

SAMPLE Four-Year Plan
B.A. Criminology
FALL 2021 Requirements

The curriculum in the criminology major is flexible and allows students to move through the coursework in many ways. This four-year plan illustrates one possible path a new freshman could take to complete a degree in four years. This is not an official document and is not the only way that a criminology degree can be completed in four years. Current students should refer to their individual Academic Advising Report for specific graduation requirements. Courses in bold indicate major-based coursework that is completed in the first year.

First Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
English 101 Intro to College Writing and Reading	3	English 102 Intro to College Writing, Reading, Research	3
Sociology 276 Introduction to Criminology	3	Math 139 Quantitative Reasoning	3
Gened CORE 130 Individual and Society	3	Criminology Unique Requirement Diversity Course	3
Minor Course or General Education Elective	3	Gened CORE 140 Global Perspectives	3
General Education Elective	3	Minor Course or General Education Elective	3
Intrauniversity 104 New Student Seminar	1	PEGNRL 192 Personal Health and Fitness for Life	1
Total Credits	16	Total Credits	16

Notes: The math and English courses you will take during your first year will depend on UW System placement exam scores. This four-year plan reflects the math and English courses most common for students in this major. All students are encouraged to complete placement testing prior to attending Warhawks SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration). Courses in bold indicate major-based coursework that is completed in the first year.

Opportunities: The Legal Eagles learning experience is a great option for first-year students interested in the criminology major or professions in law or law enforcement.

Second Year

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Sociology 374 Sociology of Police and Courts	3	Sociology 378 Sociology of Punishment and Corrections	3
Sociology 295 Basic Social Statistics	3	Six units from Sociology 370, 371, 372, 373, 375, 377, 379	3
BA World Language course	4	BA World Language course	4
Communication 110 Intro to Human Communications	3	University Requirement Lab Science (GL) course	4-5
Gened CORE 110 World of the Arts	3		
Total Credits	16		14-15

Notes: For the Bachelor of Arts degree requirements, students must complete two semesters of a world language or demonstrate proficiency in a world language through the second level on the UW System placement test in Spanish, French, or German. Students who are native speakers of a language other than English are eligible to waive the language requirement.

Opportunities: Joining a university sponsored club, such as the Law Enforcement Organization (LEO), is strongly encouraged. Involvement in a club or activity will help you develop interpersonal skills and give you the opportunity to learn and practice leadership skills. This participation will look good on a resume or an application to graduate school. Additionally, students are encouraged to participate in Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Honor Society of Criminology Students.



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Third Year

Fall Semester	Units
Six units from Sociology 370, 371, 372, 373, 375, 377, 379	3
Criminology Track A OR Track B Course	3
BA 300/400 Level Breadth Requirement	3
Minor Course	3
Minor Course	3
Total Credits	15

Spring Semester	Units
Sociology 472 Criminological Theory or 473 Social Theory	3
Criminology Track A OR Track B Course	3
Gened CORE 390 World of Ideas	3
Minor Course	3
Minor Course	3
Total Credits	15

Notes: The criminology major has two tracks for students to choose from: Law Enforcement and Investigation or Adult and Youth Corrections. Each track consists of nine credits of coursework.

The Law Enforcement and Investigation track requires Criminal Justice 321 Criminal Investigation along with two of the following: Criminal Justice 322, 325, 425, 429, Political Science 316, 415, 419, Sociology 426.

The Adult and Youth Corrections track requires Criminal Justice 327 Community Corrections and Treatment along with two of the following: Sociology 426, Communication 328, 424, Social Work 235.

Fourth Year

Fall Semester	Units
Sociology 476 Methods of Social Research	3
Criminology Track A OR Track B Course	3
BA 300/400 Level Breadth Requirement	3
Minor Course	3
Minor Course	3
Total Credits	15

Spring Semester	Units
Sociology 493, 494, or 498R	3
Minor Course	3
Electives to total 120 (if needed)	6-9
Total Credits	12-15

Notes: Students have the option to complete Sociology 493 Applied Sociology (internship), 494 Seminar in Sociology, or 498R Undergraduate Research to fulfill the experiential learning requirement in the major. All students must earn 120 credits to earn a bachelor's degree and all requirements in this program can be completed in fewer than 120 credits. Most students have the opportunity to choose additional courses in the fourth year to expand skills, explore interests, or try something new.

Opportunities: LSINDP 399: Career Information in Letters and Sciences is a 1-credit course that focuses on career and graduate school opportunities; identifying skills, strengths, and work values; creating effective job search materials; developing a networking strategy; and planning for a successful post-graduation transition.

Planning for Graduation: Students are encouraged to apply for graduation one full semester prior to their intended graduation date. Information about commencement is on the Registrar's Office website (<http://www.uww.edu/registrar/graduation>) and the application for graduation is available to students in the WINS Student Information System.



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