SOCIOLOGY (BS) - CRIME, DEVIANCE, AND SOCIETY TRACK

The Crime and Deviance Track is designed for students who have an interest in criminal justice but see sociology as providing more opportunities for employment than a pure degree in criminal justice. In addition to the standard 12 hours of required core sociology courses (i.e., sociological theory, social research methods, race and ethnic relations, social statistics, stratification and inequality, and sociology capstone), elective credit is divided into 12 hours of directed electives in Area G, which includes options for course work in sociology of deviance, drugs and society, sociology of domestic abuse, race and ethnic relations, and an internship.

Finally, in Area H, students may choose from 15 hours of directed electives that includes courses in juvenile delinquency, violent crime, violence and society, sociology of aging, sociology of religion and sociology of formal organizations.

The Crime and Deviance Track was designed to make use of the joint Sociology and Criminal Justice Department as suggested by the American Sociological Association. Graduates of this program will be able to demonstrate the ability to think rationally and critically about various sociological issues, excel in interpersonal communication skills, demonstrate a deep understanding of multiculturalism and diversity, understand the nature of crime and deviance, be able to understand criminology and the criminal justice system from an interdisciplinary perspective, and will have well-developed skills in research, data analysis, planning and organizing, and management and demonstrate proficiency with either quantitative and/or qualitative data base and statistical software.

Example study areas include:

The Family

Race, Class, and Gender

Crime, Conformity, and Deviance

Social Stratification, Prejudice and Discrimination

Community Development, and Social Policy

Work and Organizations

Global Studies: - Model African Union

African Women and Development

Social Theory

Social Research Methods

Career Opportunities

• Mental Health Worker
• Adoption Agent
• Corrections Officer