

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

Program Overview

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.

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

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Career Opportunities

- Mental Health Worker
- Adoption Agent
- Corrections Officer
- Child Welfare Officer
- Human Resources
- Welfare Counselor

- Community Service Agency
- Claims Representative
- Public Opinion Surveyor
- Marketing Research Analyst
- Social Worker
- Case Aid Worker
- Child Abuse Case Manager
- Advertising Assistant
- Delinquency Counselor
- Parole/Probation Officer
- Researcher
- Correctional Case Worker
- Technical Writer
- Alcohol/ Drug Case Worker
- Research Assistant
- Consumer Advocate
- Labor Relations
- Personnel Interviewer