

Department of Sociology & Criminology



The Criminology Program

Successful careers in the justice field require broad basic educational preparation in the humanities, and social and behavioral sciences. Our Criminology major offers a liberal arts education while providing career-specific educational training.

We combine theory and practical experience to give students more comprehensive knowledge of:

- the criminal justice system and its linkages to the larger institutional structure;
- the complexities of human conduct; and
- some of the problems associated with human social life.

As a historically Black institution of higher learning, Howard University's Criminology program places special emphasis on examining relationships between people of color and components of the criminal justice system.

<http://sociologycriminology.coas.howard.edu>

Requirements

Overview of Requirements for a Major in Criminology

A minimum of 120 credit hours are required to graduate with a “C” or better overall grade point average.

A major in Criminology includes 30 credit hours. Of these 30 credit hours, 21 hours are required courses and 9 hours are elective courses.

Required Courses in Criminology

SOCI-001 Introduction to Sociology

SOCI-070 Criminology

SOCI-074 Corrections

SOCI-110 Elementary Statistics

SOCI-111 Sociological Methods

SOCI-170 Principles of Criminal Justice

SOCI-079 Internship

Elective Courses are any 9 hours of SOCI listed courses. Please see courses listed under Criminology Course Descriptions.

Electives

SOCI-003 Social Problems

SOCI -071 Juvenile Delinquency

SOCI -072 Juvenile Justice System

SOCI -113 Inside-Out: Crime and Justice Behind the Wall

SOCI -172 Social Change and the Criminal Justice System

SOCI -173 Deviance and the Community

SOCI -174 Police, Law, and Society

SOCI -175 Sociology of Law

SOCI -176 Victimology

SOCI -772 Social Change and the Criminal Justice System—Writing Course

SOCI -773 Deviance and the Community—Writing Course

SOCI -295 Restorative Justice