

# CRIMINOLOGY (CRIM)

## 100 Level Courses

**CRIM 100:** *Introduction to Criminal Justice*. 3 credits.

Overview of the American system of criminal justice, covering theories of justice, criminal law, policing, courts and associated pre and post-trial legal processes, punishment and corrections, and juvenile justice. Required for all criminology majors and minors. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Mason Core:** Mason Core, Social/Behavioral Sciences (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

**Specialized Designation:** Mason Impact.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

## 200 Level Courses

**CRIM 210:** *Introduction to Criminology*. 3 credits.

Explores and evaluates how crime is defined and measured, and examines crime patterns and trends. Provides an overview and critical assessment of the major theories of crime causation. Notes: CRIM majors who are concentrating in criminal justice are strongly encouraged to take this course before or during the first semester of taking upper-level courses in the concentration. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 220:** *Introduction to Law and Society*. 3 credits.

Introduces the relationship between law and society. Discusses theoretical perspectives from a number of social science disciplines. Promotes a foundational understanding of the concept of law and the origins, development, and role of law in society, particularly outside of formal legal institutions. Topics covered may include legal mobilization, law and social change, social movements, law and inequality, and law's relationship to social control. Notes: CRIM majors who are concentrating in Law and Society are strongly encouraged to take this course before or during the first semester of taking upper-level courses in the concentration. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 230:** *Introduction to Homeland Security*. 3 credits.

Introduces fundamental concepts of homeland security. Examines governmental actions designed to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from man-made and natural disasters. Focuses on efforts to align preparedness, incident management, and emergency response plans from various agencies (federal, state, local, tribal, private sector,

and non-governmental). Notes: CRIM majors who are concentrating in homeland security and justice are strongly encouraged to take this course before or during the first semester of taking upper-level courses in the concentration. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

## 300 Level Courses

**CRIM 301:** *Public Law and the Judicial Process*. 3 credits.

Covers American judicial organization and operation, role of the Supreme Court in policy formation, and selected constitutional principles. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts. Equivalent to GOVT 301.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 302:** *Delinquency and the Juvenile Justice System*. 3 credits.

Presents theories of juvenile delinquency and societal reactions to it, gender differences in rates and types, historical overview, development of juvenile justice system, and critical assessment of juvenile justice and its alternative. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 304:** *Computer Crime, Forensics, and Auditing*. 3 credits.

Explores relevant laws, disciplines, and skills required to pursue a successful career in computer forensics and cyber investigations. This course will be a real-to-life exposure of conducting computer forensic and cyber investigations, including hands-on demonstrations with computer forensic tools. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** IT 103 or IT 104.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 305:** *Crime and Crime Policy*. 3 credits.

Examines the development of crime policy, including the influence of crime trends, politics, public opinion, media, criminological theory, and empirical research. Considers the effectiveness of crime policy. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 306:** *Criminal Justice Ethics*. 3 credits.

Analyzes ethical principles relevant for those working in criminal justice. Required for all criminology majors. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 307:** *Social Inequality, Crime, and Justice*. 3 credits.

Explores the significance of social inequality (especially race and gender inequality) for several crime and criminal justice issues. Examines variations in criminal offending and victimization, and explores disparities in criminal justice processing. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Specialized Designation:** Mason Impact.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 308:** *Human Rights and Justice*. 3 credits.

Studies the norms, laws, and systems for the promotion and protection of human rights. Provides a foundation for understanding historical, legal, political, economic, and ethical aspects of human rights. Examines ideological and cultural perspectives, sources of violations, the United Nations, regional and national mechanisms, special issues (e.g., women, torture, children, minorities), and the role of nongovernmental organizations. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 310:** *Introduction to the Intelligence Community*. 3 credits.

Introduces students to the structure, function, and process of the intelligence community including the basic skills in writing, research, and presentation used in intelligence analysis. Required for all intelligence analysis minors. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 312:** *Intelligence Analysis Techniques*. 3 credits.

Introduces the key analytical techniques used by entry-level analysts in the Intelligence community. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Registration Restrictions:**

**Required Prerequisites:** CRIM 310<sup>D</sup>, L310, 310<sup>XS</sup> or 310<sup>XP</sup>.

<sup>D</sup> Requires minimum grade of D.

<sup>XS</sup> Requires minimum grade of XS.

<sup>XP</sup> Requires minimum grade of XP.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 315:** *Research Methods and Analysis in Criminology*. 3 credits.

Provides an introduction to research design, methods, and analysis in the field of criminology. Students learn to understand, interpret, and critique quantitative and qualitative research approaches, and become intelligent consumers of research. Notes: This course does not meet the College's IT requirements. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Specialized Designation:** Mason Impact.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 320:** *Crime and Place*. 3 credits.

Focuses on the analysis of locations that attract and repel crime, displacement of crime, and identifying and measuring crime concentrations. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 325:** *Hate Crime*. 3 credits.

Provides an introductory understanding of the definitions of hate crime; extremist groups and individuals; reporting, investigation, and prosecution of hate crimes; and hate crime policy and legislation. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 350:** *Counterintelligence*. 3 credits.

Introduces the legal authority, objectives, and guidelines of the counterintelligence discipline. Covers the investigative, defensive, offensive, and collection activities of the counterintelligence function. Notes: Elective course for the Intelligence Analysis minor. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Registration Restrictions:****Required Prerequisites:** CRIM 310<sup>D</sup>, L310, 310<sup>XS</sup> or 310<sup>XP</sup>.<sup>D</sup> Requires minimum grade of D.<sup>XS</sup> Requires minimum grade of XS.<sup>XP</sup> Requires minimum grade of XP.**Schedule Type:** Lecture**Grading:**This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)**400 Level Courses****CRIM 400:** *Applied Criminal Psychology*. 3 credits.

Uses overview of psychological and criminological theories to apply behavioral science theory to practical application in forensic settings.

Focuses on analysis of various crime scenes and characteristics of offenders. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture**Grading:**This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)**CRIM 401:** *Policing in America*. 3 credits.

Fundamental issues relevant to contemporary public policing in America: role and history of police; impact on crime, disorder, and other social problems; discretion and its control; moral hazards; police legitimacy and public support; police culture and the police organization; and community policing. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100**Schedule Type:** Lecture**Grading:**This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)**CRIM 402:** *Punishment and Corrections*. 3 credits.

Covers theories on forms of punishment systems; punishment and corrections as a product of historical, cultural, and political changes; differences by race and gender in punishment and corrections; problems of social control and violence in prisons; alternative rehabilitation; and community prevention strategies. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Specialized Designation:** Mason Impact.**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100**Schedule Type:** Lecture**Grading:**This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)**CRIM 403:** *Community Corrections*. 3 credits.

Studies the purposes and goals of community-based corrections and its various components, including pretrial diversion, probation, parole, and emerging alternatives to traditional incarceration. Addresses issues related to offenders returning to the community and critical issues facing jails, community corrections, and the management of offenders in community settings. Examines the role of community corrections within

the broader correctional system. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100**Schedule Type:** Lecture**Grading:**This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)**CRIM 404:** *Crime Victims and Victimization*. 3 credits.

Explores experiences of crime victims, distribution of the risks of victimization, and causes and consequences of victimization. Also considers nature and influence of victim's rights advocates. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100**Schedule Type:** Lecture**Grading:**This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)**CRIM 405:** *Law and Justice around the World*. 3 credits.

Comparative inquiry into the models of legal and justice systems around the world. Considers how social and legal norms are created, and how different societies exercise powers of social control. Evaluates justice models in action, including law and courts, policing, corrections, and juvenile justice. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Mason Core:** Mason Core, Global Contexts, Global Understanding, Just Societies (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100**Schedule Type:** Lecture**Grading:**This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)**CRIM 406:** *Family Law and the Justice System*. 3 credits.

Introduction to the elements of family law, and exploration of its influence on American social life and contemporary notions of justice. Topics include marriage and parenting, divorce, custody and support, nontraditional families, and domestic violence. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100**Schedule Type:** Lecture**Grading:**This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)**CRIM 407:** *Advanced Topics in Law and Society*. 3 credits.

Provides an in-depth examination of the law's role in social life to deepen students' appreciation of the law in action. Focuses on scholarly research that describes and explains how legal actors, processes, and institutions operate in the world. Topics include: theories of legal change, law's relationship to class, gender, and race, and law, culture, and identity. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Specialized Designation:** Topic Varies

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100 or GOVT 301

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 408: *Criminal Courts*.** 3 credits.

Studies the workings, advantages, and frailties of criminal courts, and explores whether the system works effectively and efficiently. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100 or GOVT 301

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 409: *Community Policing*.** 3 credits.

Study of community policing, particularly in the United States. Covers history and development of community policing, community relations, problem solving, and issues of organizational change. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 410: *Criminal Investigations*.** 3 credits.

Focuses on criminal investigations and the role of the criminal investigator in the criminal justice system. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 411: *Innovations in Policing*.** 3 credits.

New developments in law enforcement's response to technical, legal, and social change. Examines law enforcement policies and practices in the past and present, and directions for the future. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 415: *Guns and Crime in America*.** 3 credits.

Examines the legal, policy, prevention, enforcement, and political aspects of preventing gun violence in America. Considers the 2nd Amendment and its interpretation; explores patterns and trends in gun ownership and gun crime; reviews policies, regulations, and community-based efforts to reduce gun violence. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 315 Research Methods and Analysis in Criminology

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 421: *International Crimes and Accountability*.** 3 credits.

Explores the range of judicial and nonjudicial responses after conflict or democratic transition to ensure accountability after atrocities or human rights abuses. Considers trials, truth commissions, amnesties, reparations, and other policies within their social, political, and global contexts. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 405.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 422: *Controversial Legal Issues*.** 3 credits.

Focuses on the study of law as an institution that continuously interacts with other social institutions at the individual, community, state, and federal levels. Examines how constitutional and statutory laws are interpreted by the courts to determine and define the law through contemporary, controversial, legal issues. Explores how the courts, using the law, resolve today's most controversial issues. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 423: *Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties*.** 3 credits.

Studies First Amendment freedoms of speech, press, assembly, association, and religion; the right to privacy; and Fourteenth Amendment right to equal protection. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts. Equivalent to GOVT 423.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 424: *Constitutional Law: Criminal Process and Rights*.** 3 credits.

Studies constitutional law pertaining to the rights of the criminally accused from investigation and evidence through attorney, trial, and punishment stages at federal and state levels. Required for all criminology majors. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 425: *Criminal Justice Management*.** 3 credits.

Explains the management function for current and future criminal justice managers. Emphasizes communication, leadership skills, and organizational development. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** D or higher in CRIM 100

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 430: *Criminal Law*.** 3 credits.

An overview of the definitions and elements of crimes, defense strategies, and the differences in criminal law across states. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 460: *Surveillance and Privacy in Contemporary Society*.** 3 credits.

Philosophical perspectives, historical context, technological developments, and institutional changes that surround controversies about privacy and surveillance in contemporary society. Explores public and private institutions conducting surveillance, how they calculate and manage risk, and legal constraints on surveillance activities. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts. Equivalent to GOVT 460.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 462: *Law Enforcement and Homeland Security*.** 3 credits.

Examines the effect of 9/11 on law enforcement organizations in the United States and explores the evolving relationship between the military, federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in the post-9/11 era. Emphasis on understanding the entire framework of homeland security in the United States and the unique issues faced by local law enforcement. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 471: *Prevention and Deterrence of Crime*.** 3 credits.

Theoretical and practical strategies for crime prevention and deterrence. Discusses social, environmental, and mechanical developments, police courts, and correctional elements of law enforcement in terms of current

effectiveness and future potential for crime prevention. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 475: *Theory and Politics of Terrorism*.** 3 credits.

Explores origins of terrorism, tracing development from early states to a modern mode of conflict. Presents national, regional, and global perspectives. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 479: *Criminology: College to Career*.** 3 credits.

Career development class to assist students in the transition from college to a career in the social sciences, particularly Criminology. Course emphasizes professional development and career readiness through self-assessment and professional skill acquisition. Students prepare a research project on a topic related to Criminology, Law and Society. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100, 306, and 315; ENGH 302.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 480: *Internship*.** 6-12 credits.

Application of classroom learning to an applied justice setting. Students maintain daily journals, conduct research, and deliver written and oral reports. Notes: Before enrolling, students must have a plan approved by the instructor. Seminars are held several times during the semester for discussion and oral presentation. Minimum of 45 hours of on-the-job work time required for each credit. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 15 credits.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100, 306, 315, and approval of department.

**Registration Restrictions:**

**Required Prerequisites:** (CRIM 479<sup>D</sup> or 479<sup>XP</sup>).

<sup>D</sup> Requires minimum grade of D.

<sup>XP</sup> Requires minimum grade of XP.

**Schedule Type:** Internship

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 485: *Study Abroad*.** 1-12 credits.

Study Abroad. Course topics, content, and locations vary. May be used to fulfill requirements for different concentrations in the criminology, law, and society major depending on the topic. May be repeated when topic



is different. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 12 credits.

**Specialized Designation:** Topic Varies

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 490: *Special Topics*.** 1-3 credits.

Recent developments in the field. Notes: Topics vary. May be used to fulfill requirements for different concentrations in the BS in criminology, law, and society depending on the topic. May be repeated when topic is different. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May be repeated within the term for a maximum 15 credits.

**Specialized Designation:** Topic Varies

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 491: *Honors Seminar I*.** 3 credits.

Course includes readings, individual or group projects, and discussion of seminar papers. Notes: First of a two-course sequence; subject varies. May be used to fulfill requirements for different concentrations in the criminology, law, and society major depending on the topic. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

**Specialized Designation:** Mason Impact.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** Acceptance to pursue honors in the major.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 492: *RS: Honors Seminar II*.** 3 credits.

Course includes readings and discussion of seminar papers, leading to a research project under the direction of a faculty member. Notes: Second of a two-course sequence. Subject varies. Oral exam on the research and report may be required. May be used to fulfill requirements for different concentrations in the criminology, law, and society major depending on the topic. May be repeated when topic varies. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 491.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 495: *Capstone in Criminology, Law and Society*.** 3 credits.

Provides an in-depth examination of a historical and contemporary issues facing criminology and law and society scholars. Focuses on the philosophies, practices, and procedures used by individuals and organizations and uses a variety of materials, experiences and

resources. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. Limited to three attempts.

**Mason Core:** Mason Core, Mason Apex, Writing Intensive in Major (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

**Specialized Designation:** Mason Impact.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100; ENGH 101; ENGH 302; COMM 100, or 104.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Junior Plus, Junior, Senior Plus or Senior.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture, Recitation

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 498: *Research Practicum*.** 1-3 credits.

Supervised research experience with a professor in a non-classroom setting. Offers students an opportunity to gain valuable research experience and training in research. Students are required to work 45 hours (across the semester) per credit. Notes: May be used to fulfill requirements for different concentrations in the criminology, law and society major depending on the topic. Open to majors and minors in CRIM with 60 credits and permission of instructor and department. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May be repeated within the term for a maximum 6 credits.

**Specialized Designation:** Topic Varies

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100 and CRIM 315.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in Criminology, Law and Society.

**Schedule Type:** Independent Study

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 499: *Independent Study*.** 1-3 credits.

Reading and research on a specific topic under the direction of a faculty member. Notes: May be used to fulfill requirements for different concentrations in the criminology, law and society major depending on the topic. Open to majors and minors in CRIM with 90 credits and permission of instructor and department. Written report is required; an oral exam or report may also be required. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May be repeated within the term for a maximum 9 credits.

**Specialized Designation:** Topic Varies

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 100 and 90 credits.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in Criminology, Law and Society.

**Schedule Type:** Independent Study

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

## 500 Level Courses

**CRIM 509: *Justice Organizations and Processes*.** 3 credits.

Examines structures, practices, and performance of organizations involved in administration of justice: law enforcement, courts and legal agencies, corrections, regulatory and related agencies, and private organizations. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to PUAD 509.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 510: *Policing*.** 3 credits.

Examines police organizations, practices, strategies, and reforms; the functions and mandates of the police in democracies; research knowledge about policing and the impacts of policing; and policing in the context of the broader criminal justice system. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 511: *Evidence-based Crime and Justice Policy*.** 3 credits.

Examines the role that science and research play in criminal justice agencies, policies and practices. Includes understanding the strengths and limitations of the evidence-based practices framework, reviewing evidence about the effectiveness, fairness, theoretical underpinnings, and efficiency of various policies and practices to deal with crime and justice issues, and understanding how research is translated into policy and practice. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 512: *Implementing Crime and Justice Policy*.** 3 credits.

Introduces students to the art and science behind implementing policies in today's criminal justice organizations. While considering effective, best, and evidence-based practices, students will learn about both processes and outcomes related to adopting, adapting, implementing and sustaining reform in justice agencies. Key concepts include technology transfer, transportability, uptake, diffusion, fidelity, and change. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 513: *Leadership in Justice Organizations*.** 3 credits.

Explores theory and evidence of various approaches to leadership and management as applied in justice organizations. Examples of leadership approaches include, trait, skills, style, contingency, path-goal, transformational, servant, team, and psychodynamic. Practical aspects of coping with the risks of leadership are included. Involves case studies and student self analysis using diagnostic tools. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 514: *Legal and Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice*.** 3 credits.

Legal and ethical issues in the making and administration of criminal justice policy in the United States. Covers the legal framework governing each issue, competing values influencing policies and practice, and the history of legal reforms in the criminal justice system. Recurrent underlying themes are legalized discretion, gender and racial equality, due process, and procedural justice. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 515:** *Criminal Justice Research Methods and Data Analysis*. 3 credits. Methods of scientific inquiry applied to criminal justice issues. Includes formulation of research questions, logic of inquiry, research design, observation, measurement, and introduction to social statistics and applications to criminal justice data analysis. Learn to critique research and present data in agency reports. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 516:** *Evaluation of Crime and Justice Policies and Practices*. 3 credits. The major principles and approaches of program evaluation applied to crime and justice policies. Presents a conceptual framework for problem evaluation. Explores issues and methods for developing evaluation questions and assessing various aspects of program theory, operation and outcomes. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

**Required Prerequisite:** CRIM 515<sup>B-</sup>.

<sup>B-</sup> Requires minimum grade of B-.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 517:** *Research Practicum in Justice Policy and Practice*. 3 credits. Student-initiated research project supervised by instructor. Student will identify a client criminal justice organization or stakeholder group and conduct useful research on an issue of interest to that organization or group, producing a policy-oriented white paper suitable for delivery to the organization or group. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 516.

**Registration Restrictions:**

**Required Prerequisite:** CRIM 515<sup>B-</sup>.

<sup>B-</sup> Requires minimum grade of B-.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Criminal Justice or Criminology, Law and Society.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 521:** *The Constitution, Criminal Procedure, and Security*. 3 credits. Focuses on understanding legal doctrines that form basis of U.S. constitutional criminal procedural rights and how doctrines develop, why courts rule as they do, and evaluating strengths, weaknesses of rights. For MS Students. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 523:** *Law and Social Control*. 3 credits. Competing conceptions of law, political systems, and social control. Intellectual traditions behind social control, its definitions, and mechanisms for regulating public and private behavior, by both individuals and organizations in society. For MS Students. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 541:** *Conduct of Justice Organizations at the Street Level*. 3 credits. How justice organizations behave at lowest levels, where service is delivered and discretion is greatest (suspects, victims, witnesses, police officers, prison guards, parole officers, attorneys, and others who interact with the justice system). For MS students. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.



Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 544: Corrections.** 3 credits.

Covers the social institutions and processes involved in punishment, control, and behavior change. Reviews the consequences of different policies and organizational approaches. For MS students. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 545: Crime Analysis.** 3 credits.

History, theory, and techniques of crime analysis and crime mapping. Includes routine activities, pattern, and rational choice theories. Review of data types. Application of crime analysis to crime control tactics, strategies, and administration. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 561: Politics of Crime Policy.** 3 credits.

Explores political context of crime policy. Examines influence of public opinion, interest groups, scientific community, and other political forces. In-depth, case-study comparison of several crime policies. For MS students. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 562: Crime and Place.** 3 credits.

Examines the concentration of crime at places, including geographic, environmental, and sociological features that attract or repel crime. Discusses theoretical explanations, crime prevention strategies, and the measurement of crime concentrations. For MS students. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 595: Special Topics.** 3 credits.

Recent developments in the field or topics not covered by regularly listed courses. The course content varies. For MS students. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May be repeated within the term for a maximum 9 credits.

**Specialized Designation:** Topic Varies

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

## 700 Level Courses

**CRIM 700: Values, Ethics, and Criminal Justice Policy.** 3 credits.

Overview of important public values and classical and contemporary theories for understanding how these values apply to the criminal justice process. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to GOVT 726.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 710: *Criminological Theory*.** 3 credits.

Summarizes key principles and development of major criminological theories and evaluates the state of the empirical evidence for each one. Provides a critical assessment of different perspectives and identifies weaknesses and gaps. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Graduate or Non-Degree.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 720: *Law and Social Science*.** 3 credits.

Examines social science approaches to the law and the social processes that affect the behavior of legal actors and institutions. Includes theory and research in the law and society tradition. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 721: *The Constitution, Criminal Procedure, and Security*.** 3 credits.

Focuses on understanding legal doctrines that form basis of U.S. constitutional procedural rights and how doctrines develop, why courts rule as they do, and evaluating strengths, weaknesses of rights. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 720 or GOVT 728, or permission of instructor.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 723: *Law and Social Control*.** 3 credits.

Competing conceptions of law, political systems, and social control. Intellectual traditions behind social control, its definitions, and mechanisms for regulating public and private behavior, by both individuals and organizations in society. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 720 or GOVT 728, or permission of instructor.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 730: *Courts and Constitutional Law*.** 3 credits.

Role, influence, and effects of U.S. courts in creating constitutional norms and interpreting them. Special attention to First and Fourteenth Amendments, Commerce Clause. Analyzes leading court cases. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 740: *Justice Organizations*.** 3 credits.

Understanding and evaluating criminal justice policies, practices, and structures in an organizational context. Draws on organizational theory and empirical research to explore the challenges and opportunities to shape criminal justice processes and outcomes. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to PUAD 790.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 741: *Street Level Criminal Justice*.** 3 credits.

How justice organizations behave at lowest levels, where service is delivered and discretion is greatest (suspects, victims, witnesses, police officers, prison guards, parole officers, attorneys, and others who interact with the justice system). Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to PUAD 723.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 740 or PUAD 790, or permission of instructor.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 744: *Corrections*.** 3 credits.

Covers the social institutions and processes involved in punishment, control, and behavior change. Reviews the consequences of different

policies and organizational approaches. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 740.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 746: Evidence-Based Policing.** 3 credits.

Explores the subjects, methods, and approaches of research in policing and how evidence-based policing shapes advancements in the field. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate or Non-Degree.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 760: Evidence-Based Crime Policy.** 3 credits.

Explores the theoretical and empirical support for crime and justice interventions and policies, and examines the translational link between research and criminal justice practices. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 761: Politics of Crime Policy.** 3 credits.

Explores political context of crime policy. Examines influence of public opinion, interest groups, scientific community, and other political forces. In-depth, case-study comparison of several crime policies. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 760/GOVT 792 or permission of instructor.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 762: Crime and Place.** 3 credits.

Examines the concentration of crime at places, including geographic, environmental, and sociological features that attract or repel crime. Discusses theoretical explanations, crime prevention strategies, and the measurement of crime concentrations. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 760.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 764: Sentencing.** 3 credits.

Explores theories of punishment and sentencing practices. Examines political, sociological, criminological, and organizational influences on sentencing processes and decisions. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 760.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 780: Research Methods.** 3 credits.

Introduces logic and methods of scientific inquiry in justice, law, and crime policy. Includes conceptualization of research questions, observation, measurement, research design, and principles of causality. Evaluation of extant research according to scientific principles. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** Undergraduate course in social science research methods or statistics, or permission of instructor.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 781: Justice Program Evaluation.** 3 credits.

Practical exploration of assessment techniques used in evaluating need for and consequences of justice programs and policies. Design and measurement, interpreting and presenting results. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit. Equivalent to PUAD 791.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** PUAD 511/612, CRIM 780, or two graduate-level statistics courses; or permission of instructor.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 782: Statistics I.** 3 credits.

Focuses on descriptive and inferential statistical methods and theory with application to problems within the justice field. Explores the logic of inferential statistical methods in general and null hypothesis significance testing in particular. Covers widely used statistical procedures within the applied social sciences. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** An undergraduate social science research methods course or an undergraduate statistics course.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 783: Statistics II.** 3 credits.

Focuses on the theory and application of multivariate regression methods as applied within the justice field. Topics include tests for and consequences of violating assumptions of the generalized linear model, dummy coding of categorical variables, testing of interaction effects, logistic regression, ordered and multinomial logit, and missing data analysis. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 782 or a comparable course.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 784: Experimental Criminology.** 3 credits.

Discusses the methodological, statistical, ethical, and practical concerns associated with experimental research designs in criminology. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 780 and CRIM 782.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 790: Capstone in Policy and Practice.** 3 credits.

Student-initiated research project supervised by instructor. Students must work with a justice organization to conduct useful research and produce a policy-oriented white paper. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** CRIM 780 or permission of instructor.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Independent Study

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 795: Special Topics.** 3 credits.

Recent developments in field, or topics not covered by regularly listed courses. Notes: Topics vary. May be repeated when topic is different. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May be repeated within the term for a maximum 15 credits.

**Specialized Designation:** Topic Varies

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 796: Directed Reading.** 1-3 credits.

Independent reading at doctoral level on specific topic related to justice, law, or crime policy as agreed to by student and faculty member and approved by coordinator of CRIM program. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May be repeated within the term for a maximum 6 credits.

**Specialized Designation:** Topic Varies

**Recommended Prerequisite:** Successful completion of 12 graduate level CRIM credits.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Independent Study

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Special scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 797: Professionalization Seminar.** 0 credits.

Introduces doctoral students to research, scholarship and teaching practices in the field to promote their professional development. Notes: Required for Ph.D. students. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 799: Master's Thesis.** 1-6 credits.

Research on approved master's thesis topic under direction of thesis committee with approval of chair. Notes: Minimum 3, maximum 6 credits for doctorate. Maximum of 6 credits of CRIM 799 applicable to masters degree requirements. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May be repeated within the degree.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** Submission and approval of thesis proposal.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Thesis

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

## 900 Level Courses

**CRIM 998: Doctoral Dissertation Proposal.** 1-6 credits.

Work on a research proposal forming basis for doctoral dissertation. Notes: Minimum 3, maximum 6 credits for doctorate. Maximum of 24 credits of CRIM 998/CRIM 999 applicable to doctoral degree requirements. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May be repeated within the degree.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** Students must complete all core analytical course degree requirements.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

**Schedule Type:** Dissertation

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

**CRIM 999: Doctoral Dissertation Research.** 1-21 credits.

Doctoral dissertation research and writing under direction of student's dissertation committee. Notes: Minimum 12, maximum 21 credits for doctorate. Maximum of 24 credits of CRIM 998/CRIM 999 applicable to doctoral degree requirements. Offered by Criminology, Law and Society. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 21 credits.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

**Schedule Type:** Dissertation

**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)