The criminology major provides students with a broad, liberal arts education that encourages them to think critically about crime, law, and justice. Our courses routinely examine social structural foundations of crime, deviance, and social control, as well as the power dynamics involved in defining crime, prosecuting crime, and sanctioning of deviance and those “at risk.” Students with a BA in criminology find careers in social and human service occupations related to criminal, juvenile, and social justice. The criminology degree provides an excellent basis for graduate study in criminology, other social sciences, and law.

**Criminology Major Requirements:**

Students must complete a minimum of 40 hours of coursework. Required courses include:

- SOCI 1810 *Understanding Social Life*
- SOCI 2020 *Sociological Classics*
- SOCI 2005 *Sociological Imagination and Inquiry-Part A*
- SOCI 2006 *Sociological Imagination and Inquiry-Part B*
- SOCI 2250 *Criminology*
- SOCI 3998 *Criminology Assessment*
- A minimum of 20 additional elective hours, 8 of which can be the Internship/Practicum

*Note: Electives MUST be chosen from the following list:

- SOCI 2255—Juvenile Delinquency
- SOCI 2260—Deviance and Society
- SOCI 2710—Crime and Inequality
- SOCI 2715—Violence in Society
- SOCI 2720—Guns and Society
- SOCI 2737—The Sociology of Denial
- SOCI 2750—Sociology of Law
- SOCI 2755—Legal Actors & Institutions
- SOCI 2757—State Violence
- SOCI 2760—Discipline and Punishment
- SOCI 2765—The Female Offender
- SOCI 2770—Kids and Courts
- SOCI 2775—Wrongful Conviction
- SOCI 2780—Women and the Law
- SOCI 2790—Policing Society
- SOCI 2820—Drugs and Society
- SOCI 2825—Sexualities and the Law
- SOCI 2830—White-Collar Crime
- SOCI 2855—Crime and the Media
- SOCI 2860—Conflict and the Law
- Special Topics (must be from a selective list)*

**Suggested sequencing of courses:**

**1st year**

It is recommended that SOCI 1810 (*Understanding Social Life*) and SOCI 2250 (*Criminology*) be taken in your first year at DU, as these are pre-requisites for all other courses

- We offer multiple sections of USL and Criminology every year. If students are unable to enroll during the fall quarter, they will have additional opportunities in winter and spring quarters.

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2nd year
We suggest that students focus on electives* in the major in the 2nd year.

3rd year
The following courses are suggested during your third year:

- Electives in the major*
- Sociological Imagination and Inquiry-Part A (Fall or Winter)
- Sociological Imagination and Inquiry-Part B (Winter or Spring)
  - Note: Part A and Part B must be taken in sequence. If students take Part A in fall quarter, they are required to take Part B in winter quarter of the same year. Likewise, if they take Part A in winter quarter, they must take Part B in spring quarter of the same year. Successful completion of Part A (attaining a grade of C- or better) is a pre-requisite for Part B.

4th year
Sociological Classics (SOCl 2020; Winter)
Criminology Assessment (SOCl 3998)
Any required courses not yet taken
Any special opportunities classes such as internships or senior theses:
http://www.du.edu/ahss/sociology/learningopportunities/index.html

*Electives in the major MUST be chosen from a list of approved courses (see page 1). For more information about Criminology, please see the major requirements worksheet available on our department website:

Criminology Minor requirements:
A minimum of 20 quarter hours of course work (five 4-credit classes). Sociology minors must take Understanding Social Life (SOCl 1810) and Criminology (SOCl 2250); electives MUST be chosen from a selective list (see page 1).

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