Some of the more important rules to keep in mind for graduation:

1) **To graduate from DU**, you must either:
   a) declare a major *and* a minor, OR
   b) declare a double major (two departments), OR
   c) declare an area major (two or more departments).

2) You must file an **application for graduation** at least three quarters **before** you intend to graduate. The graduation application is done through PioneerWeb; instructions can be found [here](#). Make sure you choose the **BA** category for a Sociology or Criminology major.

3) **To add or change a major OR a minor**, you need a **form** from the Registrar’s Office or the Center for Academic and Career Development. If you’re currently a Sociology major and want to switch over to be a Criminology major (or vice versa), you MUST do an official “declaration or change of major” form—so bring a “change” form over to Professor Gordon in SH 419A for signature. **NOTE: You CANNOT double major in Sociology and Criminology, nor can you major in Sociology and minor in Criminology (or vice versa).**

4) You need a minimum of **183 completed hours** *(with appropriate grades)* in order to graduate with a BA degree. Of the 183 hours:
   a) At least 75 hours must be at the upper-division level (i.e., courses with course numbers at the 2000- or 3000-level);
   b) Only 60 quarter hours may come from any one department—no matter where the courses are listed on your APR. So anything that’s listed with a SOCI prefix counts toward the 60-hour maximum in Sociology or Criminology. If you go over the limit, the courses WON’T count toward your degree.
   c) The final responsibility for completing graduation requirements rests with the student, per the **Undergraduate Bulletin**.

5) **ALL GRADES IN THE MAJOR AND MINOR MUST BE EARNED AT THE LEVEL OF “C-“ or better, and the GPA in the major and the minor must be at least 2.0**, therefore D’s and F’s in Soc or Crim courses aren’t going to count toward major/minor requirements.

6) At least 50% of the required credit hours for the major and minor must be completed **in residence at the University of Denver**. (Contact Hava Gordon, Academic Advisor, with questions about transfer credit well before you intend to graduate. Also, please note that the study abroad and transfer coursework approval process is now automated and done through your PioneerWeb account; see “work flow directions” if you need information on this new process.)

7) DU has an **academic residence requirement** that states that “the last 45 quarter hours earned prior to granting a degree must be completed at the University of Denver, apart from approved study abroad participation.” If you are taking study abroad in your senior year, you should discuss this residence requirement with a counselor at Academic Advising or Study Abroad, especially regarding transcript approvals.

8) Applications for **independent and directed study** are available through the Registrar’s Office. Please be aware that there are specific GPA, status, and credit hour requirements that must be met before you may apply for independent study or directed study (see back of application form for details).

9) Additional degree requirements are noted in DU’s **Undergraduate Bulletin**, which can be found on the Registrar’s website; the link is: [http://bulletin.du.edu/](http://bulletin.du.edu/); make sure you choose the UNDERGRADUATE Bulletin on that page.