

CRIMINOLOGY MAJOR

The Criminology major is an interdisciplinary baccalaureate program grounded in a strong liberal arts curriculum. This program introduces students to three important dimensions of criminology: 1) the role of law and legal systems; 2) social/structural dimensions of crime; 3) individual/behavioral dimensions of crime. While this program will undoubtedly attract students interested in criminal justice careers, it is intended to offer students access to a broader array of career opportunities than that provided by training in Criminal Justice. Students studying criminology at Framingham State University will learn to approach the issue of crime in society from a theoretically informed and research-based perspective in a program that places great emphasis on the underlying causes of crime and on the role of policy-making and policy implementation in crime prevention and crime control.

Departmental Requirements for Major in Criminology

Seven (7) core Sociology courses:

SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology

SOCI 121 Criminology

SOCI 234 Investigating Social Forces in American Society

SOCI 302 Sociological Methods I – Research Design

SOCI 303 Sociological Methods II – Data Collection & Analysis

SOCI 329 Social Deviance

SOCI 495* Internship in Sociology/Anthropology **or** POSC 450 Internship in the Judicial System

**Note: Internship must be in Criminology-related field.*

Recommended Courses:

BIOL 142 Introduction to Human Biology (Gen. Ed. Goal 6, Lab)

MATH 117 Introduction to Statistics (Gen. Ed. Goal 2)

PSYC 101 General Psychology (Gen. Ed. Goal 9)

CONCENTRATION IN GENERAL CRIMINOLOGY (UCRG)

Concentration core requirements (6 courses): Students must select six (6) elective courses, two (2) courses from each of the areas listed below. Three (3) electives must be taken in a minimum of two (2) departments other than Sociology.

Law and the Legal System:

BADM 215 Legal Environment of Business

POSC 250 American Legal Systems

POSC 315 Judicial Politics and Policy

POSC 316 U.S. Constitutional Law and Politics

SOCI 230 Law and Society

Social/Structural Dimensions of Crime and Criminal Behavior:

ECON 230 Urban Economics
POSC 337 Legislative Politics and Policy
SOC 130 Social Problems
SOC 245 Race and Ethnic Relations
SOC 263 Social Inequality

Individual/Behavioral Dimensions of Crime and Criminal Behavior:

BIOL/PSYC 225 Biopsychology
PHIL 102 Introduction to Ethics: Why be Moral?
PSYC 212* Adolescent Development
PSYC 271* Principles of Behavior Modification
PSYC 322* Abnormal Psychology
SOC 224 Juvenile Delinquency
**Indicates course has a prerequisite*