

College of Arts and Sciences

Criminology

Overview

The criminology program at Kansas State University is intended for students preparing for careers related to criminology and criminal justice. The program provides a general understanding of the criminal justice system; sociological explanations of criminal behavior, prevention and treatment strategies; victimology; agencies created to deal with various kinds of crime; and the significance of social contexts to the understanding of crime and deviance.

Because opportunities to enter certain careers in the criminal justice system are enhanced by knowledge of a foreign language, we encourage enrollment in appropriate modern language courses. The language that will be most beneficial depends on the type of employment desired upon graduation.

Graduates of the program are currently working in law enforcement agencies, juvenile and adult correctional facilities, adult and juvenile courts, probation and parole services, investigative services and a variety of community correctional programs. Graduates often continue their education in graduate programs and advance in various careers including those in teaching and at research institutions.

Professional options

Careers

Graduates in criminology have numerous career options. With further education or training, the opportunities are even more vast. Some possible career paths:

- Corrections
- Counseling
- Criminal investigation
- Diversion programming
- Forensics

Points of pride

The Princeton Review picked K-State among the best colleges in the country, ranking highly in happy students, town-gown relations, residence halls and more.

- Insurance fraud investigation and prevention
- Law enforcement
- Medical investigation
- Private investigation
- Youth programming and counseling

Job experience

During their junior or senior year, students in the program may participate in a professionally supervised internship in a criminal justice or social service agency directly related to their career interests and aspirations. The aim of the supervised internship is to prepare beginning professionals for careers in a setting related to their major. The field experience component is coordinated with the K-State Career Center.

Academics

Degree options

The criminology program is offered through the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work. It is a concentration within the sociology major. To receive a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts, students must complete the university's general education requirements and the department's specific course requirements for the criminology concentration.

Faculty

An excellent teaching faculty makes K-State's well-balanced sociology program possible. Staff members are participants in regional and national professional organizations representing various areas of specialization, with several focusing specifically on criminology. They have contributed to the field by presenting papers at conferences sponsored by professional organizations, by conducting funded research, by publishing articles in professional journals and by writing books. In addition to their research concerns, faculty members have a commitment to close working relationships with students.

Preparation

Students should complete a rigorous high school curriculum that prepares them to complete both general requirements in the College of Arts and Sciences as well as to complete courses within the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work.

Advising

Advising is a major component of undergraduate education in the sociology program. Upon declaring a major in sociology, you will be assigned an academic advisor. You will meet with your academic advisor every semester. The advisor will review and help guide your program of study, though it's your responsibility to know the requirements for the degree you are pursuing.

Activities

Clubs

Criminology students may become members of the undergraduate Criminology Club, which is active in a number of campus activities, as well as volunteer programs in the community, including the Boys and Girls Club and the Crisis Center. In addition, the Criminology Club sponsors an annual Criminology and Social Services Career Fair, which attracts employers from a five-state area. The career fair has been instrumental in placing students in a number of professional positions at the local, state and federal levels, and it is also helpful in providing internship opportunities.

Financial assistance

Scholarships

The criminology program awards several scholarships on an annual basis. Some scholarships are awarded to students majoring in either sociology or criminology. Among these scholarships:

- John Thurow-Hill Scholarship, awarded to a senior majoring in sociology or criminology.
- Grace and Glen Long Scholarship, awarded to a junior or senior majoring in sociology or criminology.
- Damon and Carrie Hiningner Scholarship in Sociology, awarded to a sociology or criminology major.
- CCA Correctional Solutions Scholarship, awarded to a criminology major.
- Ann McKee Regnier Scholarship for Sociology, awarded to a junior or senior majoring in sociology.

Admission

Requirements

All prospective criminology majors must be admitted to K-State through the general university admission process. To learn more about qualified admissions at K-State, please visit k-state.edu/admissions.

Suggested coursework

General core

Hrs. Course

3	STAT 325	Introduction to Statistics
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Major courses

Hrs. Courses

3	SOCIO 211	Introduction to Sociology
3	SOCIO 361	Sociology of Criminal Justice Systems
4	SOCIO 423	Methods of Social Research I
3	SOCIO 431	Comparative Social Theories
3	SOCIO 561	Criminology

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Electives

Eighteen hours, with a minimum of three courses from category A and two from category B.

A. Criminology electives

Hrs. Courses

3	SOCIO 362	Police and Society
3	SOCIO 460	Youth and Crime
3	SOCIO 463	Gangs in American Society
3	SOCIO 470	The Criminal Justice System and Family Violence
3	SOCIO 480	Prisons and Punishment
3	SOCIO 550	Technocrime, Security and Society
3	SOCIO 562	Study of Serial Murder
3	SOCIO 572	Sociology of the Death Penalty
3	SOCIO 582	The Construction of the Criminal Mind
3	SOCIO 592	Anatomy of Mass Murder
3	SOCIO 635	Sociology of Human Trafficking
3	SOCIO 665	Women and Crime

B. Supporting electives

Hrs. Courses

3	SOCIO 432	Community Organization and Leadership
3	SOCIO 440	Social Organization
3	SOCIO 450	Introduction to Social Interaction
3	SOCIO 531	Urban Sociology
3	SOCIO 533	Rural Society
3	SOCIO 541	Wealth, Power, and Privilege
3	SOCIO 545	The Sociology of Women
3	SOCIO 570	Race and Ethnic Relations

Professional field experience (optional)

6-9	SOCIO 568	Society and Criminal Justice Internship
3	SOCIO 569	Society and Criminal Justice Professional Seminar

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