

CRIMINOLOGY MAJOR

This checksheet specifies the requirements for a major in criminology.

Number of Credits for a Bachelor of Science Degree: 120 credits.

77 credits must be completed beyond what is required for a major in criminology.

Number of Credits for a Criminology Major: 43 credits.

The 43 credits consist of 22 credits of sociology core degree courses and 21 credits of additional courses for a criminology major.

Number of Credits of Free Electives: 32 credits.

Number of Credits for the Pathways General Education Curriculum: 45 credits.

All students with a criminology major are required to complete the Pathways General Education Curriculum.

Double Majors in the Department of Sociology: The Department of Sociology offers a major in sociology, with and without options, and a major in criminology. Students are permitted to obtain both majors. Courses in the sociology core degree can meet the requirements of both majors, but none of the other required or elective courses taken for either major can count toward the other.

Minimum GPA: A minimum 2.0 in-major GPA and 2.0 overall GPA.

All courses with a SOC prefix, CRIM prefix, or cross-listed with SOC and/or CRIM are included in the calculation of the in-major GPA.

Grade Requirement: Courses taken as part of the sociology core degree and criminology major must be taken for a letter grade of A-F.

Requirements for Satisfactory Progress: Students must have completed SOC 1004 Introductory Sociology, SOC 3104 Sociological Theory, SOC 3204 Social Research Methods, and an additional 6 credits of required or elective courses for the criminology major prior to attempting 72 credits (including transfer, advanced placement, advanced standing, and credit by examination).

Upon having attempted 60 credits, students must have an in-major GPA of 2.0 and an in-major GPA of 2.0 thereafter to be considered as making satisfactory progress toward the degree.

If satisfactory progress is not made, procedures will be followed as required by the Academic Eligibility Policy.

Prerequisites: Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog & Academic Policies for prerequisites.

Advising: Regular contact with the academic advisor for criminology is not required but strongly encouraged. Call (540) 231-8971 to schedule an appointment. The Department of Sociology office is located at 560 McBryde Hall.

Program Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
Degree Core Requirements ¹		
<i>Sociology</i>		
Take in the order listed		
SOC 1004	Introductory Sociology	3
SOC/HD 2104	Quantitative Approaches to Community Research	3

or STAT 3604	Statistics for Social Science	
SOC 3104	Sociological Theory ²	3
SOC 3204	Social Research Methods	4
SOC 3004	Social Inequality	3
SOC 4194	Senior Seminar	3
<i>Africana Studies, American Indian Studies and Women's and Gender Studies Elective Courses</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
AFST 1714	Introduction to African American Studies	
AINS 1104	Introduction to American Indian Studies	
WGS 1824	Introduction to Womens and Gender Studies	
Subtotal		22
Major Requirements		
Take in order listed		
SOC 2404	Deviant Behavior	3
CRIM 3414	Criminology	3
CRIM 3434	Systems of Justice	3
Subtotal		9
Elective Courses		
Select 12 credits of the following: ³		12
CRIM/HIST 2504	Crime and Punishment in American History	
CRIM/HIST 3124	Murder in American History	
CRIM 3474	Women and Crime	
CRIM 4424	Juvenile Delinquency	
CRIM 4454	Topics in Criminology ⁴	
CRIM 4474	Cyber Criminology	
CRIM 4484	Hate Crimes	
CRIM 4504	Family and Crime	
CRIM 4754	Internship	
CRIM 4974	Independent Study (in a related area with approval of the department chair)	
CRIM 4994	Undergraduate Research (in a related area with approval of the department chair)	
PSVP 2044	Peace and Violence	
PSVP 2444	Conflict Resolution, Mediation and Peacebuilding	
PSVP 4444	Schools, Violence, and Justice	
SOC 4404	Sociology of Law	
SOC 4414	Drugs and Society	
Subtotal		12
Free Electives		
Select 32 credits		32
Subtotal		32
Pathways to General Education		
All students must fulfill the requirements of the Pathways for General Education Curriculum. Check the Undergraduate Course Catalog & Academic Policies for prerequisites		
<i>Pathways Concept 1 - Discourse</i>		
Select three credits in Pathway 1a (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G01A)		3
ENGL 1105	First-Year Writing (1F)	3
ENGL 1106	First-Year Writing (1F)	3

<i>Pathways Concept 2 - Critical Thinking in the Humanities</i>	
Select six hours in Pathway 2 (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G02)	6
<i>Pathways Concept 3 - Reasoning in the Social Sciences</i>	
Select six hours in Pathway 3 (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G03)	6
<i>Pathways Concept 4 - Reasoning in the Natural Sciences</i>	
Select six hours in Pathway 4 (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G04)	6
<i>Pathways Concept 5 - Quantitative and Computational Thinking</i>	
Select three hours in Pathway 5a (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G05A)	3
Select six hours in Pathway 5f (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G05F)	6
<i>Pathways Concept 6 - Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts</i>	
Select three hours in Pathway 6a (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G06A)	3
Select three hours in Pathway 6d (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G06D)	3
<i>Pathways Concept 7 - Critical Analysis of Identity and Equity in the United States</i>	
Select three hours in Pathway 7 (https://catalog.vt.edu/course-search/?attrs_pathways=attrs_pathways_G07)	3
Subtotal	45
Total Credits	120

¹ In accordance with university guidelines, courses satisfying degree core requirements may not be double counted to satisfy other areas of a degree (e.g. Pathways to General Education Curriculum).

² Recommend taking two of the following courses prior to registering for SOC 3104 Sociological Theory, SOC 2004 Social Problems, SOC 2014 Sociology of Intimate Relationships, SOC 2024 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, SOC 2034 Diversity and Community Engagement, SOC 2304 Individual In Society, and/or SOC 2404 Deviant Behavior.

³ A course not used as a criminology required course can be used to fulfill this requirement. A maximum of 3 credits of CRIM 4754 Internship, CRIM 4974 Independent Study, and CRIM 4994 Undergraduate Research can be used to fulfill this requirement.

⁴ May take CRIM 4454 Topics in Criminology three times; topics must be different.

Foreign Language Requirement

Students who completed 2 years of a single foreign, classical, or sign language in high school have completed this requirement. Students who did not complete 2 years of a foreign, classical, or sign language in high school must complete one of the following:

- 2 years of a foreign, classical, or sign language in high school plus an 1106 foreign language or the equivalent in college. These 3 hours count towards the 120 required for graduation.
- Complete an 1105-1106 foreign language (e.g., FR, GR, SPAN) grouping or the equivalent in college. These 6 hours do not count toward the 120 required for graduation.
- Complete either SPAN 1114 Accelerated Elementary Spanish, GER 1114 Accelerated Elementary German, or RUS 1114 Accelerated Elementary Russian. The 4 hours do not count towards the 120 required for graduation.