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
Portland Campus, 120 Bedford Street
(207) 780-4105
Web Address: usm.maine.edu/crm
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?*

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<td>Halfway houses &amp; pre-release programs</td>
<td>• Seek volunteer or internship positions in areas such as rehabilitation, substance abuse, social casework.</td>
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<td>Reintegration programs, Animal Advocacy</td>
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<td>• Learn to work well with people of diverse backgrounds.</td>
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<td><strong>Judiciary &amp; Law</strong></td>
<td>Local, state &amp; federal courts</td>
<td>• Develop strong research, computer, &amp; writing skills.</td>
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<td>Law firms, Corporate legal departments</td>
<td>• Seek opportunities to observe courtroom proceedings and become familiar with the legal system.</td>
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<td>Public interest law organizations</td>
<td>• Consider obtaining a law degree.</td>
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<td><strong>Law Enforcement</strong></td>
<td>Police departments, Game Warden Correction facilities, Marine Patrol</td>
<td>• Volunteer to work in a police department or campus police.</td>
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<td>U.S. Customs &amp; Border Protection Department of Homeland Security</td>
<td>• Develop strong researching, writing, and computer skills.</td>
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<td>Banks &amp; Retail organizations</td>
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<td><strong>Business</strong></td>
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<td>• Minor in Business or Computer Science and/or take related classes.</td>
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<td>Environment</td>
<td>• Gain experience in an area of interest through internships, jobs or volunteer positions.</td>
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<td>Private security companies</td>
<td>• Seek opportunities that include training in software/hardware of security systems.</td>
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*To learn about these areas and much more visit: whatcanidowithismajorm.com/major © 2011 What Can I Do With This Major

### Enrichment Opportunities

**Internships**
For more information contact the Criminology Department.
[usm.maine.edu/cecd](http://usm.maine.edu/cecd)

**Study Abroad**
For more information contact the USM Office of International Programs.
[usm.maine.edu/international/study-abroad](http://usm.maine.edu/international/study-abroad)

**Clubs & Organizations**
Criminology Student Involvement
For a complete list of student organizations:
[webapp.usm.maine.edu/pathways/list](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://onetonline.org)

**Occupational Outlook Handbook:**
Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with OOH.
[bls.gov/ooh](http://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