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Criminology

Department of Sociology & Anthropology
College of Humanities & Social Sciences

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Description of Major

Criminology is available as a Bachelor of Arts degree offered through the College of Humanities & Social Sciences and as a Bachelor of Science degree offered through the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. You will find information for both degrees on this page.

For the Bachelor of Arts:

Criminology provides a general background in the causes of crime and the agencies of criminal justice. Specific areas covered include dealing with deviance, juvenile delinquency, the court system, and correctional facilities. Students can prepare for careers in the court systems, prevention, and correction agencies.

For the Bachelor of Science:

Criminology applies sociological theory and research to the study of crime. The nature and causes of crime, the prevalence of various types of crime, the problems associated with measuring crime, and mechanisms for the control of criminal behavior are relevant to this major. This program seeks to develop a professional orientation that will be relevant both to occupational goals and participation as a citizen in community affairs.

Courses include:

For the Bachelor of Arts:

Justice System, Criminology, Cultural Anthropology, Theories of Social Interaction, Sociology of Law, Theories of Social Structure, Community and Crime, Juvenile Delinquency, Social Deviance and Sociology of Law.

For the Bachelor of Science:

Genetics in Human Behavior, Criminology, Criminal Justice Policy Process, Social Research Methods, Human Behavior Theories of

Social Interaction, Population and Planning

- ✎ Please note the degree audit for Criminology BS is available through the Agriculture and Life Sciences ADA link. Criminology BA is available through Humanities & Social Sciences which is linked below.

The Undergraduate Catalog shows a listing of Criminology courses (listed under Sociology and Criminology), and the degree audit shows the curriculum course requirements for this major. If you are interested in expanding your career options, consider double-majoring and/or adding a minor.

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Skills You Develop In This Major

For the Bachelor of Arts:

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 - Identify problems and develop solutions
 - Research and scientific methodology
 - Interviewing
 - Knowledge of legal structures
 - Broad understanding of criminal justice system
 - Awareness of societal concerns and population dynamics

For the Bachelor of Science:

- ✎
 - Communication
 - Understanding societal reaction to crimes
 - Ethics and moral values
 - Considerations of gender & race
 - Strong background in humanities, social science, & natural science
 - Skills in research and scientific methodology
 - Broad understanding of criminal law and the criminal justice system
 - Critical thinking
 - Ability to identify and analyze social problems and develop solutions
 - Decision-making
 - Knowledge of legal structures

Gaining Career-Related Experience

You are strongly encouraged to gain career-related experience prior to graduation in the form of an internship, summer job, or co-op. For the Bachelor of Science, course credit is available for this experience through the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. You may or may not expect compensation from the employer. [CALS Career Services](#) office is available to help you.

Co-op is a program of alternating semesters of work and school. Paid work terms of increasing responsibility enable students to graduate with the minimum equivalent of one year of relevant work experience. Full-time enrollment during the semester prior to the first work term is required. You can begin co-op after completion of at least two semesters (30 credit hours) at NC State (one semester for transfers and graduate students). An NC State transcript must show grades and

admission to a degree program. A minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.50 (3.00 for graduate students) is required. The [Co-op Office](#) web site lists the Orientation Schedule, which is the first step to program participation.

Internships are typically full-time during the summer or (for some) part-time during the semester. You can start interning or seeking summer jobs related to your field, whenever you are ready. The University Career Center provides services to help you get started.

Participate in ePack, the Career Center's on-line system that connects employees with students through internship postings, on-campus interviews, information sessions, and resume searches. You may activate your ePack account at any time.

Internship Example

For the Bachelor of Arts:

- **SOC (PS) 413 Criminal Justice Field Work-** Students are required to have supervised observation and experience in a criminal justice agency.
- [NC Victim Assistance Network Intern](#)
- Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

For the Bachelor of Science:

A sample internship for a criminology major might include the following duties: Direct hands-on training and experience in AFIS, Administrative Procedures, Crime Scene Investigations, Criminal history, DWI testing procedures, Fingerprint procedures, Latent Evidence, Photography

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Sample Career Titles and Possible Work Settings

The following lists provide a brief sampling of the kind of jobs and work environments you might find with a degree in this major. These titles and work settings are by no means an exhaustive listing. Because the world of work is always changing, over time job titles and work settings can change. The below listing is provided in hopes of giving you initial insight into a particular career field that would employ the skills and knowledge gained through this major.

Sample Career Titles	Sample Work Settings
SBI/FB/CIA Agent (B.A.)	Government Agencies
Counselor (B.A.)	Juvenile Court
Drug Enforcement Agent (B.A.)	Government Agencies
Probation Officer (B.S.)	Police Services
Victim Services Specialist (B.S.)	Government
Litigation Manager (B.S.)	Court Systems

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Careers Needing Advanced Degrees

- Professor
- Researcher
- Criminologist
- Correctional Planner
- CIA Agent
- Social Worker
- Attorney

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Salary

Baccalaureate - \$ 45,106

From NACE national salary survey- July 2008

The salary listed above is an average starting salary based on skills and experiences gained at the Bachelors level. Keep in mind that salary level typically increases with additional experience and/or educational degrees.

Furthermore, you may have the opportunity to mold an entry-level position into your dream job and subsequently increase your salary as you learn more, add responsibilities and gain experience.

NC State Related Organizations & Clubs

- ✎ **Taylor Sociology Club**
Faculty Adviser: Dr. William Clifford, 513.3180,
william_clifford@ncsu.edu

Professional Resources (Outside NC State)

These resources include organizations, clubs, and conferences not affiliated with NC State and can be an important part of your career pursuit.

- [Academy of Criminal Justice Science](#)
7319 Hanover Parkway, Suite C, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770
- [American Society of Criminology](#)
1314 Kinnear Road, Columbus, Ohio 43212-1156
Phone 614/292-9207 Fax 614/292-6767
- [Central Intelligence Agency](#)
- [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)
- ✎ • [North Carolina Department of Correction](#)
- [US Department of Justice](#)

Links to Related Resources

- [University Career Center](#)
- For more specific information on occupation/job skills, expectations, and salary, go to the Occupational Information Network site and search for a specific job. (*hint: for salary info, select a report on one of the jobs and find the wages link at the bottom of the page.*)
- The list of available Minors at NC State.
- Experimental Courses Listing (a.k.a. Special Topics)

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