Duluth Campus

Criminology Minor

Justice Culture Social Change

College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Link to a list of faculty for this program.

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- Program Type: Graduate minor related to major
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2017
- Length of program in credits (Masters): 10
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the General Information section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

Note: This program is not currently accepting new students. Please contact the Department of Sociology/Anthropology for more information about the status of the Criminology M.A.

The core courses in the criminology program feature relevant theoretical perspectives in understanding criminal behavior, methods of research and data analysis, and critical analysis of the criminal justice system. The curriculum is based on the premise that a liberal education in the social sciences includes the development of a student's ability to 1) define problems effectively by asking appropriate questions; 2) understand and respect people with diverse opinions, backgrounds, characteristics, and lifestyles; 3) respect the right to freedom of inquiry, willingly challenge conventional wisdom, and be intellectually flexible when challenged by factual information; and 4) understand the significance of inequality in the way that criminal justice is administered. The theme of inequality is incorporated into the graduate program as it is in the undergraduate program. In particular, structural forms of oppression are examined, and emphasis is placed on issues of social justice, human rights, and treatment rehabilitation.

The framework of the program provides students with opportunities to develop a knowledge base that enhances understanding of criminal behavior and the workings of the criminal justice system. Core requirements give students experience in using various methods of research, analyzing and interpreting data, understanding and critiquing the main theoretical traditions in the field, and examining the organization of the criminal justice system. Furthermore, course electives enable students to focus on more specific interests (e.g., policing, courts, youth justice, etc.).

The criminology program provides an opportunity for both intellectual and professional development, and serves those students with undergraduate degrees in criminology (or a related social science) who are interested in pursuing the advanced study of crime and justice. The program also serves those who have been employed in organizations and agencies and who wish to expand their knowledge and understanding in ways that may enhance their professional careers.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Prerequisites for Admission

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the General Information section of the catalog website.

Program Requirements

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

A master's minor requires 4 credits in methods/statistics, 3 credits in theory, and 3 credits of electives.

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