



Student Learning Outcomes for B.A. in Criminology, Law and Society

Students should know and comprehend:

1. The various types and sources of law
2. The role of various legal and societal institutions in promoting, creating and reforming law
3. The elements of major socio-legal theories
4. How crime is measured
5. The elements of major classical and contemporary theories of crime and criminality
6. The basic structure, organization, history and processes of the American legal system
7. Major mechanisms of social control

Students should develop the research skills needed to identify and analyze original and secondary source materials in the fields of criminology and law & society, including:

8. Government data and reports
9. Scholarly articles
10. Legislation, court opinions and administrative regulations

Students should develop the skills of evaluation and synthesis needed to prepare written papers that:

11. Explain, criticize, and evaluate criminological and socio-legal theories and/or
12. Explain, criticize, and evaluate policies, proposal and practices of the justice system and explain how they apply in specific contexts

Students should develop a sufficient familiarity with empirical research methods to be able to:

13. Design research studies in the area of criminology, law & society

14. Comprehend and interpret empirical data related to CLS

15. Evaluate and critique empirical studies related to CLS