

CRIMINOLOGY CERTIFICATE

Introduction

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Crime and society's responses to it represent core concerns for social scientists, policy makers, civic leaders, community organizations, and citizens across the globe. Criminology is the field of study dedicated to understanding crime as a social phenomenon. Criminologists study the social construction of laws, nature and causes of crime, reactions to the breaking of laws, and the prevention, control and treatment of crime. The Department of Sociology's Criminology Certificate offers an essential foundation for students pursuing careers in criminal justice, victim and community services, criminal law, and non-profit organizations in local and international contexts. The certificate also prepares interested students for law school and graduate programs in sociology and criminology. Students may ultimately use this training to conduct social research on crime, influence public policy, and inform government decisions about crime and law.

Upon successful completion of the certificate, students will:

- Understand the theoretical explanations for the social and behavioral causes of crime and crime reduction
- Possess a fundamental understanding of the criminal-legal and political institutions responsible for crime control and policy
- Be familiar with current trends in criminological thought, research, and activism
- Be able to apply the technical skills of their methodological training to conduct crime analyses and outcomes assessments for programs aimed at crime prevention
- Engage in original research projects involving criminological topics

These requirements are subject to periodic revision by the academic department, and the College reserves the right to make exceptions and substitutions as judged necessary in individual cases. Therefore, the College strongly urges students to consult regularly with their faculty advisor and CLAS advisor to confirm the best plans of study before finalizing them.

Program Delivery

- This is an on-campus or online program.

Declaring This Certificate

- Eligibility: While housed in Sociology, criminology is in fact a multidisciplinary field that draws from diverse liberal arts fields, including Psychology, Political Science, Communications, History, Philosophy, among others. Thus, CU Denver undergraduate students in any discipline can enroll in the certificate program. The certificate is also available to non-degree-seeking students who already have earned a BA or BS degree, either at CU Denver or elsewhere.
- Application procedures: Students are encouraged to apply for the Criminology Certificate at any point in their undergraduate studies. To apply, students should print and attach a completed Criminology

Certificate Application to an unofficial transcript. These documents should be submitted to the Criminology Certificate Administrator. Once the application is approved, students will be contacted about their acceptance into the program.

General Requirements

Students must satisfy all requirements as outlined below and by the department offering the certificate.

- Click here (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/>) for information about Academic Policies

Program Requirements

1. Students must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours from the approved courses below.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 6 upper-division (3000-level and above) credit hours chosen from the approved courses below.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all certificate courses taken at CU Denver and must achieve a minimum cumulative certificate GPA of 2.0. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the certificate GPA. Students cannot complete certificate or ancillary course requirements as pass/fail.
4. Students must complete all credits applied to the certificate at CU Denver chosen from the approved courses below. (If students have completed a course required for the certificate elsewhere, they may add the needed credits in the form of additional elective credits drawn from the approved elective courses.)

Certificate Restrictions, Allowances and Recommendations

1. The certificate will be awarded the semester in which the student completes all required courses for the certificate.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Take the following</i>		<i>9-11</i>
SOCY 3490	Criminology	3
SOCY 3115 & SOCY 3119	Quantitative Methods & Analysis and Qualitative Methods ¹	8

- ¹ Students may take two approved methods courses in the student's major discipline, one on quantitative methods and one on qualitative methods: e.g. PSYC 2090 Statistics and Research Methods, PSYC 3090 Research Methods in Psychology, PSCI 3011 Research Methods, PHIL 3440 Introduction to Symbolic Logic, PHIL 2441 Logic, Language and Scientific Reasoning, ECON 3801 Introduction to Mathematical Economics, ECON 3811 Statistics with Computer Applications, GEOG 2080 Introduction to Mapping and Map Analysis, GEOG 4080 Introduction to GIS. Questions about eligible methods course substitutions should be directed to the criminology certificate administrator.

Elective Courses

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Take two of the following</i>		6
ANTH 4090	Drug Syndemic	3
COMM 4040	Communication, Prisons, and Social Justice ¹	3
COMM 4680	Mass Media Law And Policy	3
ECON 3400	Economics of Sex and Drugs ²	3
ETST 3704	Culture, Racism and Alienation	3
HIST 3231	Famous U.S. Trials	3
HIST 4308	Crime, Policing, and Justice in American History	3
PHIL 3280	War and Morality	3
PHIL 4260	Philosophy of Law	3
PHIL 4812	Special Topics in Philosophy	3
PSCI 3034	Race, Gender, Law and Public Policy	3
PSCI 4185	Corruption in the U.S. and Abroad ³	3
PSCI 4427	Law, Politics and Justice	3
PSCI 4807	Political Violence	3
PSYC 3265	Drugs, Brain and Behavior	3
PSYC 3612	Domestic Abuse	3
SOCY 2440	Deviance and Social Control	3
SOCY 3040	Drugs, Alcohol & Society	3
SOCY 4340	Juvenile Delinquency	3
SOCY 4460	Hate Groups and Group Violence	3
SOCY 4590	Crime, Justice, and the City	3
SOCY 4700	Sociology of Law	3
SOCY 4780	Violence in Relationships	3

¹ Prerequisite: COMM 2020 Communication, Citizenship, and Social Justice, or instructor consent

² Prerequisite: ECON 2022 Principles of Economics: Microeconomics

³ Prerequisite: PSCI 1001 Introduction to Political Science: The Quest for Freedom and Justice or PSCI 3022 Political Systems of the World

To learn more about the Student Learning Outcomes for this program, please visit our website (https://clas.ucdenver.edu/sociology/sites/default/files/attached-files/criminology_certification_description_0.pdf).