

Major in Criminology*

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

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– 22 hours of core courses, 6 hours of 400 level electives, and 6 hours of pertinent electives as advised.

Core courses: 101; 205; 213; 380; 312; 371; 381L; 400 level electives: two of 412, 414, 416, 419; 423, 424, 425, 426 and 427; two electives from approved list. 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 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.

*** This worksheet is not meant to replace individual advisement and is subject to change.**

Criminology Major Requirements

For students declaring their major Fall 2014 and after

	COURSE	GRADE
CORE Required	101 Introduction to Sociology	_____
	205 Crime, Public Policy & the Criminal Justice System	_____
	213 Deviance	_____
	312 Causes of Crime and Delinquency	_____
	371 Sociological Theory	_____
CORE Methods Stats Sequence	380 Introduction to Research Methods	_____
	381L Sociological Data Analysis (<i>3 hour lecture accompanied by 1 hour lab</i>)	_____
Note: Soc 380 and 381L must be taken in order.		
ELECTIVES Choose 2 courses at the 400-level	412 Sociology of Police and Social Control / 414 Sociology of Corrections /	_____
	416 Sociology of Law / 419 Networks and Crime/ 423 Gender and Crime/	_____
	424 Race, Class, and Crime / 425 From Youthful Misbehavior to Adult Crime/	_____
	426 Drugs, Crime, and Social Control/ 427 Sociology of Madness	_____
	Choose 2 electives	_____
from the approved list	_____	

Approved Electives

Sociology

Any 300 or 400 level UNM Sociology or Criminology Course

Anthropology

251 Forensic Anthropology

Philosophy

381 Philosophy of Law and Morals

Political Science

270 Public Policy & Administration
 301 The Government of New Mexico
 303 Law in the Political Community
 315 Constitutional Law: Powers
 316 Constitutional Law: Liberties
 317 Constitutional Law: Rights

Psychology

331 Psychology of Personality
 332 Abnormal Behavior
 430 Alcoholism