

Criminology Major - Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Criminology is the scientific study of crime and criminal behavior. The discipline of Criminology understands criminal behavior through the lens of the social sciences, particularly sociology, asserting that crime and criminal behavior is influenced by the social world. Further, criminologists advocate that identifying the structural roots of criminality is key to effectively addressing the behavior. Using a community-centered approach, the Criminology degree at UWL provides students with in-depth education on criminal behavior and its ties to factors such as poverty, discrimination, trauma, mental illness, and substance use disorders. The program prepares students to assess and engage both criminal justice institutions and other community organizations, to interpret current research on crime, and to effectively apply research findings as they engage with clients and organizations throughout a community.

Students in the program will acquire practical experience in applying their knowledge and skills to support a broad array of community members and be prepared to apply their degree in areas both inside and outside of the criminal justice system. Both the required and elective courses in the curriculum will make heavy use of experiences such as undergraduate course-embedded research, collaborative assignments and projects, community-based learning, and extensive writing. Students will gain hands-on experience with community partners not only through internships, but also through course-embedded research and community-engaged learning projects.

Every Criminology major completes a senior project in one of the three senior capstone courses: SOC 405 Quantitative Social Research, SOC 416 Qualitative Explorations, or CRIM 422 Criminology Seminar. Working closely with faculty, each student designs and completes a semester-long investigation of a criminology related topic. The senior capstone course provides students with firsthand experience and analytical skills that are valuable in the work world and in graduate study.

Major requirements

(All colleges, excluding teacher certification programs)

36 credits

Code	Title	Credits
Core		
CRIM 115	Criminology and Criminal Justice through the Ages	3
or SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	
SOC 200	Foundations of Social Analysis ¹	3
SOC 250	Methods of Social Research I ¹	3
SOC 350	Methods of Social Research II	3
CRIM 322	Criminology	3
CRIM 422	Seminar in Criminology	3
or SOC 405	Quantitative Social Research Seminar	
or SOC 416	Qualitative Explorations	
Electives ²		
Category 1: Criminology electives		
Select a minimum of nine credits from the following:		9
CRIM 312	Courts, Crime, and Justice	
CRIM 313	Law and Society	

CRIM 318	Surveillance and Society
CRIM 321	Delinquency
CRIM 323	Corrections and Penology
CRIM 324	Criminal Justice
CRIM 325	Juvenile Justice
CRIM 326	Sociopharmacology
CRIM 327	Victimology
CRIM 328	Youth Rebellion
CRIM 329	Crimes of the Powerful
CRIM 331	Restorative Justice
CRIM 333	Human Rights Policing
CRIM 340	Corrections Administration
CRIM 345	Race, Gender, and Crime
CRIM 399	Special Topics in Criminology
CRIM 409	Readings and Research in Criminology
CRIM 423	Queer Criminology
CRIM 450	Internship in Criminology or Criminal Justice
SOC 325	Sociology of Mental Illness
SOC 330	Social Psychology
SOC 429	Sociology of Deviance

Category 2: Sociology electives

Select a minimum of six credits from the following:		6
SOC 105	Introduction to LGBT Studies	
SOC 120	Social Problems	
SOC 150	Introduction to Social Justice	
SOC 201	Careers in Sociology	
SOC 212	Marriage and Family	
SOC 216	Society and Schools	
SOC 225	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	
SOC 240	The Sociology of Sport and Leisure	
SOC 308	Disability and Society	
SOC 310	Social Stratification	
SOC 315	Religion and Society	
SOC 316	Gender, Sexuality, and Social Change in Religion	
SOC 317	Sociology of Media	
SOC 319	Sociology of City Life	
SOC 320	Demography	
SOC 328	Environmental Sociology	
SOC 332	Environmental Justice	
SOC 335	Collective Behavior	
SOC 336	Sociology of Popular Culture	
SOC 337	Globalization, Women, and Work	
SOC 338	Sociological Aspects of Work and Life	
SOC 369	Sociology of Sexualities	
SOC 370	Sociology of Gender	
SOC 380	Fat Studies and Body Politics	
SOC 399	Special Topics in Sociology	
SOC 404	Global Inequality	
SOC 409	Readings and Research in Sociology	
SOC 420	Health Care and Illness	
SOC 422	Death, Dying, and Bereavement	
SOC 450	Internship in Sociology	
SOC 485	Research Apprenticeship	
SOC 486	Teaching Apprenticeship	

SOC 499	Seminar in Sociology	
Additional electives		
An additional three credits selected from either Category 1 or Category 2		3
Total Credits		36

¹ To enroll in SOC 200 Foundations of Social Analysis and SOC 250 Methods of Social Research I, a student must have declared criminology or sociology as a major. Once a student has declared criminology or sociology as a major, a minimum of four semesters is needed to complete the required core course sequence.

² Electives should be selected in consultation with a faculty advisor.

Double majors in criminology & sociology:

- Double majors in criminology and sociology may only count SOC 110 or CRIM 115, SOC 200, SOC 250, SOC 350 and either SOC 405, SOC 416, or CRIM 422 towards the completion of the criminology major.
- Double majors in sociology and criminology may not count CRIM 322 as an elective for the sociology major.
- Only six credits of elective courses taken for the sociology major may be applied to the criminology major.
- Students double majoring in criminology and sociology may **not** earn a minor in criminal justice.

Criminology majors with criminal justice minors:

- Only CRIM 324 and three additional credits taken for the criminal justice minor may be applied to the criminology major.

Degree requirements

All students must complete the general education, college core, major/minor, and university degree requirements to qualify for a degree. All enrolled students have access to a degree audit to track all of these requirements.

- Core General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.uwlaw.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation/>)
- College core (p. 2)
- Baccalaureate degree requirements (p. 3)

College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities (CASSH/VPA) Bachelor of Arts core requirements

The college core provides opportunities for students to deepen their knowledge by taking courses in the arts, humanities, social sciences, and/or sciences beyond the Core General Education Requirements (CGER). Students may select from courses offered by the full range of academic departments within the college according to their interests. The college core allows students to build their critical thinking, communication, problem solving, teamwork, and global competencies through in-depth exploration of topics of their choosing.

The following conditions apply:

1. Students majoring in English (writing and rhetoric or literary and cultural studies emphases only) or in the Department of Global Cultures and Languages must earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. Teacher education majors earn a Bachelor of Science degree and

follow the School of Education core. Students majoring in other CASSH programs may choose either a B.A. or a B.S. degree.

2. Language courses (CHI, FRE, GCL, GER, HCK, HMG, JPN, RUS, SPA, or SPE 214) used to fulfill a CGER may also be used to meet the core B.A. language requirement (i.e., the first requirement for each of the B.A. tracks). This course may come from the department of the student's first major.
3. All other courses completed for the college core cannot overlap with CGER or the student's first major unless otherwise stated. The college core is in addition to those degree requirements. Overlap with a second major, minor, or certificate is allowed.
4. Courses approved for use in the college core:
 - a. Fine arts category: 150-300 level in ART, 100-300 level in MUS or THA.
 - b. Humanities category: 100-300 level in CHI, FRE, GCL, JPN, HCK, HMG, RUS, or SPA, SPE 207, SPE 214, CST 211, CST 213, CST 310, CST 312, CST 315, CST 319, CST 338, CST 410, CST 412, CST 413, CST 415, CST 419, 100-300 level in PHL, 200-300 level in ENG or HIS, MS 402, RGS 207, RGS 210, RGS 308, RGS 309, RGS 321, RGS 360, RGS 374.
 - c. Social science category: 100-300 level in ANT, ARC, CRIM, ENV, POL, PUB, or SOC, CST 190, CST 230, CST 260, CST 271, CST 280, CST 301, CST 321, CST 322, CST 330, CST 331, CST 332, CST 333, CST 334, CST 336, CST 337, CST 339, CST 350, CST 351, CST 353, CST 354, CST 358, CST 360, CST 365, CST 378, CST 380, CST 388, PSY 100, 100 level in RGS, RGS 205, RGS 303, RGS 307, RGS 314, RGS 316, RGS 320, RGS 322, RGS 328, RGS 337, RGS 340, RGS 350, RGS 353, RGS 362, RGS 373, RGS 377, RGS 409. Students with a declared minor in child/youth care or psychology may request additional courses from those programs be applied to the core by contacting the CASSH Academic Services Director.

Diversity course requirement

All students in CASSH must complete at least one diversity course from within CASSH. This course can overlap with CGER, major, minor, or other degree requirements. Select from the 100-400 level in ANT, ARC, CHI, CRIM, FRE, GCL, GER, HCK, HMG, JPN, RUS, SOC, SPA, or RGS; or from the following:

ART 215, ART 251, ART 301, ART 331, ART 332, ART 335, CST 271, CST 332, CST 337, CST 419, ENG 207, ENG 208, ENG 210, ENG 212, ENG 215, ENG 220, ENG 336, ENG 357, ENG 360, ENV 350, ENV 351, ENV 352, ENV 353, ENV 354, HIS 195, HIS 220, HIS 230, HIS 250, HIS 260, HIS 285, HIS 310, HIS 319, HIS 327, HIS 328, HIS 329, HIS 330, HIS 333, HIS 335, HIS 336, HIS 338, HIS 345, HIS 357, HIS 359, HIS 360, HIS 362, HIS 363, HIS 377, HIS 383, HIS 386, HIS 389, HIS 390, INS 494, MUS 205, MUS 209, MUS 377, PHL 212, PHL 335, PHL 336, PHL 349, POL 130, POL 140, POL 202, POL 205, POL 309, POL 325, POL 330, POL 332, POL 335, POL 336, POL 340, POL 341, POL 344, POL 345, POL 346, POL 355, PUB 210, PSY 282, PSY 283, PSY 318, PSY 319, PSY 325, PSY 360, THA 130, THA 351.

Bachelor of Arts track requirement

Bachelor of Arts students must declare a Language, Humanities, or Fine Arts track. This can be done through the UWL Change of Major Form

(<https://www.uwlax.edu/records/forms/#tm-70835>). Students select **one** of the below tracks.

A. Language Track

1. **Native speakers of English** complete:

Code	Title	Credits
Select one of the following:		
CHI 202	Chinese Language and Culture in Action II	
FRE 202	French Language and Cultures in Action II	
GCL 202	Intermediate Languages II	
GER 202	German Language and Cultures in Action II	
HCK 202	Hoocak Language and Culture IV	
HMG 204	Hmong Heritage Language: Intermediate	
HMG 304	Hmong Heritage Language: Advanced	
JPN 202	Intermediate Japanese II	
RUS 202	Russian Language and Cultures in Action II	
SPA 202	Spanish Language and Cultures in Action II	
	or SPA 221 Introduction to Spanish for the Health Professions	

Non-native speakers of English: provide English proficiency evidence acceptable for admission to UWL as a degree seeking student to the CASSH Academic Services Director.

2. Two additional courses from **different** categories selected from the college core fine arts, humanities, and social science categories.

B. Humanities Track

1. One global language course at the 102-level or higher (including SPE 214); and
2. Two additional courses from **different** departments (course prefixes within GCL are considered different for this requirement) selected from the college core humanities; and
3. One course from the college core fine arts or social science categories.

C. Fine Arts Track

1. One global language course at the 102-level or higher (including SPE 214); and
2. Two additional courses from **different** departments selected from the college core fine arts; and
3. One course from the college core humanities or social science categories.

Second major, minor, certificates, or individualized option requirement

In addition to all other College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities core requirements, all students in CASSH must complete one of the following:

1. Complete a second major outside of the student's major program; or
2. Complete a minor outside of the student's major program, consisting of at least 18 credits; or
3. Complete two certificates outside of the student's major program with at least 12 combined credits at the 300/400 level; or
4. Complete an individualized option, consisting of 18 credits that are in addition to the minimum credits required in the CGER. At least 12 credits must be earned at the 300/400-level outside the major department. The remaining six credits may consist of:

- a. 100-level or higher courses outside the major; or
- b. 300/400-level courses inside the major department not being used to fulfill major requirements.

Baccalaureate degree requirements

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science degrees must accomplish the following:

1. Fulfill the Core General Education Requirements (CGER) (<https://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/generaleducation/#generaleducationrequirements>).
2. Complete the courses prescribed by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for the degree desired in the respective school or college.
3. Earn a minimum of 120 semester credits with at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA.^{1,2}
4. At least 40 credits must be earned in 300/400 level courses. Transfer courses earned or transferred at the 300/400 level apply to this requirement.
5. Complete major and minor requirements with at least a 2.00 GPA^{1,2} in each major and minor (and concentration or emphasis, if selected).
6. A minimum of 30 semester credits in residence at UWL is required for graduation. (See undergraduate resident requirement (<https://catalog.uwlax.edu/undergraduate/academicpolicies/graduation/#undergraduate-residence-requirement>)).
7. Submit an application for graduation via the "Submit Intent to Graduate" link in the WINGS Student Center as soon as the student has registered for his or her final semester or summer term in residence. December and winter intersession graduates should apply by May 1. May and summer graduates should apply by December 1.

- ¹ Grade point average requirements for some programs will be considerably higher than 2.00. Re-entering students may be required to earn credits in excess of the 120 needed for graduation in any curriculum to replace credits earned in courses in which the content has changed substantially in recent years. Each case will be judged on its own merit.
- ² The grade point average recorded at the time the degree is awarded will not be affected by future enrollment.

No degree will be awarded unless all requirements are fulfilled and recorded within 30 days after the official ending date of each term.

Sample degree plan

Year 1

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CRIM 115 (CGER HA-PDU Humanities & Arts: Pasts that Define Us)	3 CRIM Elective	3
CST 110 (CGER CL-SL Communication & Literacy: Spoken Literacy)	3 ENG 110 (CGER CL-WL Communication & Literacy: Written Literacy)	3
UWL 100 or FYS 100 (CGER SBS-FS Social & Behavioral Science: Social Foundation for Success)	2 CGER MQR-QR Mathematics & Quantitative Reasoning: Quantitative Reasoning	3
CGER NSWL-ES Natural Science & Wellness: Experiential Science	4 CGER NSW-MBP Natural Science & Wellness: Mind, Body, & Planet	3

CGER CL-SWT Communication & Literacy: Stories We Tell	3 CGER HA-AA Humanities & Arts: Arts & Aesthetics	3
15		15
Year 2		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
SOC 200	3 CRIM 322	3
SOC 250	3 CRIM Elective	3
CGER CP-CW Civics & Perspective: Cultures of Our World/CASSH Core Language ¹	3 Minor Course	3
CASSH Core Course	3 CASSH Core Course	3
University Elective	3 University Elective	3
15		15
Year 3		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
SOC 350	3 CRIM Elective	3
SOC Elective	3 CGER CP-CU Civics & Perspective: Communities of the United States	3
CGER SBS-BS Social & Behavioral Science: Social & Behavioral Studies	3 Minor Course	3
CASSH Core Course	3 University Elective	3
Minor Course	3 University Elective	3
15		15
Year 4		
Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
SOC Elective	3 CRIM 422, SOC 405, or SOC 416	3
Minor Course	3 CRIM or SOC Elective	3
Minor Course	3 CASSH Core Diversity Course	3
University Elective	3 Minor Course	3
University Elective	3 University Elective	3
15		15
Total Credits: 120		

¹ **CASSH Core Humanities and Fine Arts Tracks** require 102+ level language. **CASSH Core Language Track** requires 202 level language. Students unprepared for 202 level will need to complete prerequisite course work.