

Criminology and Criminal Justice, Minor

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Study the causes of crime, as well as potential prevention methods. You'll be prepared for a future in which you can make a significant impact on your community.

Description

The minor program in criminology and criminal justice allows students in other undergraduate programs at ASU to explore issues of crime, law and the criminal justice system. The program provides students with the tools to analyze complex issues and policies within the criminal justice system, enhancing their ability to understand the nature of crime and the system response to lawbreaking.

In addition to the three required courses, which provide a solid understanding of the field, each student selects electives to meet specific interests.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Watts College of Public Service & Community Solut](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#) or [Online](#)

Program requirements

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For this minor, students will:

1. at minimum, be in junior standing to take upper-division courses.
2. complete CRJ 100 as the prerequisite for all upper-division CRJ courses.
3. complete a minimum of 18 credit hours of graded classroom and online coursework (internship or independent study not applicable).

4. complete a minimum of 12 credit hours of CRJ resident credit at ASU.
5. earn a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better for all courses in the minor.
6. consider meeting with a criminal justice advisor prior to registration.

Required Courses -- 6 credit hours

CRJ 100: Introduction to Criminal Justice (SOBE OR SB) (3)

CRJ 309: Criminology (SOBE OR SB) (3)

Choose one of the following: -- 3 credit hours

CRJ 203: Courts and Sentencing (3)

CRJ 230: Introduction to Policing (3)

CRJ 240: Introduction to Corrections (3)

Choose one of the following: -- 3 credit hours

CRJ 305: Gender, Crime, and Criminal Justice (SOBE OR C) (3)

CRJ 306: Race, Ethnicity, Crime, and Criminal Justice (CIVI OR C) (3)

CRJ Electives -- 6 credit hours

CRJ Upper Division Elective (6)

Notes: Choose any two CRJ courses at the 300- or higher level.

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

Enrollment requirements

GPA Requirement: 2.00

Incompatible Majors: BS in criminology and criminal justice; BS in public service and public policy with the following concentrations: criminology, law and policy, or emergency management and homeland security

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Applicants are asked to meet with a criminal justice advisor prior to registration.

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major or the minor program. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and the minor.

Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

Career opportunities

Graduates of the criminology and criminal justice minor find a strong job market in the public and private sectors. Employment opportunities exist in:

- bank fraud investigation
- corrections
- the court system
- domestic terrorism investigation
- federal agencies
- homeland security
- law enforcement
- legal offices
- parole offices
- private security
- probation offices
- victim advocate agencies

Graduates also may pursue advanced degrees in law, criminology and criminal justice, and other social science disciplines. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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