

CRIMINOLOGY & JUSTICE STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Criminology & Justice Studies

Department of Sociology

Behavioral & Social Sciences 518
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Affiliated Research Institutes

Altruistic Personality and Prosocial
Behavior Institute

California Center for Rural Policy (CCRP)

Center for Applied Social Analysis and
Education (CASAE)

Humboldt Institute for Interdisciplinary
Marijuana Research (HIIMR)

Humboldt Journal of Social Relations (HJSR)

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The Program

Students completing this program will have demonstrated the ability to:

- think critically about crime, justice, as well as the process and significance of criminalization (the social process by which we construct what counts as crime, who commits it and who is implicated in it).
- appreciate diverse conceptions of justice.
- critically analyze the relationship between systems of oppression (white supremacy, economic inequality, gendered relations of ruling, heteronormativity, etc) and crime, violence and the criminal justice system.
- apply an intersectional framework to criminological problems.
- devise sophisticated solutions to problems of crime, addiction, violence and justice.
- formulate appropriate research designs and analytic techniques to answer questions of significance to critical criminology.
- effectively communicate through oral and written methods.

Criminology & Justice Studies (CJS) students find an active and supportive department culture with a curriculum intentionally focused on a critical criminology perspective. Critical criminology challenges traditional understandings and seeks to unearth the social and historical processes that constitute 'crime'. Coursework addresses law, policy, social justice and how systems of oppression are produced and reproduced

by the criminal punishment system. Faculty members teaching in this major come from multiple disciplines including sociology, ethnic studies, political science, gender & sexuality studies, social work, and Native American studies. Criminology & justice studies is primarily taught through a sociological perspective, which allows students to develop critical thinking, theoretical application and research skills.

The program prepares students to be transformative leaders in a variety of locations, from probation and legal advocacy to community activism and policy research. Above all students will have a solid foundation to work and effect social change. Students should know that law enforcement agencies usually have extensive training programs on the specifics of work in their organization (investigation procedures, safety protocols). HSU's Criminology & Justice Studies program provides a liberal arts degree with breadth, adaptability and practical application. Graduates choose to work in many different sectors: non-profit, private business, social services, education, health services, public relations, government, as well as pursuing graduate studies.

Community engagement and social action are important values of the Department of Sociology. Internships are encouraged for the capstone experience. The sociology/CJS community advisory board assists with developing and maintaining internships and community action research opportunities.

Preparation

In high school take math, writing, and social science courses (history, psychology, sociology).

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

For a description of degree requirements to be fulfilled in addition to those listed below for the major, please see "The Bachelor's Degree" section of the catalog, pp. 66-80.

A minimum grade of C is required for all courses in the major.

Lower Division

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| CRIM 125 | (3) | Intro to Criminology and Justice Studies |
| CRIM 225/CRIM 225S | (4) | Inequalities/Criminalization |
| SOC 282L | (1) | Sociological Statistics Lab |
| STAT 108 | (4) | Elementary Statistics |

Upper Division

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| CRIM 325 | (4) | Law and Society |
| CRIM 410 | (4) | Criminological Theory |
| SOC 382 | (4) | Intro to Social Research |
| SOC 372 | (1) | Proseminar; or |
| SOC 472 | (1) | Graduate School Planning |

Knowledge Based Requirements

Choose one course from each of the following four categories:

Inequalities, Identities, and Crime

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| CRIM 362 | (4) | Gender, Sexualities and Crime |
| CRIM 431 | (4) | Juvenile Delinquency |
| CRIM 432 | (4) | Crime and Rural Communities |
| PSYC 419 | (3) | Family Violence* |
| SOC 330 | (4) | Social Deviance |
| SOC 363 | (4) | Environmental Crime |

Law

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| ES 306 | (3) | World Regions Cultural Studies (Topic: Narrating Genocide) |
| NAS 364 | (4) | Federal Indian Law I |
| PSCI 318/CRGS 360 | (4) | Race, Gender & US Law |
| PSCI 410 | (4) | U.S. Constitutional Law* |
| PSCI 441 | (4) | International Law |

Justice and Policy

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| CRIM 433 | (4) | Punishment and Justice in Cross-National Perspective |
| ES 310 | (4) | US & Mexico Border |
| NAS 332 | (3) | Environmental Justice |
| NAS 468 | (3) | Tribal Justice Systems |
| PSCI 313 | (4) | Politics of Criminal Justice |

Social Research and Action Skills

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| ANTH 318 | (4) | Ethnography* |
| CRGS 313/EDUC 313 | (3) | Community Activism |
| FILM 362 | (4) | Social Change Digital Production |
| FILM 455/455S | (4) | Grant Writing |
| GSP 270 | (3) | Geographic Information Science (GIS)* |
| PSCI 412 | (4) | Legal Research |
| PSYC 478 | (4) | Analysis of Variance* |
| PSYC 488 | (4) | Regression/Multivariate Topics* |
| SOC 475 | (4) | Community Organizing |
| WS 320 | (3) | Act to End Violence Seminar |

* Course requires one or more prerequisites that are not required in the major.

Capstone Options

- CRIM 487 (4) Community Action
Research, **or**
- SOC 482 (3) Internship, **or**
- SOC 492 (3) Senior Thesis

Many contributing departments to the CJS major offer 1-2 unit workshops around pressing social issues and popular topics. We encourage enrollment in these workshops, but the units may not be counted as part of the required 40-45 unit major requirement. Exception: Units may be used to "make up" 1-2 units if a student is short after transferring 3-unit courses from another college.

