

# CRIMINOLOGY, BACHELOR OF ARTS (627)

## Program Coordinator

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As a scientific discipline, Criminology emerged from the field of Sociology. Core sociological concepts inform explanations of crime and society's response to it. **WKU's Bachelor's program in Criminology** provides students with the opportunity to understand the theoretical principles which guide practical solutions to issues associated with offending, victimization, and interactions with the Criminal Justice System. Compared with traditional criminal justice programs, Criminology has a **strong interdisciplinary focus**. Our program continues this tradition by studying crime through a societal lens as we examine theoretical explanations, policy developments, and the broader implications of solutions on the health and well-being of communities and society.

## Program Requirements (35 hours)

A baccalaureate degree requires a minimum of 120 unduplicated semester hours. More information can be found at [www.wku.edu/registrar/degree\\_certification.php](http://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php). ([https://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree\\_certification.php](https://www.wku.edu/registrar/degree_certification.php))

Students who began WKU in the Fall 2014 and thereafter should review the Colonnade requirements located at: <https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>. (<https://www.wku.edu/colonnade/colonnaderequirements.php>)

The major in criminology requires a minimum of 35 credit hours and leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree. Students majoring in criminology must select a minor, certificate, or second major.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		<b>17</b>
CRIM 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	
CRIM 330	Criminology	
CRIM 199	College & Careers in Criminology & Sociology	
or SOCL 199	College & Careers in Criminology & Sociology	
SOCL 300	Social Statistics	
SOCL 301	Social Statistics Lab	
SOCL 302	Social Research Methods	
SOCL 309	Social Deviance	
<b>Restricted Electives: Correlates of Crime</b>		<b>3</b>
Select at least one of the following courses:		
CRIM 332	Juvenile Delinquency	
CRIM 361	Race, Class, and Crime	
CRIM 446	Gender, Crime, and Justice	
<b>Restricted Electives: Systems of Social Control</b>		<b>3</b>
Select at least one of the following courses		
CRIM 340	Criminal Courts and Sentencing	
CRIM 370	Issues in Policing	
CRIM 380	Punishment and Society	

CRIM 430	Comparative Systems of Juvenile Justice
CRIM 432	Sociology of Criminal Law
PS 328	Criminal Justice Procedures
<b>Unrestricted Electives</b>	
<b>12</b>	
Select four from the following:	
ANTH 300	Forensic Anthropology
CHEM 111	Introduction to Forensic Chemistry
CHEM 430	Forensic Chemistry
CRIM 222	Introduction to Crime Mapping
CRIM 232	Introduction to Law Enforcement
CRIM 233	Alternatives to Confinement
CRIM 234	Crime and Popular Culture
CRIM 238	Victimology & Victim Advocacy
CRIM 332	Juvenile Delinquency
CRIM 340	Criminal Courts and Sentencing
CRIM 346	Special Topics in Criminology
CRIM 370	Issues in Policing
CRIM 361	Race, Class, and Crime
CRIM 380	Punishment and Society
CRIM 430	Comparative Systems of Juvenile Justice
CRIM 434	Organized Crime
CRIM 432	Sociology of Criminal Law
CRIM 437	The Death Penalty in America
CRIM 439	Internship in Criminology
CRIM 440	Police Interrogations and False Confessions
CRIM 446	Gender, Crime, and Justice
CRIM 447	Life-Course Criminology
CRIM 448	International Justice and Crime
CRIM 451	White-Collar Crime
CRIM 456	Homicide and Serial Homicide
CRIM 489	Criminology Study Abroad
CRIM 495	Directed Study in Criminology
CRIM 496	Directed Study in Criminology
HIST 445	American Legal History to 1865
HIST 446	American Legal History Since 1865
PH 165	Drug Abuse
PH 467	Drug Abuse Education
PH 472	Illicit Drug Policy in the Us
PLS 225	Introduction to Law
PHIL 211	Why Are Bad People Bad?
PS 220	Judicial Process
PS 326	Constitutional Law
PS 328	Criminal Justice Procedures
IA 350	Political Terrorism
PSY/PSYS 440	Abnormal Psychology
PSY 441	Psychological Aspects of Alcoholism
PSY 470	Psychology and Law
SOCL 359	Sexuality and Society
SOCL 389	Stigma and Society

SOCL 435	Family Violence
SWRK 356	Services for Juvenile Offenders and Their Families
PHIL 427	Philosophy of Law
CRIM 339	Experiential Learning in Criminology
SOCL 315	Public Problem Solving
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>35</b>

## Finish in Four Plan

### First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG 100		3 ENG 200	3
CRIM 101		3 CRIM 330	3
MATH 183 (Or other Colonnade Math)		3 Colonnade: Natural & Physical Science with Lab	3
Colonnade: Arts & Humanities		3 Unrestricted CRIM Elective	3
General Elective (prefer SOCL 100 or CSJ 200)		3 General Elective	3
CRIM 199 or SOCL 199		1	
		<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>

### Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
SOCL 302		3 SOCL 300	3
COMM 145		3 SOCL 301	1
CRIM Restricted Elective: Correlates of Crime or Systems of Social Control		3 CRIM Restricted Elective: Correlates of Crime or Systems of Social Control	3
HIST 101 or HIST 102		3 Colonnade Connections course	3
Colonnade: Natural & Physical Science		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
		General Elective	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>

### Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENG 300		3 General Elective	3
SOCL 309		3 Colonnade: Connections	3
Colonnade: Connections		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 2nd Major/Minor Course	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 Unrestricted CRIM Elective	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

### Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Unrestricted CRIM Elective– recommend CRIM 439		3 Unrestricted CRIM Elective– Recommend CRIM 439	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 2nd Major/Minor course	3
2nd Major/Minor Course		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
General Elective		3 General Elective	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

**Total Hours 122**