Minors Offered

Minor in Sociology and

Minor in Criminology, Law, and Society

If you are not a Sociology major, you may complete a minor in Sociology or Criminology, Law, and Society. The minor in Sociology is designed to teach students basic theoretical and methodological approaches in sociology.

The Criminology, Law, and Society Minor provides a foundation for students seeking to supplement their major area of study, to develop knowledge and skills needed for criminological, law, and justice related occupations, or to lay foundation for law school or graduate study in sociology, criminology, or justice fields. Students take a range of courses that provide theoretical and practical knowledge while exposing students to current sociological, legal, and justice issues.

In order to declare a minor in Sociology or Criminology, Law, and Society, you must first register in the Sociology Advising Office, 3070 Lincoln Hall (LH) and then in your college office. This should be done no later than the beginning of your senior year.

When declaring your intent to graduate, students must notify LAS about their intent to graduate with a Minor in Sociology or Criminology, Law, and Society.

Requirements For a Minor in Sociology

Sociology 100 - Introduction to Sociology

- An overview of the topics of sociology and of various sociological perspectives, and of how scholars in the discipline study social phenomena.
- This course is a prerequisite for most two-hundred level courses.

Sociology 280 - Introduction to Social Statistics

- An introduction to the statistical measures and techniques used in the social sciences.
- This course is a prerequisite for Sociology 380.
- Other courses that meet this requirement: STAT 100, PSYCH 235, ECON 202, MATH 161. Also Parkland College's MATH 108 and MATH 160. Note that these courses meet the statistics requirement but do not count toward sociology hours.

Sociology 200 - Introduction to Sociological Theory
• Classical theories by Marx, Weber, and Durkheim, as well as theories by contemporary writers.

2 Advanced Sociology Courses (6 hours)

• 300 hundred level or above

6-9 Elective Sociology Hours

18 Total Sociology Hours required minimum

If you have any questions about getting a minor in Sociology, see the Sociology advisor.

Requirements For a Minor in Criminology, Law, and Society (Offered starting in Fall 2017)

1. Choose one Introductory Sociology Course

   Sociology 100 - Introduction to Sociology

   o An overview of the topics of sociology and of various sociological perspectives, and of how scholars in the discipline study social phenomena.

   Or

   Sociology 163 – Social Problems

   o An overview of the topics of contemporary social issues in the United States, but with a global perspective.

2. Sociology 275 – Criminology

   o Nature and extent of crime; past and present theories of crime causation.

3. Choose one Society and the Law Course

   Sociology 378 – Sociology of Law

   o An examination of law and legal institutions sociologically.

   Or
Sociology 477 – Law and Society

- Social origins and consequences of law and legal process, emphasizing problems of legal change and structure and function of legal sanctions.

(9 hours minimum)

Three additional courses from the following, 3 hours of which must be 300-level or higher:

- Sociology 101 – Sociology of Gender
- Sociology 225 – Race and Ethnicity
- Sociology 310 – Sociology of Deviance
- Sociology 373 – Social Stratification
- Sociology 378 – Sociology of Law
- Sociology 477 – Law and Society
- Sociology 400 – Internship; if focused in criminology and/or law, advisor approval required
- Sociology 390 – Individual Study; if focused in criminology and/or law, advisor approval required
- Sociology 490 – Advanced Individual Study; if focused in criminology and/or law, advisor approval required
- Sociology 396 – Special Topics; if focused in criminology and/or law, advisor approval required
- Sociology 496 – Advanced Special Topics; if focused in criminology and/or law, advisor approval required

6 Advanced Hours required

18 Total Hours required minimum

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