CRIMINOLOGY
UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Introduction

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Ameliorating crime and its harms in a just manner is a core challenge for society. Criminology is the field of study dedicated to understanding crime as a social phenomenon. Criminologists study the social construction of laws, the nature and causes of crime, responses to lawbreaking, 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 settings. The certificate also prepares students for law school and graduate programs in sociology and criminology. Students also use this training to conduct research and inform policy on 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

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 contact the Director of the Criminology Certificate informing them of their wish to pursue the certificate at any point in their undergraduate studies. Providing their student identification number and an unofficial transcript will assist the Director in advising them. The certificate is awarded to the student upon successful completion of required coursework and an assessment exam.

These program requirements are subject to periodic revision by the academic department, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences 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 Criminology advisor to confirm the best plans of study before finalizing them.

Certificate Requirements

1. Students must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours from the approved courses below.
2. Students must complete a minimum of six 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 courses that apply to the certificate and must achieve a minimum cumulative certificate GPA of 2.0. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to certificate requirements.
4. Students must complete all credits applied to the certificate at CU Denver. 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 at the end of the semester in which the student completes all required courses for the certificate.

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CRJU 4190  Gender and Crime  
CRJU 4410  Criminal Law and Constitutional Procedures  
CRJU 4440  Courts and Social Policy  
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CRJU 4710  Environmental Crime and Justice  
ECON 3300  Economics of Crime and Punishment  
ECON 3400  Economics of Sex and Drugs  
ETST 3704  Culture, Racism and Alienation  
HDFR 4075  Family Policy & Law  
HIST/COMM 3231  Famous U.S. Trials  
HIST 4308  Crime, Policing, and Justice in American History  
PHIL 3280  War and Morality  
PHIL 4260  Why Obey the Law? Introduction to Philosophy of Law  
PHIL 4450  Punishment and Social Justice  
PSCI 3034  Race, Gender, Law and Public Policy  
PSCI 4185  Corruption in the U.S. and Abroad  
PSCI 4427  Law, Politics and Justice  
PSCI 4807  Political Violence  
PSYC 3265  Drugs, Brain and Behavior  
PSYC 3612  Domestic Abuse  

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