

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

Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2026-27 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/>) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition.

Criminology, B.A. at University Park Campus

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CRIM 100*	3 CRIM/SOC 12*	3
LA 83	1.5 General Education (GWS)†	3
General Education Course (GWS)‡	3 STAT 200 (GQ)**††	4
World Language level 1	4 World Language level 2	4
General Education Quantification (GQ)‡	3 General Education Course	3
General Education or First-Year Seminar	3	
	17.5	17

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
SOC 1, 3, or 5*	3 CRIM 250W*	3
World Language Level 3	4 LA 283	1.5
CRIM 249*	3 Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Course from List*	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
Elective	3 BA Fields	3
	Elective	3
	16	16.5

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CAS 283, CMPSC 100, or CMPSC 101*	3 4XX Level Course from List*	3
4XX Level Course from List*	3 Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Course from List*	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 BA Fields	3

Elective	3 Elective	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
4XX-Level CRIM Core Course from List*	3 4XX-Level CRIM Core Course from List*	3
General Education Course (GWS)‡	3 BA Fields	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
BA World Cultures Course	3 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 Elective	3
	13.5	13.5

Total Credits 124

* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major

‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education

Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

† Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

University Requirements and General Education Notes:

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy Cultural Diversity Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ), Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) and Integrative Studies (Inter-domain) requirements. N or Q (Honors) is the suffix at the end of a course number used to help identify an Inter-domain course, but the inter-domain attribute is used to fill audit requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL 137H/CAS 137H in the fall semester and ENGL 138T/CAS 138T in the spring semester. These courses carry the GWS designation and satisfy a portion of that General Education requirement. If the student's program prescribes GWS these courses will replace both ENGL 15/ENGL 30H and CAS 100A/CAS 100B/CAS 100C. Each course is 3 credits.

Bachelor of Arts Requirements:

Bachelor of Arts students must take 9 credits in Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Fields (Humanities; Social and Behavioral Sciences; Arts; World Languages [2nd language or beyond the 12th credit level of proficiency in the 1st]; Natural Sciences; Quantification). The B.A. Fields courses may not be taken in the area of the student's primary major. See your adviser and the Degree Requirements section (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/academic-information/>) of this Bulletin.

Bachelor of Arts students must take 3 credits in World Cultures.

See your adviser and the full list of courses approved as World Cultures courses (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/course-lists/ba-world-cultures/>).

Advising Notes:

- 24 credits within the major must be completed at University Park (policy 83-80). Talk with your academic adviser for additional details.
- All incoming first-year students must take a First-Year Seminar (FYS) during Fall or Spring of their first year. Academic advisers can provide a list of FYS being offered and help the student enroll. Most FYS in the College of the Liberal Arts are worth 3 credits and count as a General Humanities (GH) or General Social Sciences (GS) course. For this reason, the FYS is not listed separately on this eight-semester plan; most students will be able to fulfill the FYS requirement while also fulfilling a GH or GS requirement.
- The following sequence **MUST** be followed: CRIM 12/SOC 12 # CRIM 249 # CRIM 250W. It is suggested that CRIM 12 and CRIM 249 be taken as early as possible. CRIM 100 and CRIM 249 can be taken in the same semester. CRIMJ 250W will only be used as elective credits.
- While CRIM 294, CRIM 296, and CRIM 494 provide students with terrific opportunities and learning experiences, these credits may **NOT** be counted in fulfillment of the Criminology major requirements. They may, however, be used as elective credits to count toward the credit requirement for graduation
- Internship credits will be counted towards elective credits, unless approved by the internship coordinator to meet a general 3 credit 400 level CRIM course requirement
- 3 credits of the Netherlands Education Abroad experience (CRIMJ 499) can be used to meet a general 400 level course requirement. A total of 15 education abroad credits (max) may be applied toward the major; courses must be approved by the department for application toward the major. CRIM 12/SOC 12, CRIM 100, CRIM 249 and CRIM 250W cannot be taken abroad.

Criminology, B.A. at Commonwealth Campuses

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General Education Course (GWS) [‡]	3 CRIM 12, CRIMJ 12, or SOC 12 [*]	3
CRIM 100 or CRIMJ 100 [*]	3 STAT 200 ^{*††}	4
World Language Level 1	4 General Education Course (GWS) [‡]	3
General Education Course (GQ) [‡]	3 World Language Level 2	4
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
	16	17

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
SOC 1, 3, or 5 [*]	3 Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Course from List [*]	3
World Language Level 3	4 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 BA Fields	3
General Education Course	3 Elective	3
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CRIM 249 [*]	3 Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Course from List [*]	3
LA 283	1.5 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course	3 BA Fields	3
Elective	3	
	16.5	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
4XX Level Course from List [*]	3 Core CRIM Course from List [*]	3
CRIM Core Course from List [*]	3 4XX Level Course from List [*]	3
General Education Course (GWS) [‡]	3 BA Fields	3
BA World Cultures Course	3 General Education Course (GHW)	1.5
General Education Course (GHW)	1.5 Elective	3
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Total Credits 122.5

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