

CRIMINOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

The Department of Criminology, Sociology and Anthropology offers both a major and minor in sociology, a major and minor in anthropology, an option and a minor in archaeology, and an option and a minor in criminology. Many departmental faculty teach in the women's, gender and sexuality studies, African-American studies and Latina(o) studies programs.

Department Options and Minors

For sociology majors wishing to concentrate their studies in the areas of criminal behavior and criminal justice, the department has a criminology option within the sociology major. This program provides the student not only with a thorough knowledge of the American criminal justice system, but combines that knowledge with a broad understanding of American society and the principles of sociological method and theory.

The archaeology option within the anthropology major offers students a broad view of contemporary archaeology, with emphasis on contract archaeology, artifact analysis, current method and theory, field experience and independent research.

The department strongly encourages all of its majors to acquire practical experience as part of their degree program. This experience may take a variety of forms, depending on the student's major or minor. Along with other activities, the department recommends participating in faculty-supervised research (ongoing research projects are conducted out of both the archaeology and social research labs), internships (see Internships in the Special Academic Opportunities section), studying abroad for a semester or summer term, or becoming a departmental tutor.

There is an honors program for academically motivated students. Further information may be obtained from the department or the departmental honors section of this catalog.

The department offers three minors: one in criminology, one in sociology and one in anthropology. These minors provide the student with insight into the principles governing human interaction and social organization. The criminology minor is the most specific of the three, focusing exclusively on the American criminal justice system. The sociology minor, in broad terms, examines American society, while the student minoring in anthropology can focus on either archaeology or cultural anthropology. All minors facilitate career advancement and intellectual breadth, regardless of the student's major field of study.

For the most recent career information, students should consult the criminology, sociology and anthropology department website.