degrees and options
Bachelor of Arts

statistics
9 Faculty
167 Students

career possibilities
Case Manager
Community Organizer
Conflict Mediator
Crisis Response Team Worker
Domestic Violence Service Provider
Drug Counselor
Environmental Justice Activist
Family Advocate
Fundraiser/Grantwriter
Immigrant Rights Advocate
Intervention Specialist
Lawyer
Law Enforcement Officer
Harm Reduction
Outreach Worker
Policy Director
Prisoner Reentry Services Coordinator
Probation/Parole Officer
Professor
Program Coordinator
Public Defender
Investigator
Public Opinion Analyst
Researcher/Evaluator
Social Media Coordinator/Specialist
Social Worker
Statistician
Volunteer Coordinator
Youth Counselor

program description
What is a crime and how do we construct that category? What is the relationship between individual level violence and state violence? What does all this have to do with class inequality, race, gender and sexuality? Why are children housed in immigration detention centers? What is the history of the penitentiary? What would it look like to respond to violence and addiction issues with an approach focused on transformation, restoration & healing?

These questions catch the attention of Criminology and Justice Studies (CJS) students at HSU. Our program is unique as it adopts a critical criminology perspective that moves beyond traditional understandings of crime. It unearths the social and historical processes that constitute crime. Students learn to think critically about crime, justice, as well as the process and significance of criminalization or the social process through which we construct what counts as crime, who commits it and who is implicated in it. This criminalization process has historically generated and reinforced social inequalities.

Coursework addresses law, policy and social justice, and provides a strong focus on systems of oppression. While core courses are taught from a sociological perspective, faculty members teaching in this major come from multiple disciplines including Ethnic Studies, Film, Political Science, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Social Work Psychology and Native American Studies. Across the curriculum students learn to critically analyze the relationship between systems of oppression organized around race, class, gender, sexuality, etc. and crime, violence and the criminal justice system.

Do you want to learn to develop sophisticated solutions to problems of crime, addiction, violence and justice? Do you want to formulate research designs and analytic techniques to answer significant questions? Are you looking for a learning environment where faculty members and peers will support you as you develop public speaking and solid writing skills?

Our program prepares students to be transformative leaders in a variety of locations, from probation and legal advocacy to community activism and policy research. Students should know the CJS program at HSU is NOT a law enforcement or correctional officer training program. Instead, you will find a liberal arts program emphasizing critical thinking, theoretical application, and research experience. Employers tell us that these are all desirable skills for a variety of criminal justice related careers.

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