

Major in Criminology

In order to be admitted to the criminology major, students must complete SOC 101 and either SOC 205 or SOC 213 with an acceptable grade.

The Sociology Department offers a specialized program in criminology, designed to give students a comprehensive introduction to the field. Courses focus on the characteristics and causes of crime and deviance and on the origins, nature and consequences of societal reactions to crime and deviance, giving particular attention to the criminal justice system. Basic instruction is also given in sociological theory and research methods.

A cumulative grade point average of 2.25 or better in all courses completed is required for regular admission to the criminology major.

The program is particularly appropriate for students wishing to pursue one of the following career options:

- graduate work in the social sciences with a special emphasis on criminology or criminal justice
- a career in criminal justice (e.g., law enforcement, corrections, crime prevention), especially in agencies or departments involved in planning and evaluation
- a career in law, social work or counseling

Students must complete 34 hours of course work in criminology— 28 hours core and 6 hours of pertinent electives as advised.

Core courses: 101; 205; 213; 312; 371; 380 [280]; 381L; two of 412, 414, 416, 423, 424, 425, or 426.

Generally, students should follow core courses in sequence, beginning with 100-level requirements, proceeding to 200-level requirements, and so on. Electives: students must choose 6 hours (two courses) of electives from any upper division Sociology courses (300 or 400 level) and the approved list available from the Department of Sociology. Students may not count the same course as both a core course and an elective. Some upper-division electives require other courses as prerequisites.

Criminology Major Requirements
For students declaring their major Fall 2014 and after

	COURSE	GRADE
REQUIRED	101 Introduction to Sociology	___
	205 Crime, Public Policy & the Criminal Justice System	___
	213 Deviance	___
	312 Causes of Crime and Delinquency	___
	371 Sociological Theory	___
Methods	380 Introduction to Research Methods	___
Stats		
Sequence	381L Sociological Data Analysis (<i>3 hour lecture accompanied by 1 hour lab</i>)	___
Note: Soc 380 and 381L must be taken sequentially.		
Choose 2 courses at the 400-level	412 Sociology of Police and Social Control / 414 Sociology of Corrections /	___
	416 Sociology of Law / 423 Gender and Crime/	___
	424 Race, Class, and Crime / 425 From Youthful Misbehavior to Adult Crime/	___
	426 Drugs, Crime, and Social Control	___
Choose 2 electives	_____	___
from the approved list	_____	___

Approved Electives

Sociology

Any 300 or 400 level UNM Sociology or Criminology course*

* Students may not count the same course as both a criminology core course and an elective.

Philosophy

381 Philosophy of Law and Morals

Political Science

301 The Government of New Mexico
303 Law in the Political Community
315 Constitutional Law: Powers
316 Constitutional Law: Liberties
317 Constitutional Law: Rights
375 Public Management and Administration
415 Judicial Politics (no longer offered)
470 Public Policy Analysis (no longer offered)

Psychology

331 Psychology of Personality
332 Abnormal Behavior
430 Alcoholism