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Bachelor of Arts in Criminology

Under Review | Fall 2024

Proposal Information

<div>Status</div> <div>Active</div>	<div>Workflow Status</div> <div>In Progress</div> <div>Faculty Senate Approval, Faculty Senate</div> <div>Waiting for Approval Faculty Senate Approval</div> <div>Rick Holmes</div> <div>Nancy Middlebrook</div> <div>expand ▲</div>
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Effective Term and Year

<div>Proposed</div> <div>Proposed Effective Term and Year</div> <div>Fall 2024</div>
<div>Existing</div> <div>Proposed Effective Term and Year</div> <div>Fall 2023</div>

Justification

Proposed

Program Justification

The Department's internal DEI committee proposed that all criminology and sociology majors and second majors take a race-centered course. Due to the structure of the criminology major, this additional requirement would reduce the electives to only three credits. The Undergraduate Committee proposed that SOCI 371: Sociological Theory, be removed as a core requirement so that the electives were not impacted. The faculty approved this proposal on May 2, 2023.

Existing

Program Justification

The Department of Sociology faculty have approved multiple changes to our undergraduate majors and minors in order to streamline our degrees and provide consistency between the criminology and sociology programs. Lower-division electives: To increase symmetry between requirements for the degrees, we are proposing that Soci2315 (Dynamics of Prejudice) or Soci2310(Social Problems) be permitted as approved sociology electives towards the Crim Major.: We are changing the overall UNM GPA (i.e., GPA for all Coursework, not just major specific) for admission into UNM's Sociology and Criminology Majors a 2.0 (equivalent to a C). This is a change from the current 2.25 overall GPA Requirement (equivalent to a C/C+). There are 16+ students who were unable to join the program because of the 2.25 GPA limitation when the faculty authorized this change. Second Major: To incentivize people to take criminology as a second major, we could require students to take 28 credit hours of coursework (9 classes) to have criminology as a second major. They would have to take all the required courses, but we would require fewer electives (6 hours, instead of 12). In effect, those with a minor would have to take Soc 380 Research Methods (3 hrs) and Soc 381 Sociology Data Analysis (4hrs), both of which are not currently required.

REG NOTE:

Removed course list from program description as courses are listed in degree requirements section.

The originator put in the required courses for the major and 2nd major, but the system did not create an accurate total. The major requires 34 total hours and the second major 28 credit hours. Because SOCI418 can be taken twice (up to 6 hours), KUALLI is calculating a range in credits, but this isn't accurate. Whether they take 418 once or twice the total requirement does not change.

Program Category and Level

Program Category

Program

Program Level

Undergraduate

Degree, Minor, or Certificate Name

Bachelor of Arts in Criminology

Degree Type

Bachelor of Arts

Degree/Certificate Level

Undergraduate

Proposed

Is this program also offered online?

No

Existing

Is this program also offered online?

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Associated Forms

Select any associated course forms that exist

Select any associated program forms that exist

Shared Credit and Dual Degree information

Interdepartmental Program

No

Catalog Information

Proposed

Program Description

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. 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, including one race-centered course and 6 hours of pertinent electives as advised. See *Degree Requirements* for core courses. Generally, students should follow core courses in sequence, beginning with 1000-level requirements, proceeding to 2000-level requirements, and so on.

Electives: students must choose 6 hours (two courses) from the electives list below or any approved upper division SOCI course. Students may not count the same course as both a core course and an elective. Some upper-division electives require other courses as prerequisites. The Department will accept the grade of C (2.0) in required and elective Criminology courses as counting toward graduation and requires that the student achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.00 in the Criminology major or minor and a 2.00 overall grade point average. A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better in all courses completed is required for regular admission to the Criminology major.

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Admissions Requirements

Graduation Requirements

Professional Credential/Licensure Program Information

Proposed
License/Certification associated with program
No

Existing
License/Certification associated with program
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Degree Information

Degree Hours	Minimum Major Hours
120	34

Professional Accrediting Bodies

Degree Requirements

Requirements

Fetching rules...

Concentrations

Program Concentrations

Code	Title
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Concentration Required
No

Emphases

Emphasis required

N/A

Emphasis Hours

Emphasis Rules

No Rules

Sample Degree Plan

Sample Degree Plan Upload

Program Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcomes

A. Crime Data

A.1. Students will be able to identify three major sources of crime data: official data (UCR/NIBRS), victimization data (NCVS), and self report data (e.g., NYS, MTF)

A.2. Students will be able to identify strengths and weaknesses of each source.

A.3 Students will be able to identify the kinds of research questions each source of data can address and the types of questions each is unable to adequately address.

B. Correlates of Crime and Delinquency

B.1. Students will be able to identify some of the key correlates of crime (e.g., age, gender, race, SES)

B.2. Students will be able to articulate some of the explanations/mechanisms that help explain these correlations.

B.3. Students will be able to distinguish between micro- and macro-level correlates of crime and related explanations.

C. Criminological Theories

C.1. Students will be able to articulate the key assumptions, central arguments, and core hypotheses of mainstream criminological theories (e.g., social control, strain, labeling, social disorganization).

C.2. Students will be to distinguish between individual and macro-level theories.

C.3. Students will be able to apply these theories to empirical facts at both the micro and macro levels (e.g., peers and crime (micro) or poverty rates and crime rates (macro)).

D. Social Control Institutions

D.1. Students will be able to identify the key functions and goals of criminal justice institutions.

D.2. Students will be able to explain the nature and form of inequality in the criminal justice system (especially race, class and gender) and be able to articulate the central (and often competing) explanations for these inequalities.

D.3. Students should be able to identify and discuss some of the factors and/or conditions that make formal social controls more or less effective.