

# SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY

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What causes delinquent and criminal behavior? How are gender, racial and class inequalities reproduced and challenged by groups and institutions? What are the origins of the self? These are the kinds of questions sociologists and criminologists attempt to answer. For students interested in sociology or criminology, the department offers non-majors an understanding of human social systems as part of a liberal arts education and prepares majors for graduate or professional school. The broad perspectives of sociology and criminology are also useful backgrounds for students planning to enter a variety of careers such as law, social work, education or management.

Our low student/faculty ratio allows professors to guide, counsel and advise students according to individual needs and career goals. As well as taking an active, creative role in the classroom and as advisors, DU professors are involved in exciting research projects in which undergraduate students can participate. The department also offers an internship program designed to give sociology and criminology majors and minors the opportunity to gain valuable work experience in a community agency.

Many of the department's majors go on to law school or to graduate programs in sociology, criminology or social work. Others choose to work in various social service agencies, private organizations and businesses.

## Sociology

The sociology major provides a general background in theory, methods and a variety of substantive areas within sociology.

## Bachelor of Arts Major Requirements

(183 credits required for the degree (<http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateprograms/traditionalbachelorsprogram/bachelorofarts>))

Program note: Students may not double-major, double-minor or major-minor in both sociology and criminology.

40 credits, including the following:

| Code  | Title  | Credits |
|---|--|---------|
| <b>Required coursework</b>  |  |         |
| SOCI 1810   | Understanding Social Life                    | 4       |
| SOCI 2020   | Sociological Classics                        | 4       |
| SOCI 2005   | Sociological Imagination and Inquiry--Part A | 4       |
| SOCI 2006   | Sociological Imagination and Inquiry--Part B | 4       |
| SOCI 2420   | Social Inequality                            | 4       |
| SOCI 3999   | Sociology Assessment                         | 0       |
| <b>Electives</b>  |  |         |
| Complete additional sociology courses to meet the 40 credit minimum. Of these courses, 16 credits of electives must be taken from our roster of sociology courses. The remaining 4 credits may be taken from our roster of criminology courses, or can be used for internship or practicum. |  | 20      |
| Total Credits   |  | 40      |

<sup>1</sup> Internship note: Students must meet the following prerequisites to enroll in the internship program: have junior or senior standing, be sociology or criminology majors or minors, have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 and have taken at least three sociology- or criminology-related courses beyond Understanding Social Life (SOCI 1810).

## SECONDARY MAJOR

40 credits. Same requirements as for BA degree.

## Minor Requirements

Pre-law and pre-social work students will find a minor in sociology especially helpful to their long-term careers.

Program note: Students may not double-major, double-minor or major-minor in both sociology and criminology.

20 credits, including:

| Code  | Title                     | Credits |
|---|---------------------------|---------|
| SOCI 1810   | Understanding Social Life | 4       |
| <b>Electives</b>  |                           |         |
| Complete additional sociology courses to meet the 20 credit minimum. 12 of these credits must be taken from our roster of sociology courses. The remaining 4 credits may be taken from our roster of criminology courses, or as internship (see internship note above in major requirements section). |                           | 16      |
| Total Credits   |                           | 20      |

## Criminology

The criminology major provides a general background in theory and methods and a variety of substantive courses on the creation and application of criminal law, the causes of criminal behavior and societal responses to lawbreaking.

## Bachelor of Arts Major Requirements

(183 credits required for the degree (<http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateprograms/traditionalbachelorsprogram/bachelorofarts>))

Program note: Students may not double-major, double-minor, or major-minor in both sociology and criminology.

40 credits, including the following:

| Code                                       | Title  | Credits |
|--|--|---------|
| <b>Required coursework</b>                 |  |         |
| SOCI 1810                                  | Understanding Social Life                    | 4       |
| SOCI 2020                                  | Sociological Classics                        | 4       |
| SOCI 2005                                  | Sociological Imagination and Inquiry--Part A | 4       |
| SOCI 2006                                  | Sociological Imagination and Inquiry--Part B | 4       |
| SOCI 2250                                  | Criminology                                  | 4       |
| SOCI 3998                                  | Criminology Assessment                       | 0       |
| <b>Electives</b> <sup>1</sup>              |  | 20      |
| Select five of the following: <sup>2</sup> |  |         |
| SOCI 2255                                  | Juvenile Delinquency                         |         |
| SOCI 2260                                  | Deviance and Society                         |         |
| SOCI 2710                                  | Crime and Inequality                         |         |
| SOCI 2750                                  | Sociology of Law                             |         |
| SOCI 2755                                  | Legal Actors and Institutions                |         |
| SOCI 2757                                  | State Violence                               |         |
| SOCI 2760                                  | Discipline and Punishment                    |         |
| SOCI 2765                                  | The Female Offender                          |         |
| SOCI 2770                                  | Kids and Courts                              |         |
| SOCI 2775                                  | Wrongful Conviction                          |         |
| SOCI 2780                                  | Women and the Law                            |         |
| SOCI 2785                                  | Family and the Law                           |         |
| SOCI 2790                                  | Policing Society                             |         |
| SOCI 2795                                  | Capital Punishment                           |         |
| SOCI 2820                                  | Drugs and Society                            |         |
| SOCI 2830                                  | White-Collar Crime                           |         |
| SOCI 2855                                  | Crime and the Media                          |         |
| Total Credits                              |  | 40      |

<sup>1</sup> Up to four credits can be the internship. Internship note: Students must meet the following prerequisites to enroll in the internship program: have junior or senior standing, be sociology or criminology majors or minors, have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 and have taken at least three criminology-related courses beyond Understanding Social Life (SOCI 1810).

- <sup>2</sup> Complete additional criminology courses to meet the 40 credit minimum. Of these courses, 16 credits of electives must be taken from our roster of criminology courses. The remaining 4 credits may be taken from our roster of sociology courses, or can be used for internship or practicum.

## SECONDARY MAJOR

40 credits. Same requirements as for BA degree.

## Minor Requirements

Students interested in law or law enforcement will find a minor in criminology especially helpful to their long-term career goals.

Program note: Students may not double-major, double-minor or major-minor in both sociology and criminology.

20 credits of criminology-related courses, including the following:

| Code  | Title                         | Credits |
|---|-------------------------------|---------|
| SOCI 1810                                   | Understanding Social Life     | 4       |
| SOCI 2250                                   | Criminology                   | 4       |
| <b>Electives</b> <sup>1</sup>               |                               | 12      |
| Select three of the following: <sup>2</sup> |                               |         |
| SOCI 2255                                   | Juvenile Delinquency          |         |
| SOCI 2260                                   | Deviance and Society          |         |
| SOCI 2710                                   | Crime and Inequality          |         |
| SOCI 2750                                   | Sociology of Law              |         |
| SOCI 2755                                   | Legal Actors and Institutions |         |
| SOCI 2757                                   | State Violence                |         |
| SOCI 2760                                   | Discipline and Punishment     |         |
| SOCI 2765                                   | The Female Offender           |         |
| SOCI 2770                                   | Kids and Courts               |         |
| SOCI 2775                                   | Wrongful Conviction           |         |
| SOCI 2780                                   | Women and the Law             |         |
| SOCI 2785                                   | Family and the Law            |         |
| SOCI 2790                                   | Policing Society              |         |
| SOCI 2795                                   | Capital Punishment            |         |
| SOCI 2820                                   | Drugs and Society             |         |
| SOCI 2830                                   | White-Collar Crime            |         |
| SOCI 2855                                   | Crime and the Media           |         |
| Total Credits                               |                               | 20      |

- <sup>1</sup> Up to four credits can be the internship. Internship note: Students must meet the following prerequisites to enroll in the internship program: have junior or senior standing, be sociology or criminology majors or minors, have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 and have taken at least three sociology- or criminology-related courses beyond "Understanding Social Life" (SOCI 1810).

- <sup>2</sup> Complete additional criminology courses (typically 12 credits) to meet the 20 credit minimum. 4 credits may be taken as internship, and can substitute for one criminology elective (see internship note above in major requirements section).

## Requirements for Distinction in the Major in Sociology and/or Criminology

- Minimum of 3.5 major GPA and 3.25 overall GPA
- Completion of Senior Thesis
- Student must select a faculty member from the Department who will agree to act as Thesis Advisor
- Student will submit a thesis proposal to the Thesis Advisor for approval before October 15 of the senior year
- The completed thesis, once approved by the Thesis Advisor, must be submitted to a committee of three faculty by April 1 of the senior year. The committee will consist of the Thesis Advisor and two other faculty, one of whom may be from another department within the University of Denver
- During the month of April, the student and faculty committee will meet to discuss the thesis and its implications for the discipline
  - NOTE: University Honors Program requirements may be different than ours; please confirm calendar requirements with that program
  - Departmental Theses (for students who are NOT in the Honors Program) MUST be defended by the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> week of any quarter to ensure timely major approval and inclusion in the commencement program

- Students who satisfactorily complete a thesis, as determined by the faculty committee, will receive departmental distinction, which will be noted in the Commencement program and on your transcript

Students wishing further information should contact the Departmental Chairperson (Dr. Hava Gordon; Sturm Hall 427; phone: 303.871.3603; email: Hava.Gordon@du.edu).

The following course plan is a sample quarter-by-quarter schedule for intended majors. Because the bachelor of arts (<http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateprograms/traditionalbachelorsprogram/bachelorofarts>) curriculum allows for tremendous flexibility, this is only intended as an example; that is to say, if specific courses or requirements are not available in a given term, students can generally complete those requirements in another term. More importantly, students should focus on exploring areas of interest, including Common Curriculum requirements and possible minors or second majors, and maintaining a course load which will allow for completion of the degree within four years.

Ideally, Common Curriculum (<http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateprograms/traditionalbachelorsprogram/degreesanddegreerequirements>) requirements other than Advanced Seminar should be completed during the first two years. Students should anticipate taking an average course load of 16 credits each quarter.

Ways of Knowing courses in the areas of Analytical Inquiry: Society and Culture (<http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateprograms/traditionalbachelorsprogram/selectingadegreeprogram/courseplans/ai-society-courses>) and Scientific Inquiry: Society and Culture (<http://bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/undergraduateprograms/traditionalbachelorsprogram/selectingadegreeprogram/courseplans/si-society-courses>) introduce students to University-level study of disciplines in the arts, humanities and social sciences. Credits earned in Ways of Knowing courses may also apply to a major or minor.

The sample course plan below shows what courses a student pursuing this major might take in their first two years; beyond that, students should anticipate working closely with their major advisor to create a course of study to complete the degree.

## BA in Sociology

### First Year

| Fall   | Credits Winter  | Credits Spring  | Credits |
|--|---|---|---------|
| First-Year Seminar (FSEM)  | 4 WRIT 1122   | 4 WRIT 1133   | 4       |
| Foreign Language or Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World | 4 Foreign Language or Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World                    | 4 Foreign Language or Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World                    | 4       |
| SOCI 1810  | 4 Analytical Inquiry: Society and Culture or Analytical Inquiry: Natural and Physical World | 4 Analytical Inquiry: Society and Culture or Analytical Inquiry: Natural and Physical World | 4       |
| Minor or Elective  | 4 Scientific Inquiry: Society and Culture   | 4 Sociology Elective  | 4       |
|  | 16  | 16  | 16      |

### Second Year

| Fall  | Credits Winter   | Credits Spring   | Credits |
|---|--|--|---------|
| Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World or Foreign Language                    | 4 Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World or Foreign Language | 4 Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World or Foreign Language | 4       |
| Analytical Inquiry: Society and Culture or Analytical Inquiry: Natural and Physical World | 4 Minor or Elective  | 4 SOCI 2006 or 2020  | 4       |
| Minor or Elective   | 4 Minor or Elective  | 4 Minor or Elective  | 4       |
| INTZ 2501 <sup>1</sup>  | 2 SOCI 2005 (or Sociology Elective)                                      | 4 Minor or Elective  | 4       |
|   | 14   | 16   | 16      |

Total Credits: 94

## BA in Criminology

### First Year

| Fall   | Credits Winter  | Credits Spring  | Credits |
|--|---|---|---------|
| First-Year Seminar (FSEM)  | 4 WRIT 1122   | 4 WRIT 1133   | 4       |
| Foreign Language or Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World | 4 Foreign Language or Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World                    | 4 Foreign Language or Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World                    | 4       |
| SOCI 1810 or 2250  | 4 Analytical Inquiry: Society and Culture or Analytical Inquiry: Natural and Physical World | 4 SOCI 2250 or 1810   | 4       |
| Minor or Elective  | 4 Scientific Inquiry: Society and Culture   | 4 Analytical Inquiry: Society and Culture or Analytical Inquiry: Natural and Physical World | 4       |
|  |   | Minor or Elective   | 4       |
|  | 16  | 16  | 20      |

**Second Year**

| <b>Fall</b>   | <b>Credits Winter</b>  | <b>Credits Spring</b>  | <b>Credits</b> |
|---|--|--|----------------|
| Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World or Foreign Language                    | 4 Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World or Foreign Language | 4 Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World or Foreign Language | 4              |
| SOCI 2005 (or Criminology Electives)  | 4 SOCI 2006 (or Criminology Electives)                                   | 4 SOCI 2020, 2005, or 2006   | 4              |
| Analytical Inquiry: Society and Culture or Analytical Inquiry: Natural and Physical World | 4 Minor or Elective  | 4 Minor or Elective  | 4              |
| Minor or Elective   | 4 Minor or Elective  | 4 Minor or Elective  | 4              |
|   | INTZ 2501 <sup>1</sup>   | 2  |                |
|   | 16   | 18   | 16             |

Total Credits: 102

<sup>1</sup> INTZ 2501 is required for any student who studies abroad, and may be taken in any quarter within the year prior to studying abroad.