

# Sociology and Criminal Justice

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## Department Mission

The Sociology and Criminal Justice Department offers an academic program that provides the foundation for students to pursue careers in social services including law, social work, law enforcement, parole, probation, and non-profit organizational service and management. Our goal is for students to enter the workforce prepared to solve social problems such as efforts to eliminate homelessness, help crime victims find needed services, fight injustices, reduce social inequalities, and create meaningful public policy. Our program offers majors in criminal justice and sociology. We also offer the following minors and concentrations for students majoring in other areas: criminal justice, sociology, and social work. Our students have the opportunity to work with full-time faculty members as research assistants and are required to participate in a for-credit (3 credits) internship. During the internship, students work a minimum of 135 hours during the course of a semester in a professional

setting related to their career goals. Our department houses the [Center for Crime and Popular Culture](#) and the [Institute for Peace & Justice](#). The centers offer students the opportunity to hear lectures by academic experts and practitioners. We also house a program for formerly incarcerated students, which helps our students learn about the realities of mass incarceration and prepares them in a unique way for work in the field of re-entry services. The mission of the Sociology and Criminal Justice Department is to provide our students with the knowledge, confidence, and motivation to think deeply about social issues. We seek to inspire intellectual curiosity, develop critical thinking skills, train in the application of the scientific method, and encourage tolerance. Our graduates are prepared for a career or graduate work in sociology, social work, criminal justice, and criminology.

## Goals and Objectives

### **Sociology Majors**

- *Students will develop and apply the “sociological imagination” to the study of the social world.*
- *Students will utilize qualitative and quantitative sociological methods in the pursuit of social research.*
- *Students will gain familiarity with social theory and the history of sociological thought.*
- *Students will be able to apply social theory and sociological concepts to the study of social problems.*
- *Students will be able to critique how race, ethnicity, sex, sexuality, and gender relate to life chances in diverse societies.*

- *Students will develop and master the ability to understand and apply major sociological concepts and theories to complex contemporary social phenomena.*

### **Criminal Justice Majors**

- *Students will identify the function and interrelationships between the major components of the American criminal justice system.*
- *Students will critically analyze key criminological theories.*
- *Students will demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between theory and criminal justice policy*
- *Students will explain the impact of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and class on criminal justice outcomes.*

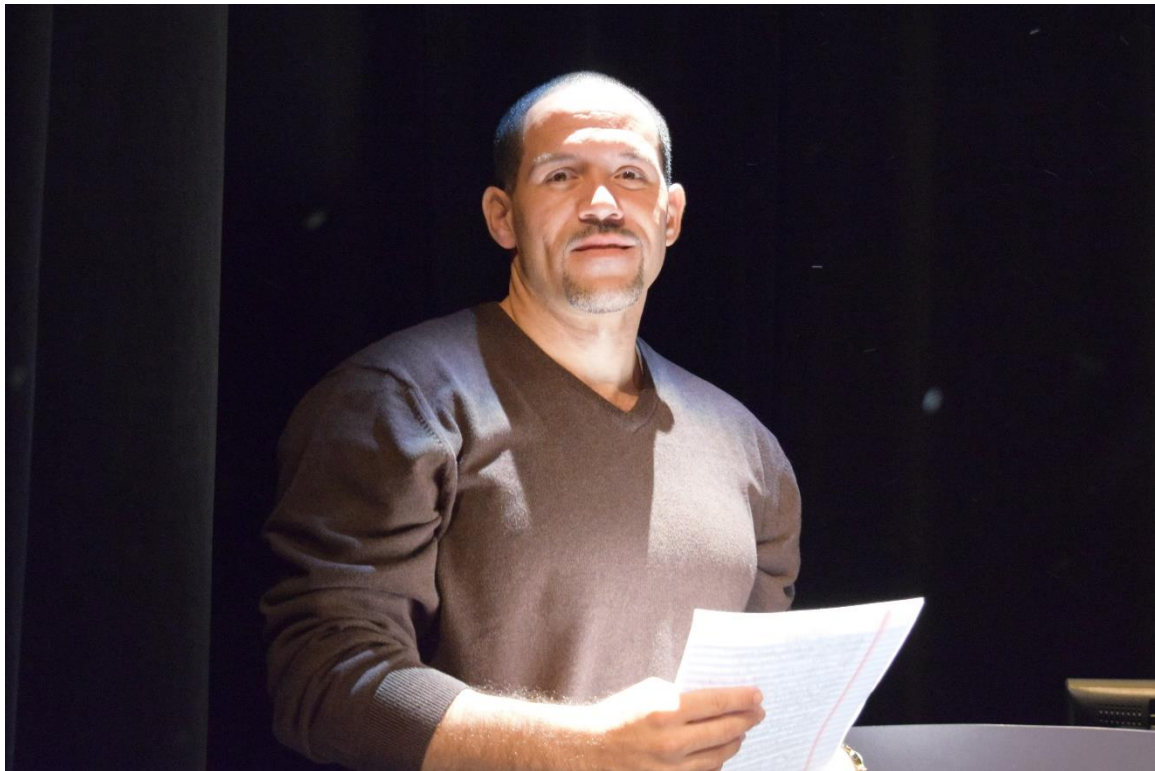
# Program Requirements

## Major in Criminal Justice

Courses	Credits	Prerequisite(s)	Co-Requisite(s)
General Education Program ( <a href="#">see page 15</a> ).....	48		
First Year College .....			
Bodies of Knowledge.....			
➔ <b>SEH - Take SOC 1000 Principles of Sociology</b> .....			
CJ 1020 Introduction to Criminal Justice.....	3		
CJ 2010 Criminology.....	3	SOC 1000	
CJ 2030 Policing in American Society .....	3	CJ 1020	
CJ 2050 Correctional Systems .....	3	CJ 1020	
CJ 3000 American Criminal Courts.....	3	CJ 1020	
CJ 4990 Internship .....	3	24 CJ credits	Junior or senior standing
CJ 4998 Criminal Justice Senior Seminar <sup>1</sup> .....	3	30 CJ credits	Senior standing
Select <b>SEVEN</b> CJ elective courses .....	21		
SOC 4210 Social Research Methods.....	3	SOC 1000	
Select <b>FIVE</b> CJ or SOC electives courses.....	15		
Liberal Arts <sup>2</sup> ( <a href="#">for specific academic subjects, see page 15</a> ).....	15		
<b>Total credits required</b> .....	<b>123</b>		

<sup>1</sup>The successful completion of CJ 4998 satisfies the College's Comprehensive Examination/Thesis requirement.<sup>2</sup>Students pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree must complete 1/2 of their degree credits (i.e. minimum 60 credits) from courses in the Liberal Arts category. For specific academic subjects, see page 15.

Those students who are declared criminal justice majors and who successfully complete a minimum of 40 hours with the New York Police Department Police Academy and a minimum of 135 contact hours while participating in the New York Police Department Police Cadet Program may enroll in CJ 4991 for three additional credits and will be awarded three credits to satisfy the 12 elective credits requirements with approval from the Department Chairperson.



## Major in Sociology

Courses	Credits	Prerequisite(s)	Co-Requisite(s)
General Education Program ( <a href="#">see page 15</a> ).....	48		
First Year College .....			
Bodies of Knowledge.....			
➔ <b>SEH - Take SOC 1000 Principles of Sociology</b> .....			
SOC 2000 Social Problems.....	3	SOC 1000	
SOC 2030 Introduction to Social Work.....	3	SOC 1000	
SOC 3010 Sociology of the Family.....	3	SOC 1000	
SOC 3020 Theory and History of Sociology.....	3	SOC 1000	
			Junior or senior standing
SOC 3060 Law and Society.....	3	SOC 1000	
SOC 4210 Social Research Methods.....	3	SOC 1000	
SOC 4990 Internship.....	3	SOC 4210	
			Junior or senior standing
SOC 4998 Sociology Senior Seminar <sup>1</sup> .....	3	Senior standing	
Select <b>SEVEN</b> SOC courses.....	21		
PSY 1100 General Psychology.....	3		
Liberal Arts <sup>2</sup> ( <a href="#">for specific academic subjects, see page 15</a> ).....	6		
General electives.....	21		
<b>Total credits required</b> .....	<b>123</b>		

<sup>1</sup>The successful completion of SOC 4998 satisfies the College's Comprehensive Examination/Thesis requirement.

<sup>2</sup> Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree must complete 2/3 of their degree credits (i.e. minimum 90 credits) from courses in the Liberal Arts category. For specific academic subjects, see page 15

## Major in Sociology—Concentration in Social Work

Courses	Credits	Prerequisite(s)	Co-Requisite(s)
General Education Program ( <a href="#">see page 15</a> ).....	48		
First Year College .....			
Bodies of Knowledge.....			
➔ <b>SEH - Take SOC 1000 Principles of Sociology</b> .....			
SOC 2000 Social Problems.....	3	SOC 1000	
SOC 2030 Introduction to Social Work.....	3	SOC 1000	
SOC 3010 Sociology of the Family.....	3	SOC 1000	
SOC 3020 Theory and History of Sociology.....	3	SOC 1000	
			Junior or senior standing
SOC 3060 Law and Society.....	3	SOC 1000	
SOC 4210 Social Research Methods.....	3	SOC 1000	
SOC 4991 Social Work Practicum I.....	3	SOC 2030	
			Junior or senior standing
SOC 4992 Social Work Practicum II.....	3	SOC 4991 (may be taken as pre- or co-requisite)	
SOC 4998 Sociology Seminar <sup>1</sup> .....	3	Senior standing	
CJ 3015 Prisons and Prisoners in America.....	3	SOC 1000 or CJ 1020	
CJ 3070/PSY 3330 Addictions I.....	3	SOC 1000	
CJ 3075/PSY 3331 Addictions II.....	3	CJ-3070 or PSY 2130	
Select <b>FOUR</b> SOC or CJ Elective courses.....	12		
PSY 1100 General Psychology.....	3		
Liberal Arts electives <sup>2</sup> ( <a href="#">for specific academic subjects, see page 15</a> ).....	15		
General electives.....	9		
<b>Total credits required</b> .....	<b>123</b>		

<sup>1</sup>The successful completion of SOC 4998 satisfies the College's Comprehensive Examination/Thesis requirement.

<sup>2</sup> Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree must complete 2/3 of their degree credits (i.e. minimum 90 credits) from courses in the Liberal Arts category. For specific academic subjects, see page 15.

## Minor in Criminal Justice

The criminal justice minor is available to students pursuing a bachelor's degree in any area of study that intersects with criminal justice (e.g. sociology, political science, psychology,

history, communications, English, philosophy, economics, American studies, etc.).

Courses	Credits	Prerequisite(s)	Co-Requisite(s)
CJ 1020 Introduction to Criminal Justice.....	3		
CJ 2010 Criminology.....	3	SOC 1000	
Select <b>ONE</b> of the following courses.....	3		
CJ 2030 Policing in American Society.....		CJ 1020	
CJ 2050 Correctional Systems .....		CJ 1020	
CJ American Criminal Courts.....		CJ 1020	
Select <b>TWO</b> CJ elective courses chosen with advisor's consent .....	6	CJ 1020	
Total credits required.....	15		

## Minor in Forensic Science

The minor in Forensic Science (sometimes called criminalistics) introduces students to the process of crime-scene investigation and evidence collection along with standard procedures in the

crime lab and sub-disciplines of forensic science such as forensic biology, forensic chemistry, and toxicology.

Courses	Credits	Prerequisite(s)	Co-Requisite(s)
BIO 1150 Forensic Biology .....	3		
CHE 1101 Chemistry and Life.....	4		
CJ 1020 Introduction to Criminal Justice.....	3		
Select <b>TWO</b> of the following courses .....	6		
CJ 3010 Forensic Science .....		CJ 1020	
CJ 3012 Criminal Investigation .....		CJ 1020	
CJ 4000 Special Topics in Criminal Justice <sup>1</sup> .....		Chairperson approval	
IT 2270 Computer Forensics.....		IT 1001	
Total credits required.....	16		

<sup>1</sup>Some CJ topics courses will satisfy this requirement. Consult with department Chairperson before enrolling in any CJ topics course to determine if it may be used in this minor.

## Minor in Sociology

Sociology has relevance for almost every academic major. In the fields of business and accounting, graduates are expected to have some sociological sophistication. The other social and behavioral sciences—economics, political science, and

psychology—require basic sociological knowledge. Students aspiring to the world of communications also need more than a passing understanding of today's society. This minor aims to provide students with a complement to their chosen major field.

Courses	Credits	Prerequisite(s)	Co-Requisite(s)
SOC 1000 Principles of Sociology.....	3		
SOC 2000 Social Problems .....	3	SOC 1000	
SOC 2070 Sociology of Minority Groups.....	3	SOC 1000	
SOC 3020 Theory and History of Sociology .....	3	SOC 1000	
SOC 4210 Social Research Methods .....	3	SOC 1000	
Total credits required.....	15		



## Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice

Courses	Credits	Prerequisite(s)	Co-Requisite(s)
General Education Program ( <a href="#">see page 15</a> ).....	33		
First Year College .....			
Bodies of Knowledge.....			
CJ 1020 Introduction to Criminal Justice.....	3		
CJ 2010 Criminology.....	3	CJ 1020	
CJ 2030 Police Practices and Procedures.....	3	CJ 1020	
CJ 2050 Corrections.....	3	CJ 1020	
CJ 3000 Criminal Law.....	3	CJ 1020	
Criminal Justice Electives.....	6		
General electives.....	6		
Total credits required.....	60		

