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Criminology (B.A.)

The Criminology Program is an interdisciplinary academic program, based primarily in criminology and sociology that studies the interrelationships among law, policy, and societal conditions. The relationships among these factors are dynamic and complex, therefore Criminology integrates a variety of perspectives, approaches, and social science disciplines in order to analyze and understand the origins of crime and injustice and society's response to these issues.

Majors in the Criminology program at U.T. Dallas will be provided an educational experience which will allow them to put their academic training, background and experience to use in a wide variety of post graduate educational and occupational positions, including:

- Employment in Criminal Justice agencies at the federal, state, and local government level;
- Graduate School in Criminology or Criminal Justice (or a related social science discipline);
- Law School; or
- Social Work, Counseling, or other Human Service program.

Bachelor of Arts in Criminology Degree Requirements (120 hours)

Please note that for purposes of the 2006-2008 catalog, the course prefix "CJS" is used

I. Core Curriculum Requirements¹: 42 hours

- A. Communication (6 hours)
 - 3 hours Communication (RHET 1302)
 - 3 hours Communication Elective (CJS 3300)²
- B. Social and Behavioral Sciences (15 hours)
 - 6 hours Government (GOVT 2301 and 2302)
 - 6 hours American History
 - 3 hours Social and Behavioral Sciences Elective (ECO 2301 or ECO 2302)²
- C. Humanities and Fine Arts (6 hours)
 - 3 hours Fine Arts (ARTS 1301)
 - 3 hours Humanities (HUMA 1301)
- D. Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning (6 hours)
 - 3 hours Mathematics (at or above College Algebra, recommended MATH 1306)
 - 3 hours Quantitative Reasoning (SOCS 3305)²
- E. Science (9 hours including at least one course with a substantial laboratory component)

¹ Curriculum Requirements can be fulfilled by other approved courses from accredited institutions of higher education. The courses listed in parenthesis are the most efficient way to satisfy both Core Curriculum and Major Requirements at U.T. Dallas.

II. Major Requirements: 52 hours

- Major Preparatory Courses (6 hours)
 - CJS 1301 Introduction to Criminal Justice
 - CJS 1307 Introduction to Crime and Criminology
- Major Core Courses (22 hours)
 - CJS 3301 Theories of Justice
 - or another Social Science course with a distributive justice emphasis such as SOC 4361
 - Law and Society, SOC 4302 Class, Status, and Power,
 - or ECO 4320 Public Sector Economics
 - CJS 3302 Advanced Criminology
 - CJS 3303 Advanced Criminal Justice
 - CJS 3304 Research Methods in Crime and Justice Studies (taken before SOCS 3305)

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CJS 3319 Comparative Justice Systems
 or another ISS or Social Science course with a comparative or international focus such as
 ISSS 3336 Culture Regions, ECO 3370 The Global Economy, or
 GOVT 3350 Comparative Politics
 CJS 4305 Social Control and Criminal Sanctions
 CJS 4321 Senior Research Seminar
 SOCS 3105 Social Statistics Laboratory
 SOCS 3305 Introduction to Social Statistics²
 3 hours Communication Elective (See advisor for list of approved courses)²
 Major Related Courses (24 hours)
 15 hours CJS courses, including at least 12 hours of upper-division courses
 9 hours Major and Related Electives³

² This course is a Major requirement that also fulfills a Core Curriculum requirement. Hours are counted in Core Curriculum.

³ Students must take 3 hours in Sociology. Most students take 6 hours of upper-division CJS courses. However, subject to advisor approval, courses from other disciplines may be used to satisfy this requirement.

III. Elective Requirements: 26 hours

Advanced Electives (6 hours)

All students are required to take at least six hours of advanced electives outside their major field of study. These must be either upper-division classes or lower-division classes that have prerequisites.

Free Electives (20 hours)

This requirement may be satisfied with lower- and upper-division courses from any field of

study. Note: Students must complete at least 51 hours of upper-division credit to qualify for graduation.

Minor in Criminology: 18 hours

For a minor in Criminology, students must take the following: CJS 1301 and CJS 1307, and twelve hours of crime and justice studies electives, excluding CJS 4V97, CJS 4V98, and CJS 4V99.

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