



Crime and Justice Studies Major

WHAT IT IS

Crime and Justice Studies is an innovative new major, grounded in the liberal arts tradition. In the study of Crime and Justice, we encourage broad theoretical inquiries on issues of social and criminal justice. These include both questions of critical inquiry (what is crime, what is law and what is justice), as well as comprehensive analyses of structural, institutional, and State violence. This necessitates the study of racism, sexism, heterosexism, ageism and classism as they relate to the criminal justice system's policies and practices.

This is an interdisciplinary program that draws on a range of resources across the University and provides rigorous intellectual challenges. The program will focus on the social ethical considerations unique to the field of crime and justice, with the goal of giving students new opportunities to combine a university education with enhanced avenues for career advancement and public service.

WHAT YOU STUDY

To successfully complete the program for graduation, all students must: maintain a minimum of 2.5 GPA in the major and at least a 2.0 overall GPA; meet the Sociology major requirements and the applicable option requirements; complete 30 credits at the 300/400 level (including courses in major, excluding Experiential Learning); complete a minimum of 120 credits with at least 45 at UMD; complete the General Education requirements of the university; complete the distribution requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences. Starting in Fall 2007, all courses counting for the major must be completed with a C- or higher.

Required Core Courses:

- CJS 190 Introduction to Crime and Justice Studies
- CJS 257 Justice and Society
- CJS 358 Criminological Theory
- CJS 400 Contemporary Topics in Justice
- CJS 450 Internship

Total required core course requirements: 15 credits

Departmental Requirements:

- SOC 200 Introduction to Social Thought
- SOC 316 Research Methods

Total departmental course requirements: 6 credits

Crime and Justice Studies Electives:

Students must take at least three of the following courses:

- CJS/ANT 241 Crime and Society across the Life Span: Juveniles
- CJS/ANT 242 Crime and Society across the Life Span: Adults
- CJS 270 Criminal Law and Procedure
- CJS/SOC 274 Victimization
- CJS/SOC/AAS 314 Social Control/Crime Control
- CJS/SOC/AAS 339 Racism, Crime and Justice
- CJS/SOC/ANT 340 Law and Society
- CJS 342 Organization of Criminal Behavior
- CJS/SOC/ANT/WMS 365 Female Crime and Deviance
- CJS/PST 366 Crime, Justice and Policy
- ANT/CJS 373 Forensic Anthropology
- CJS/ANT 382 Advanced Criminological Theory
- CJS 492 Honors Research

Total crime and justice studies electives requirements: 9 credits

Interdisciplinary Electives:

Students must choose twelve credits of upper level electives from at least two different disciplines. Substitutions may be made only with the written approval of CJS Director.

- ECO 331 Economics of Developing Countries
- ECO 343 The Economics of Sex and Race Discrimination** or *
- HST 314 History of Urban America
- MGT 311 Organizational Behavior
- PHL 326 Philosophy of Law
- PSC 302 The Legislative Process
- PSC 311 State Politics
- PSC 313 Urban Politics
- PSC 315 Public Policy in America
- PSC 322 Constitutional Law

- PSC 323 Civil Liberties
- PSC 342 Public Administration
- PSC 347 Environmental Law
- PST 301 Theories of Policy Formation
- PST 350 Public Policy Problems: Process and Practitioners
- SOC/ANT/WMS 300 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Identity and Culture**
- SOC 305 Political Sociology
- SOC/ANT 308 Religion in Social and Cultural Context
- SOC/ANT 310 Social Movements
- SOC/ANT 319 Gender Variation and Sexual Orientations Across Cultures
- SOC/ANT 323 Morality and Society
- SOC/ANT/WMS 325 Sex, Marriage and Family**
- SOC/ANT 331 Race and Ethnicity
- SOC/ANT 332 Portuguese in the Americas*
- SOC/WMS/PST 336 Women and Social Policy**
- SOC/ANT 337 Comparative Ethnic Relations*
- SOC/ANT/LST 356 Wealth, Status and Power
- SOC/ANT/WMS 359 Men and Masculinities**
- SOC/ANT/CJS/AAS/WMS 364 Race, Class, Gender and Ethnicity in the Media** or *
- WMS 350 Feminist Theory**

**Total interdisciplinary electives requirements:
12 credits**

Gender/sexuality and race/ethnicity selection requirement:

While selecting Crime and Justice Studies electives and Interdisciplinary electives, at the same time students will ensure that at least one course covers issues of gender/sexuality and one covers issues of race/ethnicity. The following annotations identify the courses that may be used.

** Satisfies gender/sexuality requirement

* Satisfies race/ethnicity requirement

**TOTAL CRIME AND JUSTICE STUDIES MAJOR:
42 credits**

As part of the articulation agreement with the Massachusetts Community Colleges, it is anticipated that students arriving with an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice or a closely related field may have satisfied the requirements for CJS 190 Introduction to Crime and Justice Studies.

For full details regarding major requirements, as well as College of Arts & Sciences distribution and general education requirements, visit the Crime and Justice Studies major webpage at www.umassd.edu/cas/cjs.

Professional and Continuing Education offers face-to-face (f2f), online and blended (a combination of f2f and online) courses to balance your academic and professional goals. For more information about the Crime and Justice Studies major offered through Professional & Continuing Education, you may contact **Nancy Moniz**, Academic Advisor, at **508.999.9158** or **nmoniz@umassd.edu**.

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