Faculty Teaching in Criminology

Dr. Craig Boylstein earned a Ph.D. in 2002 from the University of Florida. He worked as an Associate Investigator/Health Research Scientist in the Veterans Affairs Health System for over six years conducting research on stroke recovery outcomes. He teaches introductory sociology, medical sociology, sociology of aging and social policy, and comparative police studies.

Dr. Sara Brallier earned a Ph.D. in 2001 from the University of Buffalo. She teaches introductory sociology, sociology of religion, sociology of aging, sociology of death and dying, cults and violence, and research methods for the social sciences. Her research is currently focused on the scholarship of teaching and learning.

Dr. Robert B. Jenkot earned his Ph.D. in 2005 from Southern Illinois University - Carbondale. He has taught graduate and undergraduate courses in research methods, criminological theories, the history of crime, organized crime, race and ethnic relations, juvenile delinquency, deviance, social problems, drugs and drug control policy, and minorities and social justice.

Dr. Susan E. Webb earned a Ph.D. in 1985 from North Carolina State University. Professor Webb has been on the Coastal faculty since 1984. She teaches social demography, sociological analysis, victimology, sociology of the family, and seminars on AIDS and on the American South. Dr. Webb’s research focuses on changes in the South Carolina coastal region.

Dr. Matthew E. Wilkinson earned his Ph.D. from Louisiana State University. He teaches introductory sociology, sociology of deviant behavior, juvenile delinquency, white collar crime, sociological theory, and sociology of consumer culture. His research is currently focused on the role of social integration in the construction and maintenance of identity.
Criminology at Coastal Carolina University

The Criminology Minor is a specialized area of study within the sociology program at Coastal Carolina University. Criminology focuses on crimes, criminals, and our reaction to them. General information about the sociology major, as well as some specifics on the criminology minor at Coastal Carolina University, is included in this brochure.

Classes are usually of moderate size ranging from 15 to 40 students. Faculty advisors work closely with students concerning academic advisement and career choices. The Bachelor of Arts degree program provides students with a solid background in traditional areas of sociology, including course work in social problems, sociological theory, social structures, crime, deviance, the individual in society and research methods in the social sciences.

Students also have the opportunity to participate in internships with various local agencies, including organizations that focus on spousal abuse, child abuse, law enforcement, care of the elderly, community recreation programs, and alcohol and drug programs. Some students have presented information and data from their internship experiences at local and regional meetings and conferences.

Requirements for the Minor

The Criminology Minor requires at least 18 credit hours of coursework in the following categories. Students must earn a "C" or better in each course in order to complete the minor. Students who are also completing the sociology track within the sociology major must take unique courses to fulfill both sets of requirements.

Prerequisites:
1) Sociology 101 or 102 earning a C or better
2) An approved course in Research Methods earning a C or better

Criminology: SOC 353
Sociology Electives (choose two of the following):
SOC 301, SOC 308, SOC 309, SOC 311, SOC 320 or SOC 355

Electives in Criminology

In consultation with your minor adviser, choose three (3) courses from the following Criminology electives:
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Victimology
- Comparative Policing
- Corrections
- Religious Cults and Violence
- Deviant Behavior
- Sociology of Drugs and Drug Control Policy
- Organized Crime

Internships and independent study courses are encouraged but must be approved by the program coordinator of the minor.

Below are some of the jobs and professions that sociology-criminology graduates have chosen in recent years. Because criminology students also have a sociology degree, they may compete for any job that is open to sociology graduates. Some of the following jobs may require additional education, training or experience.

- Adult Parole/Probation Officer
- Child Abuse Investigator
- Child Support Enforcement Agency
- City Police Officer
- Community Corrections Facility Administrator
- Community Outreach, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention
- Community Policing
- Counselor, Community Corrections Facility
- Counselor, Residential Facility for Juvenile Drug and Alcohol
- County Prosecutor's Office Investigator
- Domestic Mediator
- Domestic Violence Investigator, County Law Enforcement
- Drug Enforcement Administration Agent
- Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent
- Fraud Investigator, Bank
- Highway Patrol Officer
- Homeland Security Agent
- Human Rights Advocate
- Immigration and Naturalization Service Agent
- Intake Officer, Halfway House
- International Conflict Mediation
- Intensive Probation Coordinator, County Juvenile Court
- Inventory Control Director, Department Store
- Juvenile Detention Facility Administrator
- Juvenile Diversion Program Administrator
- Juvenile Parole, Department of Youth Services
- Juvenile Probation Officer
- Lawyer
- Mediator
- Mental Health Division Investigator, Office of Public Defender
- Paralegal
- Police Officer, U.S. Capital
- Private Security Firm Investigator
- Program Director, Juvenile Detention Facility
- Research and Statistics, County Court
- Restorative Justice
- Secret Service Agent
- Security, U.S. State Department
- Sexual Abuse Investigator, County Court
- State Board of Pharmacy Investigator
- State Bureau of Criminal Investigation Agent
- U.S. Customs Agent
- U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs
- Unit Manager, Adult Correctional Institution
- University Professor
- Victim Assistance Program Director
- Victim-Offender Reconciliation Programs
- U.S. Postal Inspector
- Higher Education (Master's Degree and Ph.D.)