Criminal Justice

MINOR

The study of criminal justice provides an interdisciplinary perspective on deviance, crime and the criminal justice system. It enables students to understand how deviance and crime are defined and interpreted, to understand the parts of the criminal justice system and their respective roles, to develop a theoretical understanding of deviance and crime, and investigate ethical issues related to the criminal justice system.

The three required courses are Introduction to the Sociological Imagination; Sociology of Deviance; and Criminology. Electives from other departments can include Crime, Incarceration and Communication; Introduction to Law; and Drugs Alcohol and Tobacco.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Internships are strongly encouraged, with previous criminal justice students working with such agencies as the Ripon Police Department and the Green Lake County Sheriff's Office.

- The minor can be paired with a major to tailor students' interests. Students interested in law enforcement or corrections often major in sociology and minor in criminal justice. Those interested in pursuing a law degree often pair the minor with a politics and government major.

CAREER PATHWAYS

Graduates with a minor in criminal justice often go on to careers in local, state or federal law enforcement. Many with an interest in law school use the criminal justice minor as a complement to a major in Politics and Government.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

Lindsay Gorske Michels '04 (pictured above) had a self-designed major in criminal justice with a minor in leadership studies. She received a master's of science degree in criminal justice from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in 2011 and has been with the Ripon Police Department since 2004. She was the city's investigator for eight years, the school resource officer in the Ripon Area School District for 3½ years and is currently a sergeant. She was named a Fond du Lac County Officer of the Year in 2014 and also received a Fond du Lac County Law Enforcement Executive's Association Youth of the Year Award.

FACULTY

- **JACQUELINE CLARK**, professor of sociology
- **MARC EATON**, associate professor of sociology, chair of the department of sociology and anthropology

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- **REQUIREMENTS FOR A MINOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**: 20 credits, including SOC 110, 205 and 306. Eight additional credits to be selected from CMM 255, EXS 221, HIS 220, PSC 221, PSC 24, and POL 212.

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SAMPLE 8-SEMESTER CLASS SCHEDULE

	FALL SEMESTER				SPRING SEMESTER			
	COURSE 1	COURSE 2	COURSE 3	COURSE 4	COURSE 1	COURSE 2	COURSE 3	COURSE 4
FIRST YEAR	Catalyst 110	SOC 110	Your Choice	Your Choice	Catalyst 120	CJ Elective	Your Choice	Your Choice
SECOND YEAR	Catalyst 210	CJ Elective	Your Choice	Your Choice	Catalyst 220	CJ Elective	Your Choice	Your Choice
THIRD YEAR	SOC 204	Your Choice	Your Choice	Your Choice	Applied Innovation Seminar	SOC 306	Your Choice	Your Choice
FOURTH YEAR	Your Choice	Your Choice	Your Choice	Your Choice	Your Choice	Your Choice	Your Choice	Your Choice

This is only a sample for informational purposes. Each student is encouraged to work closely with their academic advisor to tailor a unique schedule that best fits their individualized needs.