

CRIMINOLOGY, B.A.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Program Learning Objectives

- Recognize the causes and consequences of crime at the micro and macro levels and match these with prominent criminological perspectives.
- Describe the interrelated institutions and processes of the criminal justice system.
- Apply theories of crime and criminal justice to explain actual and hypothetical scenarios, behaviors, and trends.
- Explain the various social science methods of inquiry and use these to test specific criminological research questions.
- Recognize and explain macro-social inequities in crime and criminal justice processes by race, social class, gender, region and age.
- Locate and consult works in the area to produce a research paper that is coherent, cogent, and attentive to conventions of the field.