



DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

Criminology

Bachelor of Arts in Criminology

Criminology is the scientific study of making and breaking laws, including society's reaction to both. Criminology focuses on all aspects of crime, including causation, rehabilitation, response to victims and offenders, and prevention. The field studies all of the relevant parties involved in crime, including the victim, offender, society, and the criminal justice system.

Criminology at the Mount

The Mount's Criminology major is designed to provide students with an understanding of the complex nature of crime in society. Four concentrations are available within the major:

- **General** – Covers a variety of areas and is the most flexible.
- **Criminal Justice System** – Focuses on the criminal justice system from a criminology perspective.
- **Juvenile Justice** – Covers issues directly related to juvenile offenders.
- **Restorative Justice** – Focuses on alternative approaches to addressing crime by involving offenders, victims, and the community in a meaningful way.

Internships and Hands-on Research

Students can experience the wealth of career options available in Criminology by interning at prestigious organizations. Students may also create their own independent study course, in collaboration with a faculty member, or assist faculty members with research projects, including data collection and analysis.

Career Options

Students prepare for graduate programs and professional careers as victim/witness advocates, law enforcement personnel, corrections personnel, substance abuse counselors, juvenile justice workers, restorative justice program workers/directors, community service agency directors, probation/parole officers, child welfare workers, adult protective services workers, and mental health workers.



“Studying Criminology encourages me to observe and use my skills to investigate the truth. Finding the truth is what makes it interesting to me.”

Lisbel Tavares



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What you will study

The Criminology major requires 45 credits in Criminology and supporting courses.

Twelve of the Criminology credits are taken from your chosen concentration: General, Criminal Justice System, Juvenile Justice, or Restorative Justice.

Sampling of required courses

- Introduction to Criminology
- Victims of Crime
- Comparative Criminology
- Law and Society
- Senior Seminar in Criminology

Sampling of elective and concentration courses

- Violence in the Community
- Hate Crimes
- Conflict and Resolution
- History of Crime and Punishment
- Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice
- Juveniles and Crime
- Law Enforcement & the Community
- Deviance and Crime
- Issues in Race, Class, and Crime
- Restorative Justice & Violent Offenses
- Women and Crime
- Peace Studies
- Mental Illness, Crime, and the Criminal Justice System
- Criminology Internship

Minor in Criminology

A minor in Criminology requires 18 credits in Criminology courses.

Where our students intern

- Safe Homes of Orange County
- Dutchess County Sheriff's Office
- New York State Office of Children and Family Services
- New York State Police
- Orange County Probation/Parole (Adult Probation & Victim Services)
- Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities (TASC)



“The variety of courses and concentrations expand the breadth of knowledge students can gain about aspects of crime.”

Jenifer Lee-Gonyea
Associate Professor of Criminology

Questions?

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