

CRIMINOLOGY & JUSTICE STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Criminology & Justice Studies

Department of Sociology

Behavioral & Social Sciences 518
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Affiliated Research Institutes

Altruistic Personality and Prosocial
Behavior Institute

California Center for Rural Policy (CCRP)

Center for Applied Social Analysis and
Education (CASAE)

Humboldt Institute for Interdisciplinary
Marijuana Research (HIIMR)

Humboldt Journal of Social Relations (HJSR)

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The Program

Students completing this program will have demonstrated the ability to:

- think critically about crime, justice, as well as the process and significance of criminalization (the social process by which we construct what counts as crime, who commits it and who is implicated in it).
- appreciate diverse conceptions of justice.
- critically analyze the relationship between systems of oppression (white supremacy, economic inequality, gendered relations of ruling, heteronormativity, etc) and crime, violence and the criminal justice system.
- apply an intersectional framework to criminological problems.
- devise sophisticated solutions to problems of crime, addiction, violence and justice.
- formulate appropriate research designs and analytic techniques to answer questions of significance to critical criminology.
- effectively communicate through oral and written methods.

Criminology & Justice Studies (CJS) students find an active and supportive department culture with a curriculum intentionally focused on a critical criminology perspective. Critical criminology challenges traditional understandings and seeks to unearth the social and historical processes that constitute 'crime'. Coursework addresses law, policy, social justice and how systems of oppression are produced and reproduced by the criminal punishment system. Faculty

members teaching in this major come from multiple disciplines including sociology, ethnic studies, political science, gender & sexuality studies, social work, and Native American studies. Criminology & justice studies is primarily taught through a sociological perspective, which allows students to develop critical thinking, theoretical application and research skills.

The program prepares students to be transformative leaders in a variety of locations, from probation and legal advocacy to community activism and policy research. Above all students will have a solid foundation to work and effect social change. Students should know that law enforcement agencies usually have extensive training programs on the specifics of work in their organization (investigation procedures, safety protocols). HSU's Criminology & Justice Studies program provides a liberal arts degree with breadth, adaptability and practical application. Graduates choose to work in many different sectors: non-profit, private business, social services, education, health services, public relations, government, as well as pursuing graduate studies.

Community engagement and social action are important values of the Department of Sociology. Internships are encouraged for the capstone experience. The sociology/CJS community advisory board assists with developing and maintaining internships and community action research opportunities.

Preparation

In high school take math, writing, and social science courses (history, psychology, sociology).

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

For a description of degree requirements to be fulfilled in addition to those listed below for the major, please see "The Bachelor's Degree" section of the catalog, pp. 66-81.

A minimum grade of C is required for all courses in the major. Total major units: 39-44.

Core Lower Division (11 units)

CRIM 125	(3) Intro to Criminology and Justice Studies
CRIM 225	(4) Inequalities/ Criminalization, or
CRIM 225S	(4) Inequalities/ Criminalization* *
SOC 282L	(1) Sociological Statistics Lab
STAT 108	(3) Elementary Statistics, or

STAT 108i	(3) Elementary Statistics with Integrated Support [Coreq: STAT 8]
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Core Upper Division (13 units)

CRIM 325	(4) Law and Society
CRIM 410	(4) Criminological Theory
SOC 382	(4) Intro to Social Research
SOC 372	(1) Proseminar, or
SOC 472	(1) Graduate School Planning

Knowledge Based Requirements

(12-16 units)

Choose one course from each of the following four categories:

Inequalities, Identities, and Crime

CRIM 362	(4) Gender, Sexualities and Crime
CRIM 431	(4) Juvenile Delinquency
CRIM 432	(4) Crime and Rural Communities
PSYC 419†	(3) Family Violence
SOC 330	(4) Social Deviance
SOC 363	(4) Environmental Crime

Law

CRGS 360	(4) Race, Gender & US Law
ES 306	(3) World Regions Cultural Studies (Topic: Narrating Genocide)
NAS 364	(4) Federal Indian Law I
PSCI 410†	(4) U.S. Constitutional Law
PSCI 441	(4) International Law

Justice and Policy

CRIM 433	(4) Punishment and Justice in Cross-National Perspective
ES 310	(4) US & Mexico Border
NAS 332	(3) Environmental Justice
NAS 468	(3) Tribal Justice Systems
PSCI 313	(4) Politics of Criminal Justice

Social Research and Action Skills

ANTH 318†	(4) Ethnography
CRGS 313/EDUC 313	(3) Community Activism
FILM 362	(4) Social Change Digital Production
FILM 455	(4) Grant Writing
FILM 455S	(4) Grant Writing* *

† Course requires one or more prerequisites that are not required elsewhere in the major.

* * Service Learning component

- GSP 270† (3) Geographic Information Science (GIS)
- PSCI 412 (4) Legal Research
- PSYC 478† (4) Analysis of Variance
- PSYC 488† (4) Regression/Multivariate Topics
- SOC 475 (4) Community Organizing
- WS 320 (3) Act to End Violence Seminar

Capstone (3-4 units)

Choose one course.

- CRIM 487 (4) Community Action Research
- SOC 482 (3) Internship
- SOC 492 (3) Senior Thesis

Many contributing departments to the CJS major offer 1-2 unit workshops around pressing social issues and popular topics. We encourage enrollment in these workshops, but the units may not be counted as part of the required 39-44 unit major requirement. Exception: Units may be used to “make up” 1-2 units if a student is short after transferring 3-unit courses from another college.

