Criminology and Criminal Justice, **Minor**

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Why do people commit crimes? What does society do, and what can society do better to prevent and respond to crime? Investigate these issues in the minor in criminology and criminal justice.

**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 students' ability to understand the nature of crime and the system response to law breaking.

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

Criminal justice majors may not pursue a minor in criminal justice.

**At a Glance**

- **College/School:** [Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions](https://www.asu.edu)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix campus](https://www.asu.edu) or online

**Program Requirements**

[Minor Map (Archives)](https://www.asu.edu)
[2021 - 2022 Minor Map](https://www.asu.edu)

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 course work (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 (SB) (3)
- CRJ 309: Criminology (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 (C) (3)
- CRJ 306: Race, Ethnicity, Crime, and Criminal Justice (C) (3)

**CRJ Electives -- 6 credit hours**
- CRJ Upper Division Elective (6)
  
  Notes: Choose any two CRJ courses at the 300- or higher level.

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, 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. Students interested in pursuing a minor should consult their academic advisor to declare the minor and to ensure that an appropriate set of courses is taken. 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 program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and the minor. Students should contact their academic advisor for more information.

**Attend Online**

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information [here](#).

**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 courts
- 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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