The University of Miami’s Department of Sociology & Criminology allows for students to explore both criminology and criminal justice within the larger contexts of sociology—particularly issues related to race, ethnicity, immigration, and equity. Miami is a living laboratory for students to engage and learn with some of the nation’s top scholars, and to contribute to this important discussion on both domestic and international levels.
Sample Courses

- The Criminal Justice System
- Social Inequities
- Violence in America
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Introduction to Social Research
- Criminology
- Theories of Deviant Behavior
- Crime and Public Policy
- Police and Community
- Race, Ethnicity, and Criminal Justice

Degree Programs

Undergraduate
>> Major: 30 credits
>> Minor: 15 credits
>> Dual Major: Criminology & Sociology: 45 credits
>> Dual Minor: Criminology & Sociology: 27 credits

Graduate
>> Master of Science in Criminology & Criminal Justice: 30 credits
>> Certificate in Criminology & Criminal Justice: 15 credits
>> Master of Arts in International Administration (Concentration in International Crime & Justice): 30 credits
>> PhD in Sociology (Concentration in Criminology): 49-67 credits

Dual Degree
>> Dual MS in Criminology & Criminal Justice/Master of Public Administration (MS/MPA): 60 credits
At the Intersection of Theory, Policy, and Methods

Miami is a vibrant, diverse, and growing metropolis with deep history and new opportunities. But, it is not without its challenges, be they environmental, economic, socio-cultural, and political. What better place to consider studying a field at the epicenter of conversations about race, equity, inclusion, and justice?

Criminology and Criminal Justice is a seminal pairing of two complimentary fields: crime and the justice system. Criminology is the study of the biological, psychological, and social causes of criminal behavior. Criminal justice gives students an understanding of the three main elements of the justice system: the courts, policing, and corrections.

At the University of Miami, you can prepare yourself to bring evidence-based practices into crime and justice policies, making a difference in this changing and complex social landscape.
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), career opportunities for criminologists were expected to increase 15% over the current decade, which is considered faster than average job growth.

Students with degrees in Criminology & Criminal Justice advance to positions in:

- Law Enforcement and Corrections
- Forensic Psychology
- Police Identification and Records
- Crime Scene Evidence
- Immigrations and Customs

Many graduates also use this preparation to give them a competitive edge when applying to law school or doctoral degree programs.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

The Department of Sociology & Criminology offers a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology, as well as a combined major and minor in Sociology & Criminology. Our program provides students with opportunities to gain “hands on” experience, such as working on research supervised by a member of our faculty or by completing a community-based internship in the greater Miami area. Many of our undergraduate majors are active members of Alpha Phi Sigma, the honor society for criminal justice, as well as the Sociology and Criminology Student Organization, which provides majors and minors an academic community to share common interests, host events, and engage in activities related to their areas of study.

**Major**
Requires **10 courses**

**Minor**
Requires **5 courses**

**Dual Major in SOC and CRIM**
Requires **15 courses**

**Dual Minor in SOC and CRIM**
Requires **9 courses**

Students may choose to double major in both Sociology and Criminology, or major in either Sociology or Criminology while minoring in the other.
**Master of Science**

The Master of Science program focuses on both criminology and criminal justice, and elements of both disciplines combined. Students who complete our programs will have advanced knowledge of the U.S. criminal justice system including tools to evaluate policy and practice through training in criminological and criminal justice theory and in quantitative research methods. We aim to provide a well-rounded understanding of the etiology, control, and prevention of crime.

Elective courses offered across the university allow graduate students to draw upon and take classes from the distinguished faculty in a variety of topics, including Political Science, Psychology, Geography, Global Health, International Administration, Education, Communication, Business, and Law.

**Specialization areas:**
- Leadership and Management
- Criminal Law
- Research Methods and Statistics

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**Graduate Certificate**

For students who wish to add a professional credential in a shorter time frame, the Graduate Certificate in Criminology & Criminal Justice can be completed in just 15 credits. A bachelor’s degree in any field is required to apply, and certificate credits can count towards the MS degree.
INTERNSHIPS

Both undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to take advantage of the department's wide range of internship placement opportunities, from government entities to private organizations.

The University's Toppel Career Center is also available to provide students with career services, including interview preparation, networking opportunities, and professional development.

Examples of past internships:

- Coral Gables Police Department
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms
- Florida Department of Children and Families
- Florida Department of Corrections
- Guardian At Litem Program
- International Association of Chiefs of Police
- Miami-Dade Juvenile Detention Center
- Public Defender's Office
- Silent Victims of Crime
- United States Pre-trial Services
- Women in Distress of Broward County
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