

ABOUT THE MAJOR

The Criminology Program is committed to providing quality instruction to students on subjects that fall within the scope of the discipline, conducting research that contributes to the body of knowledge in criminology and criminal justice, and engaging in service grounded in the practical application of our knowledge and skills. Its faculty represents broad and varied backgrounds in working within the criminal justice system and human services, as well as conducting research on a wide range of criminal justice issues. We seek opportunities to involve students in a range of professional activities to facilitate their entry into the job market or post graduate studies.

ABOUT THIS MAP

This program map is intended ONLY as a guide for students to plan their course of study. It does NOT replace any information in the Undergraduate Catalog, which is the official guide for completing degree requirements. Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UWG, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone's experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

WHERE CAN YOU GO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- Adult Rehabilitation
- Correctional Counselor
- Correctional Officer
- Juvenile Rehabilitation
- Legal Research
- Loss Prevention
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Police Officer
- Probation Officer
- State or Federal Law Enforcement
- Victim Advocate

ADD A CERTIFICATE

- Data Science
- Forensic Sciences
- Human Rights Advocacy
- Juvenile Justice & Rehabilitation
- Prisoner Reentry & Community Corrections
- Social Services

HONORS COLLEGE

Consider joining if you have an Overall GPA of 3.2 and earned 15 college credit hours!



CRIMINOLOGY

Bachelor of Science

60

CORE CREDIT HOURS

48

MAJOR CREDIT HOURS

12

ELECTIVE CREDIT HOURS

Visit westga.edu/program-maps for the latest version of this major map.



VISIT WOLFWATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION.



HAVE A QUESTION? CHECK IN WITH YOUR ADVISOR!



UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

2026-2027

TERM 1: FALL

C1: ENGL 1101 3 CREDIT HOURS
English Composition I

P: HIST 2111 OR 2112 3 CREDIT HOURS
US History

I: XIDS 2002 2 CREDIT HOURS
(Recommended) First-Year Seminar

F: CRIM 1100 3 CREDIT HOURS
Intro to Criminal Justice

T: SCIENCE + LAB 4 CREDIT HOURS

- MILESTONES:**
- COMPLETE ENGL 1101; REQUIRED TO EARN C OR HIGHER
 - COMPLETE LAB SCIENCE
 - DECLARE MAJOR

TERM 2: SPRING

C2: ENGL 1102 3 CREDIT HOURS
English Composition II

M: MATH 1001 3 CREDIT HOURS
Quantitative Skills and Reasoning

F: CRIM 2000 3 CREDIT HOURS
Survey of Criminology

S: SOCIAL SCIENCE 3 CREDIT HOURS

I: ORAL COMMUNICATIONS 3 CREDIT HOURS

- MILESTONES:**
- COMPLETE ENGL 1102; REQUIRED TO EARN C OR HIGHER.
 - COMPLETE CORE IMPACTS MATH
 - EARN 15 OR MORE CREDIT HOURS

**15 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 15 SPRING CREDIT HOURS
= 30 CREDIT HOURS**

CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK

- Make sure to take CRIM 1100 and 2000 before in your first couple of semesters. These are your only prerequisites!
- Make sure to take your English and Math courses right away.

FIND YOUR PLACE

- Get involved with the student government.
- Check out UWG's Academic Transition Programs.
- Attend Constitution Day at UWG.
- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research.
- Explore all the other events, clubs, and organizations available to you.

BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES

- Explore diversity, equity, and inclusion resources and opportunities across campus.
- Check out the education abroad office.

CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS

- Visit Wolves Vote to learn about the voting process and registration.
- Consider volunteering for a campaign or organization in your community.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- Visit the UWG Wellness Hub to find all the resources available to you!
- Visit Health Services.
- Get fit! Visit URec to see all your options.
- Visit the Center for Economic Education and Financial Literacy.

PAVE YOUR PATH

- Complete a self-assessment to see what careers and majors are right for you.
- Visit Office of Career and Graduate School Connections.
- Create your profile on Handshake.
- Consider applying for an on-campus job.

TERM 1: FALL

P: POLS 1101 3 CREDIT HOURS
American Government

F: CRIM 22XX 3 CREDIT HOURS

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T: NON-LAB SCIENCE 3 CREDIT HOURS

A: FINE ARTS 3 CREDIT HOURS

- MILESTONE:**
- EARN 15 OR MORE CREDIT HOURS

TERM 2: SPRING

F: CRIM 22XX 3 CREDIT HOURS

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S: HIST 1111 OR 1112 3 CREDIT HOURS
World History

T: MATH 1401 3 CREDIT HOURS
Elementary Statistics

A: HUMANITIES 3 CREDIT HOURS

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- Take one of your upper-division major courses each semester (Theory, Research Methods, and Statistics) to avoid getting overwhelmed.
- Make sure to mix these in with your other coursework so that you're developing the skills you need when you need them and not overwhelming yourself in a single semester.

FIND YOUR PLACE

- Thinking about law school? Check out the pre-law society.
- Join the Alpha Phi Sigma Criminology Honors Society.
- Join the Criminology Student Association.
- Attend UWG Scholars' Day.

BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES

- In a student organization? Suggest you all complete an implicit bias workshop.
- Consider a study abroad program. Check out students' stories of their experiences.

CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS

- Complete an internship in your field.
- Consider a summer or part-time job.
- Ask your department about networking opportunities with alumni.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- Take a fitness class, climb the rock wall, or join an intramural team.
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- Draft your personal statement.
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TERM 1: FALL

CRIM 3240 **3** CREDIT HOURS
Criminological Theory

CRIM COURSE **3** CREDIT HOURS
Upper level CRIM course

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Upper level CRIM course

SUPPORTING COURSE **3** CREDIT HOURS
(See Below)

GENERAL ELECTIVE **3** CREDIT HOURS

- MILESTONES:**
- COMPLETE CRIM 3240 WITH C OR BETTER
 - CONTACT THE INTERNSHIP COORDINATOR IF YOU WANT TO COMPLETE AN INTERNSHIP AS AN UPPER LEVEL CRIM COURSE OR SUPPORTING COURSE

TERM 2: SPRING

CRIM 4000 **3** CREDIT HOURS
Research Methodology

CRIM COURSE **3** CREDIT HOURS
Upper level CRIM course

CRIM COURSE **3** CREDIT HOURS
Upper level CRIM course

CRIM COURSE **3** CREDIT HOURS
Upper level CRIM course

SUPPORTING COURSE **3** CREDIT HOURS
(See Below)

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- COMPLETE CRIM 4000 WITH A C OR BETTER

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CRIM 4003 OR 4004 **3** CREDIT HOURS
Statistics for Social Sciences or Managing Data

CRIM COURSE **3** CREDIT HOURS
Upper level CRIM course

CRIM COURSE **3** CREDIT HOURS
Upper level CRIM course

SUPPORTING COURSE **3** CREDIT HOURS
(See Below)

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(See Below)

- MILESTONES:**
- COMPLETE CRIM 4003 OR 4004 WITH C OR BETTER
 - APPLY FOR GRADUATION

TERM 2: SPRING

CRIM 4284 **3** CREDIT HOURS
Senior Capstone

CRIM COURSE **3** CREDIT HOURS
Upper level CRIM course

GENERAL ELECTIVE **3** CREDIT HOURS

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- MILESTONE:**
- COMPLETE CRIM 4284 WITH C OR BETTER

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- Additional Information:**
- Supporting Courses: Any 3000 or 4000 level class not previously taken or required

CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK

- Use your electives to explore other disciplines and find courses complementary to your major! Not sure where to start? Ask your Criminology faculty mentor and your advisor what they would recommend!
- Take Senior Capstone when you're classified as a senior.
- Explore internship opportunities that may count towards your upper-division electives! Ask the Criminology internship coordinator for details.

FIND YOUR PLACE

- Consider running for office in student government.
- Hone your leadership skills by mentoring new Criminology students.
- Ask about research opportunities with your favorite Criminology professor.

BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES

- Assess your cultural competency.
- Consider working abroad and research visa regulations.
- Explore practices of creating more inclusive careers.

CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS

- Ask for advice from professionals in your field of interest.
- Explore career shadowing opportunities.

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- Explore a farmer's market for fresh produce.
- Develop a post-graduation exercise plan.
- Explore your loan repayment options and complete your exit counseling.

PAVE YOUR PATH

- Request references from professors and supervisors.
- Draft your resume cover letter and personal statement and revise it with career services.
- Attend business fairs and career fairs at UWG and across the state.
- Attend an interview workshop.
- Apply for graduate programs.