

MINOR IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Department of Sociology offers a minor in Criminology and Criminal Justice for students from other departments who wish to have some experience in an area outside their majors. Minors require fewer credit hours to complete than majors. Through this minor, students will gain sociological understanding of a variety of issues related to crime, deviance, and criminal justice. This course work will help prepare students who wish to work in a variety of fields, including those related to the criminal justice system.

To add a Criminology and Criminal Justice minor, contact the Department of Sociology at (970) 491-6044 or cla-soc_dept_info@mail.colostate.edu.

Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion, students will be able to:

1. Analyze critically the major classical and contemporary theories from the 19th and 20th centuries. Demonstrate how well these theories help us understand or explain current social phenomena both in the U.S. and abroad. Apply a wide variety of theories, including European critical theory, functionalism, symbolic interactionism, and post-modern theory, in required empirical research.
2. Analyze critically sociological phenomena by applying objective social research methodologies. Demonstrate a working knowledge of sociological theories and the application of these theories to real world social phenomena. Specifically, students will understand conceptual frameworks associated with:
 - a. Social structure (social stratification, ethnic structures, social institutions, small group dynamics, social demography, and social organizations);
 - b. Culture (socialization and the development of personalities, social norms, framing normative assumptions of societies and organizations); and
 - c. Social agency (the behavior of the individual, collective behavior such as with social movements, and the principles of social-psychology).