

CRIMINOLOGY



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Dr. Kiekbusch coordinates both the bachelor's degree program in Criminology and the master's degree program in Criminal Justice Administration. He holds a BA, MA, and PhD., all in sociology from the University of Notre Dame. Dr. Kiekbusch has over twenty years experience in correctional administration and private corrections. He is active in a number of professional associations, and was president of the American Jail Association 1992-93. In addition to carrying out his academic responsibilities, Dr. Kiekbusch provides expert witness and other consulting services in the area of correctional management. He serves on the editorial boards of several other practitioner publications and scholarly journals.

Administered by the Department of Social Sciences within the College of Arts and Sciences.

Students who major in criminology will obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree. Criminology is an interdisciplinary behavioral science which includes the study of law, the causes of criminal behavior and the agencies of social control which society has established to prevent and control crime.

The criminology program at U. T. Permian Basin is committed to the personal, analytical and professional development of its students. Many will choose to continue their education in graduate studies or law school, while others will accept employment in criminal justice agencies such as law enforcement, courts, corrections or other social service organizations. The criminology program is committed to developing the student's sensitivity to the human and social condition, coupled with an understanding and ability to participate constructively in the improvement of both.

The criminology advisor will assist in developing a degree plan which best suits the needs of the individual student.

Transfer students should note that only those courses designated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board as academic transfer courses and showing the CRIJ prefix will be accepted at U. T. Permian Basin. Courses showing WECM prefixes are not accepted in transfer even if the course is cross-listed with an academic transfer course.

Degree Requirements

The total number of semester credit hours required for a B.A. in Criminology is 120.

General Education Requirements

44 Semester credit hours

Students must complete the requirements shown in the General Education Requirements section of this catalog, pages 63-64.

Computer Use

All Criminology majors must demonstrate a basic use of computing through completion of CRIM 3360, CRIM 4360, and CRIM 4399.

Criminology Major Requirements

33 Semester credit hours

Required for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology are 33 semester credit hours. The five courses below are specifically required for the major. CRIM 3360, CRIM 4360, and CRIM 4399 must be taken in the sequence shown below.

CRIM 2336	Introduction to Criminology
CRIM 3360	Introductory Statistics for Criminology
CRIM 4332	Theories of Criminal Behavior
CRIM 4360	Research Methods for Criminology
CRIM 4399	Senior Research Seminar

The maximum number of credits in the major is 54. Credits beyond this maximum will not be counted toward the 120 minimum hours necessary to graduate. All students must complete the 15 semester credit hours of required courses shown above, plus 18 semester credit hours from a selected list of criminology electives. In selecting courses, criminology majors, with the approval of their advisors, may choose from the list of courses associated with the online B. S. degree in Criminal Justice (CCJO). See pages xxx-xxx.

Criminology Minor Requirements

A minor in Criminology consists of 18 hours of Criminology course work (to include CRIM 2336), of which 12 must be at the upper-level.

Course Listing

CRIM 2310 Police and Society (3)

Examination of the role of police in a democratic society. Topics include professionalism, police discretion, police-community relations, police-minority relations, use of force, and control of police behavior as well as other selected contemporary issues. S

CRIM 2336 Introduction to Criminology (3)

An overview of theories and patterns of criminal behavior, and the behavior of police, courts and correctional agencies in processing criminal offenders. F

CRIM 3340 Criminal Justice Administration (3)

Administrative problems and their solutions in correctional and law enforcement programs. F

CRIM 3350 Social Deviance (3)

Study of societal definitions and reactions to deviant acts in relationship to ethnicity, social class and legal institutions. Su

CRIM 3355 Municipal Police Administration (3)

An overview of police supervision and administrative practices with a special emphasis upon innovative patrol, tactical and investigative administrative procedures. Problems and special issues in police administration are also considered and evaluated. F

CRIM 3360 Introductory Statistics For Criminology (3)[†]

A study of statistics as applied to issues in Criminal Justice and Criminology include frequency functions, correlation and regression, and statistical tests of significance. No prerequisites. F

CRIM 3365 Juvenile Delinquency and Justice (3)

A study of the juvenile justice system, theories of causation, the distribution and frequency of delinquency, correctional treatment, and prevention programs in modern society. F

CRIM 3389 Multi Listing Course (3)

Undergraduate courses which will be offered only once or will be offered infrequently or which are being developed before a regular listing in the catalog.

CRIM 4312 Criminal Procedure (3)

Introduction to various aspects of criminal procedure; including the study of laws of arrest, search and seizure, evidence, and the analysis of constitutional limitations relating to different phases of the procedure. S

CRIM 4320 Corrections In America (3)

Overview of social, cultural, behavioral, political, psychological, sociological and economic causative factors of crime. Appraisal of correctional methods involved in prisons, probation, parole, work-release, half-way houses, community-based corrections and other settings. F

CRIM 4321 Probation and Parole (3)

History, philosophy and development of adult and juvenile probation and parole in the United States. S

CRIM 4322 Legal Foundations of Corrections (3)

Historical analysis of constitutional law, appellate and Supreme Court decisions and their impact upon correctional institutions and agencies. S

CRIM 4360 Research Methods For Criminology (3)

An explanation of the basic methods of scientific inquiry in the behavioral sciences. Emphasis is on the practices aspects of research design and implementation in criminal justice and criminology. Prerequisites: Completion of CRIM 3360 with a grade of C or better.

CRIM 4332 Theories of Criminal Behavior (3)

Principal theories of criminality and the application of these theories to research and corrections. S

CRIM 4333 Law and Society (3)

The relationship of law and society is studied through the history, philosophy and evolution of the law and legal institutions. Three major functions of law in modern society, social control, dispute resolution and social engineering, are examined. Su

CRIM 4334 Issues In Criminology and Criminal Justice (3)

Survey of major philosophical, moral, and administrative issues in criminology and criminal justice. Specific topics may change as the issues and problems that confront the justice system change. S

CRIM 4381 Ethics in Criminal Justice (3)

An examination of major ethical issues confronted by persons who work in the criminal justice system. Important appellate court decisions pertaining to those issues will also be reviewed. S

CRIM 4382 The Police and the Community (3)

This course introduces students to the broad field of police-community relations, focusing on law enforcement and community response. Also emphasized are the origin, implementation, and evaluation of community policing. F

CRIM 4383 The American Jail (3)

This course provides the student with a basic understanding of the American jail – its role within the criminal justice system and its internal operations. Su

CRIM 4389 Selected Topics (3)

Undergraduate courses which will be offered only once or will be offered infrequently or which are being developed before a regular listing in the catalog.

CRIM 4391 Contract Study (3)

Advanced independent study or research (equivalent to a senior level course).

CRIM 4392 Internship in Criminal Justice (3)

A supervised field experience in a criminal justice, juvenile justice or related agency. Students are offered the opportunity to gain the knowledge, methods and skills of the agency and will further complete an academic assignment as established by the instructor. Prerequisite: 12 upper division hours in criminology and the consent of the instructor. F

CRIM 4399 Senior Research Seminar (3)

A scientific research study under the supervision of a member of the criminology faculty. The integration of theory and research is emphasized through basic or applied research. Prerequisites: senior standing and SOCI 3317 and SOCI 4303. F

+ Course fulfills general education requirements.

2007-2009 DEGREE PLAN: BA IN CRIMINOLOGY

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (44 HOURS):

- ___ English Composition (6 hours) 1301 & 1302
- ___ U.S. History (6 hours) 1301 & 1302 recommended
- ___ U.S. and State Government (6 hours)
PLSC 2305 & 2306
- ___ Physical or Life Science (8 hours) any science
- ___ Literature (3 hours) at 2xxx level
- ___ Mathematics (6 hours) *
- ___ Communication 1315 recommended
- ___ Visual/Performing Arts (3 hours)
- ___ Social Science (3 hours) (Soci, Psyc, Econ)

* MATH 1332 & CRIM 3360 will satisfy these two math requirements for Criminology majors.

MINOR: _____

In general, a minor consists of 18 sch, of which 12 sch must be upper level. Please refer to the catalog for specifics.

DISC.	COURSE	CREDIT HR.
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____

NOTES ON GRADUATING:

1. Read the U. T. Permian Basin catalog and be familiar with the University's requirements for the B. A. degree, and the general education requirements for the B. A. degree. It is the student's responsibility to read the catalog and be familiar with and fulfill all the requirements for the B. A. degree.
2. Complete at least **120** semester credit hours for the B. A. degree. At least **30** of these must be completed at U. T. Permian Basin.
3. At least **54** credits must be at the junior and senior level.
4. Complete at least **18** credits in a minor area: At least **12** of these 18 credits must be at the junior or senior level.
5. Obtain at least a C grade in all major courses.
6. By the end of the first week of classes during the semester in which the student intends to graduate, a degree check request and appropriate form must be submitted to the Academic Counselor.

CRIMINOLOGY MAJOR (33 sch)

- Required core Courses: 15 sch (5 courses)
- ___ CRIM 2336 Introduction to Criminology
 - ___ CRIM 3360 Introductory Statistics for Criminology
 - ___ CRIM 4360 Research Methods for Criminology
 - ___ CRIM 4332 Theories of Criminal Behavior
 - ___ CRIM 4399 Senior Research Seminar

SOCI 3317; SOCI 4303; CRIM 4399 MUST BE TAKEN IN SEQUENCE SHOWN. SOCI 3317 & SOCI 4303 will satisfy The University's computer science requirement.

CRIMINOLOGY ELECTIVES:

Eighteen credit hours (6 courses) must be completed from the courses listed below:

- ___ CRIM 2310 Police and Society
- ___ CRIM 3340 Criminal Justice Administration
- ___ CRIM 3350 Social Deviance
- ___ CRIM 3355 Municipal Police Administration
- ___ CRIM 3365 Juvenile Delinquency and Justice
- ___ CRIM 3389 Multi-listing Course
- ___ CRIM 4312 Criminal Procedure
- ___ CRIM 4320 Corrections in America
- ___ CRIM 4321 Probation and Parole
- ___ CRIM 4322 Legal Foundations of Corrections
- ___ CRIM 4333 Law and Society
- ___ CRIM 4334 Issues in Criminology & Criminal Justice
- ___ CRIM 4381 Ethics in Criminal Justice
- ___ CRIM 4383 The American Jail
- ___ CRIM 4382 The Police and the Community
- ___ CRIM 4389 Selected Topics _____
- ___ CRIM 4391 Contract Study _____
- ___ CRIM 4392 Internship in Criminal Justice
- ___ CRIM _____
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