

CRIMINOLOGY

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Dr. Kiekbusch 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.

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Dr. Hoskin graduated with honors from the University of Utah in 1993, earning a bachelor's degree in sociology. In 1999, he completed his PhD in sociology with an emphasis in criminology from the State University of New York in Albany. Professor Hoskin has taught a variety criminal justice courses for more than a decade. He specializes in quantitative research methods, criminological theories, and firearms and violence. He and his colleagues have published original research in prestigious journals, including *Justice Quarterly* and *Criminology*.

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.

Computer Use

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

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 4392 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 4392	Senior Internship in Criminal Justice

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 BS degree in Criminal Justice (CCJO). See pages.

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. F

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. Su

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 4384 The Death Penalty (3)

This course is designed to provide students with an understanding or the role of the death penalty in the criminal justice system and to create an environment where students are encouraged to express their ideas and make compelling arguments about the utility of the death penalty as a form of punishment.

CRIM 4385 Civil Liability in Criminal Justice (3)

This is an introduction to the concept of civil liability in the criminal justice system. The primary focuses are on law enforcement and corrections. Among the topics discussed are the foundations of civil liability, the differences between criminal and civil jurisprudence, and the most common sources of liability exposure in law enforcement and corrections. Actual cases will be reviewed. F

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 Senior Internship in Criminal Justice (3)

A supervised field experience in a criminal justice, juvenile justice, or related agency. The student is offered the opportunity to gain knowledge, methods, and skills of the agency. The student will present a paper to the Criminology faculty detailing his/her experience with the agency, summarizing the new knowledge that he/she gained by working there, and proposing a research design by which he/she would evaluate the agency's effectiveness. The research design should reflect the statistical and methodological knowledge acquired by the student in CRIM 3360 and CRIM 4360.

Preference is given to graduating seniors. F S

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.

† Course fulfills general education requirements.