Justice & the Constitution	7
Polisci 419 The Judicial Process	6, 7

### **A 4-year plan of course offerings**

FOUR YEAR COURSE OFFERING ROTATION PLAN
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	YEAR 1			YEAR 2			YEAR 3			YEAR 4		
<b>REQUIRED</b>	Fall	Sprg	Sm	Fall	Sprg	Sm	Fall	Sprg	Sm	Fall	Sprg	Sm
Soc 276	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Soc 295	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	
Soc 374	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	
Soc 378	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	
Soc 475		X			X			X			X	
<b>ELECTIVES</b>												
Soc 370	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	
Soc 371	X			X			X			X		
Soc 372		X			X			X			X	
Soc 373		X			X			X			X	
Soc 375		X			X			X			X	
Soc 379	X		X	X			X		X	X		X
Soc 426		X						X				
Crimjs 321	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	
Crimjs 322	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	
Crimjs 325	X			X			X			X		
Crimjs 327	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	
Polisci 316			X						X			
Polisci 415	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	
Polisci 419	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	

**List of the required courses in format for catalog and advising report**

MINOR - 24 UNITS Criminology

1. SOCIOLOGY 276

2. SOCIOLOGY 475 (writing intensive)

3. SOCIOLOGY 374

4. SOCIOLOGY 378

5. SOCIOLOGY 295 or SOCIOLOGY 476

6. SELECT 6-9 UNITS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

SOCIOLOGY 370, SOCIOLOGY 371, SOCIOLOGY 372, SOCIOLOGY 373, SOCIOLOGY 375, OR  
 SOCIOLOGY 379, CRIMJUST 321, CRIMJUST 322, CRIMJUST 325, POLSCI 316, POLSCI 414, POLSCI 415,  
 SOCIOLOGY 426, CRIMJUST 327

7. 0-3 CREDITS OF SOCIOLOGY 493 OR SOCIOLOGY/CRIMJUST 498

8. A MAXIMUM OF 3 UNITS OF SOCIOLOGY 493 PLUS SOCIOLOGY/CRIMJUST 498 CAN COUNT IN  
 THE MINOR

**An assessment plan** *(to be submitted after program approval to the University Assessment Committee for review; not required if program assessment will be integrated into an existing departmental assessment plan)*  
The Criminology Minor program will be integrated into the existing department assessment plan

**Resources needed to support the program**

This program is a renaming and restructuring of the existing Minor in Criminal Justice, so no additional resources are required. The courses and staffing from the old Criminal Justice Minor will be transferred to the Criminology Minor.

**Student need/demand for the program**

As a renaming and repackaging of the existing Minor in Criminal Justice, demand for the Criminal Justice Minor will shift to this program. The Criminal Justice Minor has shown steady growth from 51 students to 91 students in 2012.

**Relation of the program to other programs on campus, in the UW System, and in the region**

This program is a renaming and repackaging of the existing Minor in Criminal Justice, so there is no change in relation to other programs, except that this program is closely aligned with the new Criminology Major program. The Criminal Justice Minor program that is being deleted had a Program Coordinator. A Coordinator for the Criminology Major and Minor will require release time for student advising, career counseling, external constituency relations, and curriculum oversight.