

Criminology & Criminal Justice

Learn to view issues of crime, victimization, and justice at multiple levels—from individuals to communities and institutions.

Concentration

Develop a sociological perspective on these issues to focus your attention to the social aspects of crime, law, and deviance including understanding societal factors that contribute to crime, effective and innovative programmatic approaches to prevent or control crime, the unintended consequences of our system for marginalized communities, and the role of research in creating effective policy.

Gain a strong theoretical foundation in sociology, research methods, data collection, and analysis. These are all essential skills for a wide variety of careers associated with law, justice, or advocacy.

Connect with alumni & faculty through our unique mentoring program that models how to transfer students' sociological skill sets to meaningful employment after graduation.

- policing
- deviance
- punishment
- victimization
- corporate & state crime
- environmental justice
- green criminology
- social change
- equality
- gender



Learn more about [Criminology and Criminal Justice](#) at CSU:



Our 15-credit [Certificate in Applied Social Research](#) is a great addition to any major:



COURSE HIGHLIGHTS:

Our faculty teach courses that address issues like forms of punishment in the U.S. and global context, how gender shapes people's experiences with crime, environmental and state crime, as well as evidence-based policing practices.

- SOC 322 : Intro to Environmental Justice
- SOC 253 : Intro to Criminology & Criminal Justice
- SOC 351 : Corporate & State Crime
- SOC 354 : Policing and Society
- SOC 356 : Inequality and Criminal Sentencing
- SOC 357 : Women, Crime, & Victimization
- SOC 358 : Punishment & Society
- SOC 359 : Green Criminology
- SOC 455 : Sociology of Law
- SOC 482 : International Criminal Justice Systems (our Education Abroad program in Prague!)
- SOC 487 : Internship

CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CCJ) DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

We can't wait to guide you through a life-changing major!

General Questions: CLA-Soc_Dept_Info@colostate.edu • 970-491-6044 • Clark B258 • www.sociology.colostate.edu
 Change of Major or Concentration: Contact your ASC at 970-491-3117 or stop by the Academic Support Center in Clark C207

All-University Core Curriculum (AUCC)

Categories 1, 2, 3 (scan QR below)

30–33

SOC 100 or 105 counts for Social / Behavioral Sciences

Social and Behavioral Sciences Electives

See DARs* for acceptable courses

21

cannot double count AUCC or other SOC major classes

Criminology & Criminal Justice Concentration (CCJ) (39–40 CREDITS)

must earn a "C" or better

SOC 100	Intro to Sociology	3	
OR			
SOC 105	Social Problems		
SOC 253	Intro to Criminology & Criminal Justice	3	
SOC 210	The Power of Numbers: Stats in SOC	3	prereq: 3 credits MATH from AUCC above
OR			
STAT 201	Gen. Statistics (or any STAT 200-level or above)		
SOC 301	Development of Sociological Thought	3	
OR			
SOC 302	Contemporary Sociological Theory		prereq: SOC 100 or 105, sophomore standing
SOC 311	Methods of Sociological Inquiry	3	prereq: SOC 100 or 105, sophomore standing
SOC 314	Quantitative Applications	3	prereqs: SOC 311 or concurrent enrollment, SOC 210 or STAT 201
OR			
SOC 315	Qualitative Applications		prereq: SOC311 or concurrent enrollment
SOC 352	Criminology	3	prereq: SOC 100 or 105, sophomore standing
OR			
SOC 372	Sociology of Deviance		prereq: SOC 100 or 105, sophomore standing
SOC 487	Internship		
SOC 492	+ Seminar (1 credit)	3–4	prereqs: SOC 301 or 302, SOC 210 or STAT 201 or above, SOC 311, SOC 314 or 315
OR			
SOC 403	Capstone Seminar		prereqs: SOC 301 or 302, SOC 210 or STAT 201 or above, SOC 311, SOC 314 or 315
OR			
SOC 431	Community Dynamics and Development		prereqs: SOC 100 or 105, SOC 311

ELECTIVES A: CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

select at least 2 from the following (3 credits each):

6–9+

all SOC courses below have prereq: SOC 100 or 105

SOC 354	Policing and Society		SOC 253, sophomore standing
SOC 358	Punishment & Society		SOC 253, sophomore standing
SOC 455	Sociology of Law		SOC 253
SOC 482A	International Criminal Justice Systems		Ed Abroad program acceptance

ELECTIVES B: CRITICAL CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

select at least 2 from the following (3 credits each):

6–9+

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SOC 322	Intro to Environmental Justice		
SOC 351	Corporate & State Crime		
SOC 356	Inequality and Criminal Sentencing		
SOC 357	Women, Crime, & Victimization		
SOC 359	Green Criminology		
SOC 482B	International Criminal Justice Systems		Ed Abroad program acceptance

Electives (as needed to complete 120 total credits)

choose from any university courses

varies

prereqs: check catalog

option to add a minor and/or second major

* DARs access: RamWeb Homepage > My Success box > Plan > Degree Audit/DARs

[AUCC REQUIREMENTS:](#)



[CCJ DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:](#)



[CCJ MAJOR COMPLETION MAP:](#)



[SOCIOLOGY COURSES:](#)



Please note that Sociology course offerings vary by semester.

Your Academic Success Coordinator (advisor) helps guide you through CSU's complete degree requirements.

Graduation Checklist:

- 120 total credits complete
- 42 credits at the 300-400 level (minimum 30 of these from CSU)
- Minimum 15 of final 30 credits taken at CSU
- All AUCC reqs complete
- All SOC major reqs complete
- "C" or better (2.0) in all SOC major classes
- Minimum 2.0 overall GPA and 2.0 AUCC GPA (see DARs*)
- (if applicable) All final transcripts from other schools sent to CSU
- (if applicable) All minor/2nd major/Honors requirements complete and verified by minor/second major/Honors advisor
- Correct Anticipated Graduation Date declared. See top of DARs*. Change in "Registration Ready" or via email: degreeoffice@colostate.edu
- Check DARs* report for official class record