

ABOUT THE MAJOR

The Criminology Program is committed to providing quality instruction to students on subjects that fall within the scope of the discipline, conducting research that contributes to the body of knowledge in criminology and criminal justice, and engaging in service grounded in the practical application of our knowledge and skills. Its faculty represents broad and varied backgrounds in working within the criminal justice system and human services, as well as conducting research on a wide range of criminal justice issues. We seek opportunities to involve students in a range of professional activities to facilitate their entry into the job market or post graduate studies.

ABOUT THIS MAP

This program map is intended ONLY as a guide for students to plan their course of study. It does NOT replace any information in the Undergraduate Catalog, which is the official guide for completing degree requirements. Embedded certificates are those certificates where the courses required to earn the certificate are embedded into a major or degree program and are only awarded at the completion of a specific degree program. These certificates are intended to encourage students to use the elective requirements in their degree program to form a coherent concentration of coursework in a specified area.

WHERE CAN YOU GO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- Civil Service Administrator
- Community Development Worker
- Crime Scene Investigator
- Detective
- Police Officer
- Prison Officer
- Probation Officer
- Social Researcher
- Social Worker
- Youth Worker

ADD A CERTIFICATE

- Data Science
- Forensic Sciences
- Human Rights Advocacy
- Juvenile Justice & Rehabilitation
- Prisoner Reentry & Community Corrections
- Social Services

HONORS COLLEGE

Consider joining if you have an Overall GPA of 3.2 and earned 15 college credit hours!



CRIMINOLOGY

JUVENILE JUSTICE & PRISON REENTRY CERTIFICATE

Bachelor of Science

60

CORE CREDIT HOURS

51

MAJOR CREDIT HOURS

9

ELECTIVE CREDIT HOURS

Visit westga.edu/program-maps for the latest version of this major map.



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HAVE A QUESTION? CHECK IN WITH YOUR ADVISOR!



UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

2024-2025

TERM 1: FALL

C1: ENGL 1101 3 CREDIT HOURS
English Composition I

S1 OR P1 3 CREDIT HOURS
World or US History

I2: XIDS 2002 2 CREDIT HOURS
(Recommended) First-Year Seminar

F: CRIM 1100 3 CREDIT HOURS
Intro to Criminal Justice

T1: SCIENCE + LAB 4 CREDIT HOURS

- MILESTONES:**
- COMPLETE ENGL 1101 WITH C OR BETTER
 - COMPLETE LAB SCIENCE
 - DECLARE MAJOR COMPLETE

TERM 2: SPRING

C2: ENGL 1102 3 CREDIT HOURS
English Composition II

M: MATH 1401 3 CREDIT HOURS
Elementary Statistics

S1 OR P1 3 CREDIT HOURS
World or US History

F: CRIM 2000 3 CREDIT HOURS
Survey of Criminology

I1: ORAL COMMUNICATIONS 3 CREDIT HOURS

- MILESTONES:**
- COMPLETE ENGL 1102 WITH C OR BETTER
 - COMPLETE AREA M MATH
 - EARN 15 OR MORE CREDIT HOURS

**15 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 15 SPRING CREDIT HOURS
= 30 CREDIT HOURS**

CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK

- Make sure to take CRIM 1100 and 2000 before in your first couple of semesters. These are your only prerequisites!
- Make sure to take your English and Math courses right away.

FIND YOUR PLACE

- Get involved with the student government.
- Check out UWG's Academic Transition Programs.
- Attend Constitution Day at UWG.
- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research.
- Explore all the other events, clubs, and organizations available to you.

BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES

- Explore diversity, equity, and inclusion resources and opportunities across campus.
- Check out the education abroad office.

CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS

- Visit Wolves Vote to learn about the voting process and registration.
- Consider volunteering for a campaign or organization in your community.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- Visit the UWG Wellness Hub to find all the resources available to you!
- Visit Health Services.
- Get fit! Visit URec to see all your options.
- Visit the Center for Economic Education and Financial Literacy.

PAVE YOUR PATH

- Complete a self-assessment to see what careers and majors are right for you.
- Visit Office of Career and Graduate School Connections.
- Create your profile on Handshake.
- Consider applying for an on-campus job.

TERM 1: FALL

P2: POLS 1101 3 CREDIT HOURS
American Government

F: CRIM 2272 3 CREDIT HOURS
Intro to Law Enforcement

F: CRIM 2245 3 CREDIT HOURS
Juvenile Delinquency

T2: NON-LAB SCIENCE 3 CREDIT HOURS

A1: FINE ARTS 3 CREDIT HOURS

- MILESTONE:**
- EARN 15 OR MORE CREDIT HOURS

TERM 2: SPRING

F: CRIM 2276 3 CREDIT HOURS
Global Crime & Justice

F: CRIM 2273 OR 2274 3 CREDIT HOURS
Criminal Procedure or American Criminal Courts

T3: MATH, SCIENCE, & TECHNOLOGY 3 CREDIT HOURS

S2: SOCIAL SCIENCE 3 CREDIT HOURS

A2: HUMANITIES 3 CREDIT HOURS

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 - EARN 15 OR MORE CREDIT HOURS

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- Don't put off those science courses!
- Take one of your upper-division major courses each semester (Theory, Research Methods, and Statistics) to avoid getting overwhelmed.
- Make sure to mix these in with your other coursework so that you're developing the skills you need when you need them and not overwhelming yourself in a single semester.

FIND YOUR PLACE

- Thinking about law school? Check out the pre-law society.
- Join the Alpha Phi Sigma Criminology Honors Society.
- Join the Criminology Student Association.
- Attend UWG Scholars' Day.

BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES

- In a student organization? Suggest you all complete an implicit bias workshop.
- Consider a study abroad program. Check out students' stories of their experiences.

CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS

- Complete an internship in your field.
- Consider a summer or part-time job.
- Ask your department about networking opportunities with alumni.

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- Take a fitness class, climb the rock wall, or join an intramural team.
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- Draft your personal statement.
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CRIM 3240 3 CREDIT HOURS
Criminological Theory

LEGAL STUDIES COURSE 3 CREDIT HOURS
(See Below)

GLOBAL & DIVERSITY COURSE 3 CREDIT HOURS
(See Below)

CRIM 2275 3 CREDIT HOURS
Intro to Corrections

CRIM 4255 3 CREDIT HOURS
Youth, Crime, & Community

- MILESTONES:**
- STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE CRIM 3240, CRIM 4000, CRIM 4003, AND CRIM 4284 WITH C OR BETTER TO GRADUATE.
 - CONTACT THE INTERNSHIP COORDINATOR IF YOU WANT TO COMPLETE AS INTERNSHIP AS CRIM ELECTIVE (3-6 HOURS).

TERM 2: SPRING

CRIM 4000 3 CREDIT HOURS
Research Methodology

POLICE & SOCIETY COURSE 3 CREDIT HOURS
(See Below)

CORRECTIONS & SOCIAL SERVICES COURSE 3 CREDIT HOURS
(See Below)

LEGAL STUDIES COURSE 3 CREDIT HOURS
(See Below)

CRIM 4265 3 CREDIT HOURS
Crime & Society Inequality

- MILESTONE:**
- NO MORE THAN A TOTAL OF NINE HOURS OF DIRECTED RESEARCH OR DIRECTED READINGS CREDITS MAY BE APPLIED TOWARD THE MAJOR.

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- Course Options:**
- Legal Studies: CRIM 3323, 3900, 4270, 4402, or 4712
 - Global & Diversity: CRIM 4911, 4248, 4279, 4296, or 4231
 - Police & Society: CRIM 3411, 3501, 4007, 4068, 4211, 4251, 4277, or 4334
 - Corrections and Social Services: CRIM 3241, 4255, 4232, 4260, 4295, or 4293
 - Supporting Courses: Any 3000 or 4000 level class not previously taken or required

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CRIM 4003 3 CREDIT HOURS
Statistics for Social Sciences

GLOBAL & DIVERSITY COURSE 3 CREDIT HOURS
(See Below)

POLICE & SOCIETY COURSE 3 CREDIT HOURS
(See Below)

CRIM 4230 3 CREDIT HOURS
Ethics in Criminal Justice

CRIM 4260 3 CREDIT HOURS
Prison Reentry

- MILESTONE:**
- APPLY FOR GRADUATION
 - APPLY FOR THE UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

TERM 2: SPRING

CRIM 4284 3 CREDIT HOURS
Senior Capstone

CORRECTIONS & SOCIAL SERVICES COURSE 3 CREDIT HOURS
(See Below)

GENERAL ELECTIVE 3 CREDIT HOURS
(See Below)

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- Certificate Requirements:**
- Prisoner Reentry Certificate** requires 18 hours total with four required courses and two supplemental courses. Students must choose two courses from the following: CRIM 3242 Drug Abuse, CRIM 3333 Victimology, CRIM 4231 Women & Criminal Justice, CRIM 4232 Family Violence, CRIM 4233 Gangs, or CRIM 4280/4286 if related to Reentry
 - Juvenile Justice Certificates** requires 12 hours total with three required courses and 1 supplemental course. Students must choose two courses from the following: CRIM 4255 Gangs, PSYC 4270 Psychology of Childhood, or CRIM 4280/4286 if related to juvenile justice

CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK

- Use your electives to explore other disciplines and find courses complementary to your major! Not sure where to start? Ask your Criminology faculty mentor and your advisor what they would recommend!
- Take Senior Capstone when you're classified as a senior.
- Explore internship opportunities that may count towards your upper-division electives! Ask the Criminology internship coordinator for details.

FIND YOUR PLACE

- Consider running for office in student government.
- Hone your leadership skills by mentoring new Criminology students.
- Ask about research opportunities with your favorite Criminology professor.

BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES

- Assess your cultural competency.
- Consider working abroad and research visa regulations.
- Explore practices of creating more inclusive careers.

CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS

- Ask for advice from professionals in your field of interest.
- Explore career shadowing opportunities.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- Explore a farmer's market for fresh produce.
- Develop a post-graduation exercise plan.
- Explore your loan repayment options and complete your exit counseling.

PAVE YOUR PATH

- Request references from professors and supervisors.
- Draft your resume cover letter and personal statement and revise it with career services.
- Attend business fairs and career fairs at UWG and across the state.
- Attend an interview workshop.
- Apply for graduate programs.