

## The Academic Minor

Many departments have designed academic minors for the convenience of undergraduate students.

A minor is a structured group of courses that leads to considerable knowledge and understanding of a subject, although with less depth than a major. Some employers consider minors desirable, and the corresponding major requirements at the University may stipulate a minor. Some students choose to complement their major program with a minor in a related field or even in an entirely different field of interest. Students interested in pursuing an academic minor should contact their college dean's office and the department responsible for the minor program for guidance and advising.

**Please note that undergraduate students can only complete a minor *in addition to and as a complement to a major.* The University does not award stand-alone minors.**

## Minor in Criminology

The Minor in Criminology requires **18 hours** as follows:

### Minor Prerequisite

SOC 235 Inequalities in Society .....3

### Minor Requirements

SOC 302 Sociological Research Methods

or one of the following courses:

PSY 215 Experimental Psychology

PS 372 Introduction to Political Analysis

ANT 302 Ethnographic Methods: Doing Anthropology

SW 450 Social Work Research

COM 365 Introduction to Communication Research Methods ..... 3-4

plus

SOC 339 Introduction to Criminology .....3

### Minor Electives

9 hours from the following courses, 3 which must be at the 400-level:

SOC 337 Juvenile Delinquency .....3

SOC 338 Family Violence .....3

\*SOC 350 Topics in Sociology (Subtitle required) .....3

SOC 437 Sociology of Law .....3

SOC 438 Cross-National Crime.....3

\*SOC 439 Topics in Crime, Law and Deviance (Subtitle required).....3

SOC 446 Mass Incarceration .....3

To complete the 9 hours, students may take one course from the following:

COM 314 The Dark Side of Interpersonal  
Communication and Relationships .....3

GWS 430 Gender, Power and Violence .....3

PS 360 Politics of Law and Courts .....3

PS 415G Comparative Judicial Politics .....3

PS 437G Dynamics of International Law .....3

PS 463G Judicial Politics.....3

PS 465G Constitutional Law .....3

PSY 331 The Psychology of Adjustment.....3

PSY 333 Abnormal Psychology.....3

PSY 534 Child Psychopathology .....3

SW 323 Criminal Justice Foundations.....3

SW 505 Child Welfare Services.....2-3

SW 512 Social Work in the Criminal Justice System .....3

SW 571 Social Work and the Law .....3

SW 580 Topical Seminar in Social Work (Subtitle required) ..... 1-4

*\*The subtitle for this course must directly relate to criminology.*