



CRIMINOLOGY

Program Objectives

The Department of Criminology offers a four-year program leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminology. The program provides students with a liberal arts education whose focus is the complex relations among crime, law, and society, and that emphasizes the social sciences. The curriculum is a rigorous series of courses which provides students with a comprehensive knowledge of crime and crime control in contemporary, historical, and comparative perspective. The core of the curriculum is an integrated set of required courses. These courses are designed as a cumulative set of experiences and should be taken in sequence. Elective courses enable students to place their criminological interests in a broader perspective. Many students in the program are interested in social and human service occupations related to criminal, juvenile, and social justice. The program also prepares students for a wide variety of other career options and provides an excellent basis for graduate study in criminology, other social sciences, and law.

Degrees & Concentrations Offered

Graduation Planner: usm.maine.edu/advising/degreeplanning

Degree Offered: Bachelor of Arts

Major Offered: Criminology

Minor Offered: Criminology

Criminology Department

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Newsletter: [Criminology Newsletter](#)

Career Possibilities*

Advocacy
Consulting
Corrections
Court Clerkship
Global Intelligence
Internet Security
Lawyer
Legal Assistance
Legal Research
Loss Prevention
Parole Officer
Police Officer
Prevention Services
Probation
Professor
Researcher
Social Justice Organizer
Teaching
Victims Assistance
Violence Against Women Counselor
Youth Counselor

* Additional education, training or experience may be required.

Acquired Transferable Skills

Active Learning
Active Listening
Care & Compassion
Critical Thinking
Deductive Reasoning
Diversity Awareness
Global Appreciation & Understanding
Instructing
Judgment & Decision Making
Learning Strategies
Monitoring
Problem Solving
Reading Comprehension
Writing

For more information on transferable skills go to:
usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/career-tools

What can I do with this major?*

AREA	EMPLOYERS	INFORMATION/STRATEGIES
Social Services	Halfway houses & pre-release programs Reintegration programs, Animal Advocacy Domestic violence agencies Immigration & naturalization services Rape Crisis Centers Community Nonprofit Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek volunteer or internship positions in areas such as rehabilitation, substance abuse, social casework. • Learn to work well with people of diverse backgrounds.
Judiciary & Law	Local, state & federal courts Law firms, Corporate legal departments Public interest law organizations Public Service Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop strong research, computer, & writing skills. • Seek opportunities to observe courtroom proceedings and become familiar with the legal system. • Consider obtaining a law degree.
Law Enforcement	Police departments, Game Warden Correction facilities, Marine Patrol U.S. Customs & Border Protection Department of Homeland Security Banks & Retail organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer to work in a police department or campus police. • Develop strong researching, writing, and computer skills. • Learn to work well with people of diverse backgrounds.
Business	Insurance companies Environment Private security companies Software companies Hotels & resorts Healthcare facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor in Business or Computer Science and/or take related classes. • Gain experience in an area of interest through internships, jobs or volunteer positions. • Seek opportunities that include training in software/hardware of security systems.

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Enrichment Opportunities

Internships

For more information contact the Criminology Department.
usm.maine.edu/cecd

Study Abroad

For more information contact the USM Office of International Programs.
usm.maine.edu/international/study-abroad

Clubs & Organizations

Criminology Student Involvement
For a complete list of student organizations:
webapp.usm.maine.edu/pathways/list

USM Corporate Partners

The USM Corporate Partners are over 350 business people, from nearly 100 companies. usm.maine.edu/corporatepartners

Helpful Career Links

USMCareerConnections:

USM's career network for job and internship searches. usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/usmcareerconnections

O*NET OnLine:

Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with O*NET. onetonline.org

Occupational Outlook Handbook:

Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with OOH. bls.gov/ooH

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS To name a few...

[American Criminal Justice Association](#)

[American Probation and Parole Association](#)

[American Correctional Association](#)

[American Society of Criminology](#)

[Society for the Study of Social Problems](#)



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