

## INDIVIDUALIZED MAJOR

# Criminal Studies

Criminal Studies embodies an array of disciplines from sociology and social psychology to politics and law. As with any individualized major, individual plans of study will reflect the student's specific interests by concentrating on certain areas of study. Students should use this sheet along with the course catalog and consultation with faculty advisors to create the best plan of study for their individual academic goals. Recent titles of Criminal Studies IMJRs reflect the variety of foci that students have adopted:

Forensic Science  
Politics of Crime and Justice  
Family Legal Issues

Prison Administration  
Criminal Counseling  
Crime, Law, & Justice

Criminal Studies

### REQUIRED COURSES

The individualized major consists of at least 36 credits at the 200-level (from 2008: 2000-level or higher); at least 18 credits must be offered by the College which will be granting your degree.

#### ***Research Methods***

You must include a research methods or research course to satisfy part of your information literacy competency requirement. This methods course should be offered by one of the departments represented in your plan of study. Examples of appropriate methods courses include:

HDFS 290 Research Methods in HDFS  
POLS 291QC Quantitative Analysis in Political Science  
SOC 205 Methods of Social Research  
SOC 207QC Quantitative Methods in Social Research  
PSYC 202Q Principles of Research in Psychology

#### ***Capstone***

Every individualized major must satisfy a capstone requirement. Therefore, your plan of study must include INTD 295W (the Individualized Major Capstone course), INTD 296W (a senior thesis), or an acceptable alternative.

#### ***Writing***

Beside the capstone, you must have one other "W" or writing-intensive course in your plan of study.

#### ***Experiential Learning***

Study abroad, internships, and/or research are strongly recommended. Possible internship courses include:

HDFS 288 Supervised Fieldwork  
INTD 212W Urban Semester Field Work  
POLS 297 Supervised Fieldwork  
PSYC 294 Field Experience  
SOC 296 Field Experience  
WS 262 Women's Studies Internship Seminar

### RECOMMENDED COURSE PREREQUISITES

Some of the courses relevant to a criminal studies major have prerequisites. This is especially true of the science courses generally included in a major focused on forensics. PSYC 132 and 135 are typical prerequisites for advanced psychology courses. The more quantitative Business Administration courses have several prerequisites.

### STRONGLY RECOMMENDED COURSES

POLS 251 Law and Society  
POLS 255 Politics of Crime and Justice  
HDFS 266 Counseling

PSYC 245 Abnormal Psychology  
SOC 216 Criminology

## OTHER RELEVANT COURSES

This is not a complete list. Please consult the catalog and then check that the courses are taught regularly by looking at PeopleSoft listings and talking with your faculty advisors.

### ANTH

237 Psychological Anthropology

### BADM

210 Principles of Managerial Accounting  
220 Business Law  
230 Financial Management  
240 Managerial and Interpersonal Behavior

### CHEM

243-245 Organic Chemistry

### DGS

234 Diagnostic Molecular Technologies  
235 Laboratory in Molecular Diagnostics  
246 Contemporary Issues in Human Genetics

### HDFS

264 Legal Aspects of Family Life  
269 Family Violence  
273 Family Interaction Processes  
274 Public Policy and the Family  
276 Planning and Managing Human Service Programs  
281 Comparative Family Policy  
285 Child Welfare, Law and Social Policy  
*Other HDFS courses on childhood, adolescence, adulthood, family, gender, ethnicity and class may also be relevant.*

### HIST

226 International Human Rights  
248 U.S. Legal History  
253 History of Human Rights

### HRTS

205 Theory of Human Rights (POLS 205)  
215 Human Rights in the U.S. (SOCL 215)  
226 International Human Rights (HIST 226)  
253 History of Human Rights (HIST 253)  
258 Comparative Perspectives on Human Rights (POLS 258)  
*Other Human Rights courses may also be relevant.*

### MCB

200 Human Genetics  
201 Gene Expression  
203 Intro to Biochemistry (for students of agriculture, general biology, medical technology, nursing and pharmacy)

204 Biochemistry (for students considering advanced course work in biochemistry, biophysics and other areas of molecular biology)

210 Cell Biology  
214 Experiments in DNA Application  
290 Forensic Application of DNA Sciences

### PHIL

215 Ethics  
217(W) Social and Political Philosophy  
226 Philosophy of Law

### PNB

264-265 Human Physiology and Anatomy (for students in medical technology, physical therapy, nursing and sport science)  
274-275 Enhanced Human Physiology and Anatomy (with inquiry-based labs)

### POLS

252 Constitutional Law  
253 Judiciary in the Political Process  
256 Constitutional Rights and Liberties  
260 Public Administration  
274 State and Local Government  
276 The Policy-making Process

### PSYC

236 Developmental Psychology  
240 Social Psychology  
243 The Study of Personality  
255 Motivation and Emotion  
256 Cognitive Psychology  
259 Drugs and Behavior  
269 Intro to Clinical Psychology  
*Other PSYC courses may also be relevant.*

### SOCL

217 Deviant Behavior  
218 Juvenile Delinquency  
219 Drugs and Society  
243 Prejudice and Discrimination  
244 Sociology of Mental Illness  
280 Urban Sociology  
281 Urban Problems or URBN 281  
340 Seminar on Crime and Justice (*Open to seniors with a 2.6+ tgra*)  
*Other SOCL courses on gender, ethnicity, class may also be relevant.*

### WS

263- Women and Violence