

Criminology

The Department of Criminology provides undergraduate and graduate education in criminology for students planning professional careers in the criminal justice field. The program is diversified and integrated, reflecting the wide range of job opportunities in the field, including direct service and administration in law enforcement, corrections, victimology/victim services, and juvenile justice. The department offers the Bachelor of Science degree, Master of Science degree, and a minor. The department will not accept a student with a GPA less than 2.0 as an undergraduate major.

Undergraduate Program

Criminology courses at the undergraduate level include integration of theoretical and applied materials of an interdisciplinary nature. The undergraduate curriculum is designed to prepare students for beginning professional work in criminal justice and to provide preparation for graduate work.

The corrections option is designed for students interested in careers in probation, parole, correctional institutions, and other affiliated forms of work. The law enforcement option is designed for students interested in careers with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, or law enforcement careers within the private sector. The victimology option is designed for students interested in careers in domestic violence programs, rape counseling programs, victim/witness programs, or other victim-related programs at the local, state, or federal level; these programs can either be criminal justice based or community based. The Forensic Behavioral Sciences option also prepares students interested in traditional criminal justice careers. However, it is also designed for students who are interested in the application of other behavioral sciences — such as psychology, anthropology, and linguistics — to the criminal justice system. An internship course is required in corrections, law enforcement, and victimology options.

Graduate Program

The Master of Science degree in Criminology is a 30-unit, flexible program which provides a solid core in the field of criminology while permitting students to pursue specialized areas of interest. The master's program is designed to prepare students for service and responsible administrative and professional positions in agencies in the criminal justice system. The master's program also prepares students for a wide variety of occupations including in-service education; administrative education and management; community college teaching; predoctoral studies; and research.

Joint Doctorate in Forensic and Behavioral Sciences (Ph.D.)

The Department of Criminology is pleased to announce the California State University, Fresno-UC Davis Joint Doctorate in Forensic and Behavioral Sciences that launches in the near future. Candidate applications are now being accepted — Forensic Behavioral Science, Victimology, and Forensic Science. (Ph. D. courses are listed in the 2009-10 catalog as FBS 200 level.)

Off-Campus Degree Program

The department offers its B.S. via compressed video at the university satellite campuses located at College of the Sequoias in Visalia, California and West Hills College in Lemoore, California. This degree is also offered at law enforcement facilities in the city of Fresno.

Joint Center on Violence and Victim Studies

The department also administers two centers that provide education, training, assistance, and consultation to criminal justice agencies throughout the Valley and the country. The centers offer intensive seminars in areas of interest to working professionals. Some of these areas may include: victim services, drug abuse, alternative sentencing, juvenile justice, exclusionary rule, crime prevention, and industrial security.

Career Opportunities

Many diversified local, state, federal, and private agencies employ our graduates in criminal justice. On the local level, career opportunities exist at municipal police departments, county sheriffs' offices, probation departments, halfway and prelease houses, group homes, crisis centers, juvenile halls, welfare fraud units, retail, industrial security agencies, and victim services organizations. At the state level, career opportunities include the State Police, Department of Corrections, Alcohol and Beverage Control, California Youth Authority, Office of Criminal Justice Planning, Department of Motor Vehicles, Departments of Justice, Fish and Game, and Forestry. Federal opportunities include the Border Patrol, FBI, Secret Service, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Internal Revenue Service, Park Service, Customs, Immigration, federal prisons, and Office for Victims of Crime.

Faculty

The criminology department consists of 18 full-time faculty members whose expertise includes numerous specialties in the criminal justice system, including corrections, counseling, victimology, juvenile delinquency, theory, legal studies, supervision and management, and criminal justice administration. Vari-

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B.S. in Criminology

Options:

- Corrections
- Law Enforcement
- Victimology
- Forensic Behavioral Sciences

M.S. in Criminology

Joint Doctorate in Forensic and Behavioral Sciences (Ph.D.)

Minor in Criminology

Peace and Conflict Studies Minor

Victim Services Certificate

Criminal Justice

Counseling Specialist Certificate of Advanced Study

Certificate in Alcohol/Drug Studies

Certificate in Peacebuilding and Mediation

ous part-time faculty members from major criminal justice agencies also instruct in the department.

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