

Criminology and Criminal Justice

Minor

18 Credit Hours

This program is offered by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences/Law, Crime and Social Justice Department. It is only available online (asynchronous) and at the St. Louis main campus.

For information on the general requirements for a minor, see Minor under the Academic Policies and Information section of this catalog.

Program Description

The minor in criminology and criminal justice provides students with a multidisciplinary approach to crime and deviance, with particular emphasis on providing the critical thinking skills that enable students to explain, predict and prevent crime and victimization.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the program, students will be able to:

- Identify the strengths and weaknesses of major criminological theories.
- Describe the development of the criminal justice system and its role in the political process.
- Analyze the policy implications of criminological theories.
- Apply principles of crime prevention to effectively reduce crime and victimization.
- Compare the theoretical foundations of crime analysis to predict and analyze patterns of crime

Required Courses

Core Courses

- CRIM 1050 Introduction to Criminology (3 hours)
or CRIM 1100 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3 hours)

Elective Courses

15 hours from any of the following electives:

- Any course with the CRIM prefix not listed above
- LEGL 2400 Introduction to Law (3 hours)
- LEGL 3500 Criminal Litigation (3 hours)

Recommended Course

- ANSO 2850 Introduction to Research Methods (3 hours)