

BA Crim Bachelor of Arts in Criminology

Under Review | Fall 2023

Proposal Information

Status

Active

Workflow Status

In Progress

Faculty Senate Approval, Faculty Senate

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Changes

- Program Description
- Requirements
- participants
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- Sponsoring faculty member

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Proposal Information

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College of Arts & Sciences

Department

Sociology

Campus

Main Campus

Effective Term and Year

Proposed

Proposed Effective Term and Year

Fall 2023

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Proposed Effective Term and Year

Fall 2006

Justification

Proposed

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.

NOTE: 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), KUALI is calculating a range in credits, but this isn't accurate. Whether they take 418 once or twice the total requirement does not change.

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Program Justification

Associated Forms

Select any associated course forms that exist

Select any associated program forms that exist

Program Category and Level

Program Category	Program Level	Degree, Minor, or Certificate Name
Program	Undergraduate	Bachelor of Arts in Criminology
Proposed	Dual Degree	Proposed
New Graduate Program	No	New Undergrad Degree/Certificate
No		No
Existing		Existing
New Graduate Program		New Undergrad Degree/Certificate
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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 and 6 hours of pertinent electives as advised. Core courses: 1110; 2120; 2210; 312; 371; 380; 381L; two of 412, 414, 418, 416, 423, 424, 425, 426 and 427. 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 any upper-division Sociology course, SOCI2310, SOCI2315 or the approved courses from Anthropology, Philosophy, Political Science or Psychology. 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

Program Information

Degree Type

Bachelor of Arts

Program Type

Undergraduate

CIP Code ⓘ

CIP Title ⓘ

Professional Credential/Licensure Program Information

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Licensure Information

Neither

Existing

Licensure Information

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Degree Information

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Degree Hours

120

Minimum Major Hours

Existing

Degree Hours

Professional Accrediting Bodies

Degree Requirements

Requirements

- Complete all 1 of the following
 - Complete the following:
 - SOCI1110 - Introduction to Sociology- (3)
 - SOCI2120 - Introduction to Criminal Justice Systems- (3)
 - SOCI2210 - Sociology of Deviance- (3)
 - SOCI312 - Causes of Crime and Delinquency- (3)
 - SOCI371 - Sociological Theory- (3)
 - SOCI380 - Introduction to Research Methods- (3)
 - SOCI381L - Sociological Data Analysis- (4)
 - Complete at least 2 of the following:
 - SOCI412 - Sociology of Police and Social Control- (3)
 - SOCI414 - Sociology of Corrections- (3)
 - SOCI416 - Sociology of Law- (3)
 - SOCI419 - Peers, Groups, and Gangs- (3)
 - SOCI423 - Women, Gender, and Crime- (3)
 - SOCI424 - Race, Class and Crime- (3)
 - SOCI425 - Crime Through the Life Course- (3)
 - SOCI426 - Drugs, Crime and Social Control- (3)
 - SOCI427 - Sociology of Madness- (3)
 - Earn at least 6 credits from the following types of courses:
Electives: Students must choose 6 credit hours (two courses) from the approved list available from the Department of Sociology, or any upper-division Sociology 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.
 - Earn at least 86 credits from the following types of courses:
Completed at least 86 credits from the following types of courses: In addition to the program-specific requirements outlined here, all undergraduate students are required to fulfill UNM's General Education Program requirements. In some instances, courses included in an undergraduate degree program's requirement may also fulfill a General Education requirement. Please review the General Education Program in this Catalog for General Education information. Students within the College of Arts and Sciences must also complete 1) a major and a minor; or 2) two majors; or 3) one of the special curricula of the College that requires no minor.

Major

- Complete all of the following
 - Complete the following:
 - SOCI1110 - Introduction to Sociology (3)
 - SOCI2120 - Introduction to Criminal Justice Systems (3)
 - SOCI2210 - Sociology of Deviance (3)
 - SOCI312 - Causes of Crime and Delinquency (3)
 - SOCI371 - Sociological Theory (3)
 - SOCI380 - Introduction to Research Methods (3)
 - SOCI381L - Sociological Data Analysis (4)
 - Earn at least 6 credits from the following:
 - SOCI412 - Sociology of Police and Social Control (3)
 - SOCI414 - Sociology of Corrections (3)
 - SOCI416 - Sociology of Law (3)
 - SOCI418 - Selected Topics in Criminology (3 - 6)
 - SOCI419 - Peers, Groups, and Gangs (3)
 - SOCI423 - Women, Gender, and Crime (3)
 - SOCI424 - Race, Class and Crime (3)
 - SOCI425 - Crime Through the Life Course (3)
 - SOCI426 - Drugs, Crime and Social Control (3)
 - Earn at least 6 credits from the following:
 - SOCI2310 - Contemporary Social Problems (3)
 - SOCI2310 - Contemporary Social Problems (3)
 - ANTH2190C - Forensic Anthropology (4)

- PHIL381 - Philosophy of Law and Morals (3)
- POLS2150 - Public Policy and Administration (3)
- POLS303 - Law in the Political Community (3)
- POLS315 - Constitutional Law: Powers (3)
- POLS316 - Constitutional Law: Liberties (3)
- POLS317 - Constitutional Law: Rights (3)
- PSYC331 - Psychology of Personality (3)
- PSYC332 - Abnormal Behavior (3)
- PSYC430 - Alcohol Use and Alcohol Use Disorders (3)
- In addition to the approved lower-division SOCI electives and ANTH, PHIL, POLS, or PSYC listed above students can choose from any upper-division SOCI course.
- Earn at least 86 credits from the following types of courses:
In addition to the program-specific requirements outlined here, all undergraduate students must earn 86 additional credits to meet the minimum degree total of 120 credits. Additional coursework should fulfill UNM's General Education Program requirements. In some instances, courses included in an undergraduate degree program's requirement may also fulfill a General Education requirement. Please review the General Education Program in this Catalog for General Education information. Students within the College of Arts and Sciences must also complete 1) a major and a minor; or 2) two majors; or 3) one of the special curricula of the College that requires no minor.

Second Major

- Complete all of the following
 - Complete the following:
 - SOCI1110 - Introduction to Sociology (3)
 - SOCI2120 - Introduction to Criminal Justice Systems (3)
 - SOCI2210 - Sociology of Deviance (3)
 - SOCI371 - Sociological Theory (3)
 - SOCI380 - Introduction to Research Methods (3)
 - SOCI381L - Sociological Data Analysis (4)
 - SOCI312 - Causes of Crime and Delinquency (3)
 - Earn at least 3 credits from the following:
 - SOCI412 - Sociology of Police and Social Control (3)
 - SOCI414 - Sociology of Corrections (3)
 - SOCI416 - Sociology of Law (3)
 - SOCI418 - Selected Topics in Criminology (3 - 6)
 - SOCI419 - Peers, Groups, and Gangs (3)
 - SOCI423 - Women, Gender, and Crime (3)
 - SOCI425 - Crime Through the Life Course (3)
 - SOCI426 - Drugs, Crime and Social Control (3)
 - SOCI427 - Sociology of Madness (3)
 - SOCI424 - Race, Class and Crime (3)
 - Earn at least 3 credits from the following:
 - SOCI2310 - Contemporary Social Problems (3)
 - SOCI2315 - The Dynamics of Prejudice (3)
 - ANTH2190C - Forensic Anthropology (4)
 - POLS2150 - Public Policy and Administration (3)
 - POLS303 - Law in the Political Community (3)
 - POLS315 - Constitutional Law: Powers (3)
 - POLS316 - Constitutional Law: Liberties (3)
 - POLS317 - Constitutional Law: Rights (3)
 - PSYC331 - Psychology of Personality (3)
 - PSYC332 - Abnormal Behavior (3)
 - PSYC430 - Alcohol Use and Alcohol Use Disorders (3)
 - In addition to the approved lower-division SOCI electives and ANTH, PHIL, POLS, or PSYC listed above students can choose from any upper-division SOCI course.
 - In addition to the second major requirements outlined here, students must complete all requirements for their primary major.

Grand Total Credits: 28 - 120

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

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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.

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Learning Outcomes