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| |  | | --- | | **Criminology Minor** | |  |   Return to {$returnto_text} Return to: [Catalog Search](http://catalog.coastal.edu/search_advanced.php?catoid=11)  The criminology minor offers students majoring in other fields a foundation in core areas of criminology which are grounded in social theory and use scientific research methods to explore criminal behavior as well as the criminal justice system. Students examine current scholarship on social inequality and criminal behavior. Students will also consider innovative means to alleviate disparate justice outcomes in diverse communities. A total of 18 credit hours in approved coursework is required to complete the minor.  **Mission Statement**  Consistent with the sociology program’s mission at Coastal Carolina University, the mission of the criminology minor is to provide students with theoretical knowledge and practical skills necessary to scientifically investigate questions important to the discipline of criminology. Integral to our criminology minor is a focus on social inequality as it relates to crime and social control. We emphasize critical thinking and communication skills in a collaborative environment. In addition, we strive to foster the personal and professional growth of our students by offering extensive and varied opportunities for integrative experiential learning, including faculty/student collaborative research and community-based internships.  **Student Learning Outcomes**   1. Students will develop critical thinking skills by applying theoretical constructs to contemporary criminological phenomena. 2. Students will describe the major research methodologies used by criminologists and identify the strengths and weaknesses of the methodologies. 3. Students will be required to demonstrate how race, class, gender, ethnicity, and sexuality can affect individual life processes as related to criminological phenomena.   **Minor Requirements**  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 criminology concentration within the sociology major must take unique courses to fulfill both sets of requirements.  **Prerequisites**   * [SOC 101](http://catalog.coastal.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=1764&hl=criminology+minor&returnto=search#tt7421) or [SOC 102](http://catalog.coastal.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=1764&hl=criminology+minor&returnto=search#tt5337) earning a grade of ‘C’ or better.   Additional prerequisites may be necessary for some courses, consult the University Catalog for details. None of these prerequisites will count toward completion of the minor. |
| **Program Requirements**  **Sociological Foundations of Criminology (9 Credits)**  **Complete the following course:**   * [SOC 353 - Criminology (3 credits)](http://catalog.coastal.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=1764&hl=criminology+minor&returnto=search)   **Choose two from the following: (6 Credits)**   * [SOC 301 - Gender and Society (3 credits)](http://catalog.coastal.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=1764&hl=criminology+minor&returnto=search) * [SOC 308 Q\* - Community Development and Social Change (3 to 4 credits)](http://catalog.coastal.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=1764&hl=criminology+minor&returnto=search) * [SOC 309 - Social Inequality (3 credits)](http://catalog.coastal.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=1764&hl=criminology+minor&returnto=search) * [SOC 311 - Sociology of Poverty (3 credits)](http://catalog.coastal.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=1764&hl=criminology+minor&returnto=search) * [SOC 320 - Individual and Society (3 credits)](http://catalog.coastal.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=1764&hl=criminology+minor&returnto=search) * [SOC 355 Q\* - Race and Ethnicity (3 credits)](http://catalog.coastal.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=1764&hl=criminology+minor&returnto=search)   **Electives in Criminology (9 Credits)**  **In consultation with your minor adviser, choose three: (9 -10 Credits)**   * [SOC 306 - Religious Cults and Violence (3 credits)](http://catalog.coastal.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=1764&hl=criminology+minor&returnto=search) * [SOC 340 - The Sociology of Drugs & Drug Control Policy (3 credits)](http://catalog.coastal.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=1764&hl=criminology+minor&returnto=search) * [SOC 341 - Organized Crime (3 credits)](http://catalog.coastal.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=1764&hl=criminology+minor&returnto=search) * [SOC 350 Q\* - Juvenile Delinquency (3 to 4 credits)](http://catalog.coastal.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=1764&hl=criminology+minor&returnto=search) * [SOC 351 - Deviant Behavior (3 credits)](http://catalog.coastal.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=1764&hl=criminology+minor&returnto=search) * [SOC 352 - Comparative Policing (3 credits)](http://catalog.coastal.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=1764&hl=criminology+minor&returnto=search) * [SOC 450 - Victimology (3 credits)](http://catalog.coastal.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=11&poid=1764&hl=criminology+minor&returnto=search) * SOC 401 – Sociology of Corrections (3 credits)   **Note:**  Internships and independent study courses are encouraged, but must be approved by your minor adviser.  **Total Credits Required: 18 Credits** |