

# SAMPLE Four-Year Plan

## B.S. Criminology

### FALL 2022 Requirements

The curriculum in the criminology major is flexible and allows students to move through the coursework in many ways. This four-year plan illustrates one possible path a new freshman could take to complete a degree in four years. This is not an official document and is not the only way that a criminology degree can be completed in four years. Current students should refer to their individual Academic Advising Report for specific graduation requirements. Courses in bold indicate major-based coursework that is completed in the first year.

#### First Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
English 101 Intro to College Writing and Reading	3	English 102 Intro to College Writing, Reading, Research	3
<b>Gened CORE 130 Individual and Society</b>	3	<b>Math 139 Quantitative Reasoning</b>	3
<b>Sociology 276 Introduction to Criminology</b>	3	Gened CORE 140 Global Perspectives	3
Minor Course or General Education Elective	3	<b>Criminology Unique Requirement Diversity Course</b>	3
General Education Elective	3	Minor Course or General Education Elective	3
Intrauniversity 104 New Student Seminar	1	PEGNRL 192 Personal Health and Fitness for Life	1
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>

**Notes:** The math and English courses you will take during your first year will depend on UW System placement exam scores. This four-year plan reflects the math and English courses most common for students in this major. All students are encouraged to complete placement testing prior to attending Warhawks SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration). Courses in bold indicate major-based coursework that is completed in the first year.

**Opportunities:** The Legal Eagles learning experience is a great option for first-year students interested in the criminology major or professions in law or law enforcement.

#### Second Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Sociology 374 Sociology of Police and Courts	3	Sociology 378 Sociology of Punishment and Corrections	3
Sociology 295 Basic Social Statistics	3	Criminology Foundations course	3
University Requirement Lab Science (GL) course	4-5	BS Lab Science Requirement	4-5
Gened CORE 110 World of the Arts	3	Communication 110 Intro to Human Communications	3
		Minor Course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>13-14</b>		<b>16-17</b>

**Notes:** For the Bachelor of Science degree requirements, students must complete a second lab science course in addition to the lab science courses completed for the university requirements. The second course must be in a different discipline than the first course.

**Opportunities:** Joining a university sponsored club, such as the Law Enforcement Organization (LEO), is strongly encouraged. Involvement in a club or activity will help you develop interpersonal skills and give you the opportunity to learn and practice leadership skills. This participation will look good on a resume or an application to graduate school. Additionally, students are encouraged to participate in Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Honor Society of Criminology Students.



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### Third Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Criminology Foundations course	3	Sociology 472 Criminological Theory or 473 Social Theory	3
Criminal Justice course	3	Criminal Justice course	3
BS Requirement Math/Stats/CompSci course	3	Gened CORE 390 World of Ideas	3
Minor Course	3	Minor Course	3
Minor Course	3	Minor Course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

Notes: The criminology major has two coursework groups that students select options from:

**Criminology Foundations** courses include: Sociology 365 Sociology of Law, Sociology 370 Juvenile Delinquency, Sociology 371 Sociology of Violent Crime, Sociology 372 White-Collar Crime, Sociology 373 Sociology of Terrorism, Sociology 375 Restorative Justice, Sociology 377 Sociology of Drugs and Crime, Sociology 379 Women and Crime, Sociology 426 Minorities and the Criminal Justice System, and Sociology 428 Poverty, Health, and Crime

**Criminal Justice** courses include: CRIMJUS 321 Criminal Investigation, CRIMJUS 322 Criminal Investigation of Child Abuse, CRIMJUS 325 Forensic Documentation, CRIMJUS 327 Community Corrections and Treatment, CRIMJUS 329 Investigation of Death, CRIMJUS 425 Advanced Forensic Anthropology, POLISCI 316 Police and Criminal Justice Administration, POLISCI 415 Criminal Justice and the Constitution, and POLISCI 419 The Judicial Process

### Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Sociology 476 Methods of Social Research	3	Sociology 493, 494, or 498R	3
Criminology Foundations course or major elective	3	Minor Course	3
Minor Course	3	Electives to total 120 (if needed)	6-9
Minor Course	3		
Elective	3		
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>12-15</b>

**Notes:** You have the option to complete Sociology 493 Applied Sociology (internship), 494 Seminar in Sociology, or 498R Undergraduate Research to fulfill the experiential learning requirement in the major. All students must earn 120 credits to earn a bachelor's degree and all requirements in this program can be completed in fewer than 120 credits. Most students have the opportunity to choose additional courses in the fourth year to expand skills, explore interests, or try something new.

**Opportunities:** LSINDP 399: Career Information in Letters and Sciences is a 1-credit course that focuses on career and graduate school opportunities; identifying skills, strengths, and work values; creating effective job search materials; developing a networking strategy; and planning for a successful post-graduation transition.

**Planning for Graduation:** Students are encouraged to apply for graduation one full semester prior to their intended graduation date. Information about commencement is on the Registrar's Office website (<http://www.uww.edu/registrar/graduation>) and the application for graduation is available to students in the WINS Student Information System.



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