Criminology and Law Studies

Criminology is the study of crimes, criminals, crime victims, theories explaining illegal and/or deviant behavior, the social reaction to crime and the effectiveness of crime control policies. Law Studies is an interdisciplinary field that engages the meanings, values, practices and institutions of law and legality. The Law Studies discipline examines how law shapes and is shaped by political, economic and cultural forces. In Criminology and Law Studies, we investigate the interaction between phenomena of crime and law. We also look into how police, courts and the corrections system work, as well as why the criminal justice system works the way it does.

Note:

- CRLS 4986 Advanced Internship and Seminar in Criminology and Law Studies may not be counted toward the major or minor in Criminology and Law Studies.

Major in Criminology and Law Studies

The major in criminology and law studies consists of seven required courses (21 credit hours) and four elective courses (12 credit hours) for a total of 33 credit hours as listed below. The major also requires 6 credit hours of social science from one or more of the following programs: Anthropology, Economics, Political Science, Psychology, Social Welfare and Justice or Sociology. Students majoring in CRLS must also pass a course in statistics as noted below.

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**Elective Courses:** Choose four courses, CRLS courses or up to two of the following courses may be counted as electives: 1 12

- ANTH 4320 Culture, Law and Violence
- MLSC 2050 Forensic Science
- PHIL 3751 Philosophy and History of Crime and Punishment
- or HIST 3751 History and Philosophy of Crime and Punishment
- SOCI 3600 Deviance and Social Control
- SOCI 4600 The Social Reality of Crime and Justice
- SOCI 4660 Law and Society
- SOWJ 2300 Conflict Resolution and Restorative Justice
- SOWJ 3320 Victim Services and Policies

**Total Credit Hours:** 33

**Additional Course Requirements:**

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**Total Credit Hours:** 9-10

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Notes:


• SOCI 2060 Social Statistics may be used simultaneously to satisfy the University Core of Common Studies requirement in Mathematical Reasoning.
• Students wishing to complete double majors in CRLS and SOWJ or SOCI must complete the requirements for both majors. Two courses that are accepted by both majors (see the list of approved courses within each major’s bulletin entry) may double count for both majors, for a total of 57 credit hours.

Minor in Criminology and Law Studies

The minor consists of 18 credit hours, including a required introduction to criminology course (3 credit hours) and five elective CRLS courses (15 credit hours) (with the exception of CRLS 3986 Internship and Seminar in Criminology and Law Studies), or one of the approved non-CRLS courses as listed below.

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**Notes:**

• Electives may be chosen from all CRLS courses with the exception of CRLS 3986 Internship and Seminar in Criminology and Law Studies.
• One of the non-CRLS courses listed above may count toward the minor.

**Courses**

**CRLS 1001. Introduction to Criminology. 3 cr. hrs.**
Survey of recent trends in crime and delinquency. The nature of and societal reaction to criminal behavior. Personal and social factors in crime causation. Critical analysis of criminological theories as well as the operation of criminal justice agencies.

**CRLS 2001. Introduction to the Law. 3 cr. hrs.**
Legal concepts and classifications; legal philosophy, including the sources and nature and functions of law; legal methods; legal research; legal ethics; basic processes and judicial processes and procedures; the court system, state and federal.

**CRLS 2100. Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Justice. 3 cr. hrs.**

**CRLS 2200. White Collar Crime. 3 cr. hrs.**
Survey of current theoretical, research and public policy issues regarding white-collar crime. Definitions and typologies of various types of white collar crimes and activities. The nature, extent, and consequences of white-collar crime in the U.S. Assessment of strategies for combating white-collar crime as well as prospects of alternative systems of control, such as civil litigation. Prereq: CRLS 1001.

**CRLS 2500. Criminal Court Process. 3 cr. hrs.**
Analysis of the criminal court process from its initial stages through post-conviction review. Topics include court structure, the legal actors of the court process, prosecutorial and defence decision-making, bail setting, plea bargaining, trial operations, and the organization and management of judicial and prosecutorial discretion. Prereq: CRLS 1001.

**CRLS 2600. Street Gangs and Crime. 3 cr. hrs.**
Examination of the history of gangs and an analysis of the current gang culture and the social context in which it operates. Exploration of the criminological theories of gangs as well as community based and legal intervention strategies. Prereq: CRLS 1001; or cons. of instr.
CRLS 2800. Criminal Investigation. 3 cr. hrs.

CRLS 3050. Methods of Criminological Research. 3 cr. hrs.
Basic methodological issues in the study of crime, criminals, and the law; principles, purposes, and limits of research; introduction to empirical research design and methods of inquiry, including formulating and testing hypotheses, sampling procedures, data collection techniques, and ethical issues in preparation of research reports. May not be taken for credit by students who have received credit for SOCI 3050. Prereq: CRLS 1001, or SOWJ 1001, or SOCI 1001 and SOCI 2060 or equiv., or cons. of instr.

CRLS 3100. Corrections: Prisons, Probation and Parole. 3 cr. hrs.
Analysis of the organization of correctional agencies and the role of corrections in the criminal justice system. Review of relevant theories, practices, systems, and treatment methods. Prereq: CRLS 1001 or SOWJ 1001.

CRLS 3170. Policy and Practice for Children Impacted by Incarceration. 3 cr. hrs.
Increase understanding of the experiences and issues faced by children with incarcerated parents, focusing on racial, ethnic and socioeconomically marginalized and disenfranchised populations. Evaluate appropriate evidence-based practices, strategies and policies. Identify and evaluate evidence-based practices and policies that positively impact children with incarcerated parents. Develop legislative and advocacy strategies to promote these practices and policy change. Emphasis on collaborative learning. Prereq: CRLS 1001 or SOWJ 1001; and cons. of instr.

CRLS 3300. Police and Society. 3 cr. hrs.
Social and historical origins of the police; police organization; police culture, roles and careers; police in the legal system, police discretion in practice, police and the community. Prereq: CRLS 1001.

CRLS 3350. Police Organization and Administration. 3 cr. hrs.
Organization and administration of police agencies. Principles of planning, personnel management, line operations, staff and auxiliary services. Organizational models and leadership styles. Internal control and policy formation. Evaluation of effectiveness.

CRLS 3540. Surveillance, Law and Society. 3 cr. hrs.
When and why are we surveilled? Who benefits and who is harmed? What laws protect our privacy? Drawing on social science research, case law, journalism and digital media, students will critically evaluate the socio-legal use and consequences of surveillance technologies. Emphasis on collaborative learning and reflection. No prior knowledge of field assumed.

CRLS 3570. Drug Crime and Policy in America. 3 cr. hrs.
Presents a problem-oriented approach to understanding the effects of illegal drugs and drug trafficking on individuals and communities. Explores drug treatment and policies aimed at controlling drug use. Considers the effects of current enforcement strategies on drug use and drug markets and, ultimately, on American society.

CRLS 3600. Victimology. 3 cr. hrs.
Examination of the roles and functions of the victim within the civil and criminal justice systems. An investigation into victim attitudes, beliefs, problems, and needs; theories of victimization; experiences of victims within the legal system; victim assistance programs; and public policy and victimology. Prereq: CRLS 1001 or SOWJ 1001; or cons. of instr.

CRLS 3640. Domestic Violence in the United States. 3 cr. hrs.
Focuses on the ways in which race and ethnicity shape definitions of and experiences with domestic violence and how different cultural groups interact with community and legal resources designed to assist victims and perpetrators of domestic violence. Examines the implications this has for policy, practice and justice in society. Prereq: CRLS 1001 or SOWJ 1001 or cons. of instr.

CRLS 3660. Sex Offenses and Offenders. 3 cr. hrs.
Offers overview and analysis of sexual offenses in the United States, including socio-legal, public and political approaches. Interpersonal, situational and institutional factors affect how we think about sexual violence and respond to it within systems of law, justice, health and social services. Types of violence and the impact on sex offenders, families, communities and victims/survivors are addressed. Prereq: CRLS 1001, INGS 1001, SOCI 1001 or SOWJ 1001; or cons. of instr.

CRLS 3986. Internship and Seminar in Criminology and Law Studies. 3 cr. hrs.
Field experience in a community social service agency for the purpose of furthering the student's integration of theory and practice in a professional setting. Placement is for a minimum of 140 hours per term under the supervision of agency personnel, and includes a weekly seminar with the internship coordinator. S/U grade assessment. Limited enrollment. Prereq: Sr. stndg., CRLS major and cons. of internship coordinator.

CRLS 4000. Criminological Theory. 3 cr. hrs.
Analysis of the nature and consequences of delinquency and crime. Classical and contemporary examinations of criminal behavior. The effects of social interaction, social class, social organization, small groups and other variables on crime patterns and efforts to cope with crime. Relationship of criminological theory to social policy issues. Prereq: CRLS 1001 or SOCI 1001.

CRLS 4100. Ultimate Penalties in the Criminal Justice System. 3 cr. hrs.
A critical look at the rationales and history of corporal punishment, capital punishment and life imprisonment without possibility of parole in order to understand the endurance of these types of sanctions in modern society. Focuses on the philosophical, legal, social and political aspects of the punishments. Presents research on ultimate punishments, such as frequency of use, characteristics of offenses and offenders. Examines the experience of sentenced offenders and their families, and correctional staff in implementing the punishments. Prereq: CRLS 1001 or SOWJ 1001.
CRLS 4110. Media Perspectives on Urban Crime. 3 cr. hrs.
Historical overview of how urban crime has been portrayed in the media. Analysis of contemporary media presentations of urban crime, criminals, and the criminal justice system (including police, courts, and the correctional system). Social scientific theory and analysis regarding media portrayals of crime, criminals, and the criminal justice system. Prereq: CRLS 1001.

CRLS 4120. Comparative Justice Systems. 3 cr. hrs.
The nature and character of police, prosecutorial, court and correctional activity and operations in world legal systems. An examination of common law, civil law, socialist, and Islamic systems of law and social control. Prereq: CRLS 1001; or cons. of instr.

CRLS 4130. Women, Crime, and Criminal Justice. 3 cr. hrs.
Examination of the roles of women in the criminal justice system. Critical analysis of the relationship of women as offenders, as victims, and as agents of social control. Review of relevant theories and practices and both historical and contemporary issues. Prereq: CRLS 1001, SOCI 1001 or SOWJ 1001; or cons. of instr.

CRLS 4140. Race, Crime and Punishment. 3 cr. hrs.
Focus on the impact of race in the American Criminal Justice System with an emphasis on the social context of urban inequality. Examines different paradigms of race, the link between inequality and violence, the historical and contemporary importance of race in the law, and how discrimination shapes the administration of justice. Prereq: CRLS 1001, SOCI 1001 or SOWJ 1001; or cons. of instr.

CRLS 4170. Organized Crime. 3 cr. hrs.
Examination of the political, social, and economic conditions involved in the appearance and expansion of organized crime in the United States. Descriptions of structures as well as internal and external dynamics, including incentives and penalties employed by criminal groups. Explanation of investigative techniques and impact of police, courts, and correctional agencies. Prereq: CRLS 1001.

CRLS 4180. Empathy, Crime and Justice. 3 cr. hrs.
Social justice approach to the study of empathy as it relates to crime and justice; explore and cultivate various modes of empathic knowing, specifically as these relate to criminal defendants, victims of crime, and various actors in the criminal justice system. Prereq: CRLS 1001, INPS 2010 or SOWJ 1001; and Jr. stndg.

CRLS 4340. Financial Crime Investigation. 3 cr. hrs.
Introduces current perspectives and procedures used by the financial investigator in detecting and resolving financial crimes. Includes specific study of: methods of tracing funds, financial record keeping, accounting, interviewing techniques and law and evidence as they relate to financial investigations. Prereq: CRLS 1001.

CRLS 4350. Neighborhoods and Crime. 3 cr. hrs.
Surveys theoretical and empirical literature on the role that neighborhood characteristics play in crime, and to examine the utility of crime prevention strategies for reducing neighborhood crime rates. Also works on developing the skills necessary to investigate Milwaukee neighborhood crime patterns and to create and deliver professional presentations and technical reports. Prereq: CRLS 1001, SOCI 1001, SOWJ 1001 or cons. of instr.

CRLS 4360. Crime Mapping. 3 cr. hrs.
A technological introduction to the basic functionality of ESRI’s ArcGIS for mapping and analyzing crime data. Students learn skills to create crime maps and analyze crime patterns and develop a solid base upon which to build further expertise in geographic information system (GIS) software and spatial analysis. Prereq: CRLS 1001, SOCI 1001, SOWJ 1001 or cons. of instr.

CRLS 4400. Criminal Law and Procedure. 3 cr. hrs.
Studies criminal substantive law; constitutional limits and principles of criminal law and liability; defenses to criminal liability; definitions and classification; criminal procedure of crimes; constitutional limits and protections of criminal procedure. Prereq: CRLS 1001 and CRLS 2500; or cons. of instr.

CRLS 4550. Crime Control. 3 cr. hrs.
Contemporary issues in criminal justice and social control. Evaluates the effectiveness of various crime control strategies and explore their social utility and implications for social stratification. Discusses crucial socio-legal questions and philosophical debates concerning crime control policies. Prereq: CRLS 1001.

CRLS 4600. Evidence. 3 cr. hrs.

CRLS 4640. Family Violence and Public Intervention. 3 cr. hrs.
Analysis of maltreatment of children, youth, spouses, and seniors within the family. Examination of causes and intervention methods emphasizing the response of actors and government agencies. Prereq: CRLS 1001, SOCI 1001 or SOWJ 1001; or cons. of instr.

CRLS 4660. Criminal Violence in America. 3 cr. hrs.
Analysis of violent crime in American society and ways in which the criminal justice system responds to it. Examination of the causes of violent crime, its prevention, treatment and public policy ramifications. Historical and contemporary understanding of the significance of violence in American culture. Critical evaluation of methods utilized to deal with violent offenders. Prereq: CRLS 1001 or SOWJ 1001.
CRLS 4700. Ethics in Criminal Justice. 3 cr. hrs.
An overview of prevailing ethical controversies confronting the process and agencies of contemporary criminal justice. Special attention given to concrete ethical issues and dilemmas, which are encountered regularly by participants in the major components of the criminal justice system. Attention is given to another emerging trend in the field: evidence-based criminal justice policy that relies heavily on criminal justice analytics, algorithms and predictive statistical modeling. Prereq: CRLS 1001.

CRLS 4931. Topics in Criminology and Law. 3 cr. hrs.
Lectures and discussions in an area which, because of its topicality, is not the subject of a regular course. The special topics will be designated in the Schedule of Classes.

CRLS 4986. Advanced Internship and Seminar in Criminology and Law Studies. 3 cr. hrs.
Continuation of the internship experience (CRLS 3986). Placement is for a minimum of 140 hours per term of supervised practice at the same agency as the previous term and includes a weekly seminar with the internship coordinator. Credits earned cannot be counted toward the major. S/U grade assessment. Limited enrollment. Prereq: Sr. stndg., CRLS 3986 and cons. of internship coordinator.

CRLS 4995. Independent Study in Criminology and Law Studies. 1-3 cr. hrs.
Faculty-supervised, independent study/research of a specific area or topic in Criminology and Law Studies. Prereq: Cons. of instr. and cons. of dept. ch.

CRLS 4997. Capstone Seminar in Criminology and Law Studies. 3 cr. hrs.
Reflection on undergraduate education emphasizing Marquette’s mission statement and Jesuit values. Through exploration of previous coursework, guest speakers and in-class assignments, students examine notions of what it means to exemplify Jesuit values working in criminal justice or related fields. Assignments and projects include course reflections that focus on salient issues related to criminal justice, criminology and law studies including equity, fairness and reform. Prereq: Sr. stndng., CRLS major, CRLS 3050 or SOCI 3050, or cons. of instructor and dept. ch.