MINOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Criminal Justice Learning Goals and Objectives

**Goal 1:** Criminal Justice majors will demonstrate comprehension of the discipline of sociology and its role in contributing to our understanding of social reality.

**Objective 1.1:** Students can apply the sociological imagination, sociological principles, and concepts to her/his own life.

**Objective 1.2:** Students can compare and contrast basic theoretical orientations.

**Goal 2:** Criminal Justice majors will develop knowledge of sociological research methods.

**Objective 2.1:** Students can design a research study in an area of choice and explain why various methodological decisions were made.

**Objective 2.2:** Students can run basic statistical analyses to answer research questions.

**Objective 2.3:** Students can identify and understand how to apply different methodologies (i.e., quantitative vs. qualitative) to the same subject and determine the benefits of each.

**Goal 3:** Criminal Justice majors will understand how to communicate within their discipline.

**Objective 3.1:** Students can engage in social scientific technical writing that accurately conveys data findings.

**Objective 3.2:** Students can orally present research or course material clearly and concisely.

**Goal 4:** Criminal Justice majors will incorporate the values from the discipline.

**Objective 4.1:** Students can assess the impact of the negative effects of social inequality.

**Objective 4.2:** Students can appraise the utility of the sociological perspective as one of several perspectives on social reality.

**Goal 5:** Criminal Justice majors will understand the operation of culture and social structure.

**Objective 5.1:** Students can describe the significance of variations by race, class, gender, sexual orientation, and age, and thus critically assess generalizations or stereotypes for inaccuracy.

**Objective 5.2:** Students will identify examples of specific policy implications using reasoning about the effects of social structuration.

**Goal 6:** Criminal Justice majors will be socialized for professional careers and/or further studies.

**Objective 6.1:** Students can identify a social problem, design ways to address it, and outline feasible steps to accomplish their task.

The minor in criminal justice requires completion of the following:

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Select two of the following:

SOC 206  Theories of Crime
SOC 225  Intro to American CJ
SOC 312  Social Research Methods I
SOC 313  Data Analysis

Select one of the following:

SOC 207  Juvenile Justice
SOC 219  Social Deviance
SOC 264  Crim Courts & Crim Procedures

Select any additional 200 level approved criminal justice course