

# SAMPLE Four-Year Plan

## B.S. Criminology

### FALL 2021 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
English 101 Intro to College Writing and Reading	3
<b>Gened CORE 130 Individual and Society</b>	3
<b>Sociology 276 Introduction to Criminology</b>	3
Minor Course or General Education Elective	3
General Education Elective	3
Intrauniversity 104 New Student Seminar	1
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>

Spring Semester	Units
English 102 Intro to College Writing, Reading, Research	3
<b>Math 139 Quantitative Reasoning</b>	3
Gened CORE 140 Global Perspectives	3
<b>Criminology Unique Requirement Diversity Course</b>	3
Minor Course or General Education Elective	3
PEGNRL 192 Personal Health and Fitness for Life	1
<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
Sociology 374 Sociology of Police and Courts	3
Sociology 295 Basic Social Statistics	3
University Requirement Lab Science (GL) course	4-5
Gened CORE 110 World of the Arts	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>13-14</b>

Spring Semester	Units
Sociology 378 Sociology of Punishment and Corrections	3
Six units from Sociology 370, 371, 372, 373, 375, 377, 379	3
BS Lab Science Requirement	4-5
Communication 110 Intro to Human Communications	3
Minor Course	3
<b>Total Credits</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
Six units from Sociology 370, 371, 372, 373, 375, 377, 379	3
Criminology Track A OR Track B Course	3
BS Requirement Math/Stats/CompSci course	3
Minor Course	3
Minor Course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring Semester	Units
Sociology 472 Criminological Theory or 473 Social Theory	3
Criminology Track A OR Track B Course	3
Gened CORE 390 World of Ideas	3
Minor Course	3
Minor Course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

**Notes:** The criminology major has two tracks for students to choose from: Law Enforcement and Investigation or Adult and Youth Corrections. Each track consists of nine credits of coursework.

**The Law Enforcement and Investigation track** requires Criminal Justice 321 Criminal Investigation along with two of the following: Criminal Justice 322, 325, 425, 429, Political Science 316, 415, 419, Sociology 426.

**The Adult and Youth Corrections track** requires Criminal Justice 327 Community Corrections and Treatment along with two of the following: Sociology 426, Communication 328, 424, Social Work 235.

### Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Units
Sociology 476 Methods of Social Research	3
Criminology Track A OR Track B Course	3
Minor Course	3
Minor Course	3
Elective	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring Semester	Units
Sociology 493, 494, or 498R	3
Minor Course	3
Electives to total 120 (if needed)	6-9
<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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