Sociology Major: Criminal Justice Emphasis Requirements

Minimum GPA for Admission: Overall: 2.75; USU: 2.75

Additional Matriculation Requirement: Complete SOC 1010 and CJ 1010 with a grade of C or better

Minimum GPA for Graduation: Major: 2.5; USU: 2.0; Overall: 2.0

Minimum Grade Accepted: C in SOC 1010 and CJ 1010; C- in major courses

Number of Required Credits: 42

The Criminal Justice Emphasis in the Sociology major requires a total of 42 credits in the major, including 30 credits of required coursework and 12 credits of electives. At least 50 percent of credits must be completed at USU. None of the credits taken toward the major may be taken pass-fail. Any major class 10 years or older cannot be applied.

On occasion, events such as sabbatical leave may cause unavailability of some courses. Under special circumstances, independent readings may be conducted. Special permission of the instructor and approval by the department head are required prior to enrollment in the courses. Independent readings cannot duplicate coursework which the student has already completed. A maximum of 3 credits of independent readings may be applied to the student’s major in the appropriate specialty area in which the readings are focused. All classes are worth 3 credits each unless noted otherwise.

A. Required courses (33 semester credits)

SOC 1010 Introduction to Sociology (BSS)
CJ 1010 Introduction to Criminal Justice (BSS)
CJ 1300 Introduction to Corrections
CJ 1330 Criminal Law
CJ 1390 Introduction to Policing
SOC 3110 Methods of Social Research (CI)
SOC 3120 Social Statistics (QI)
SOC 3420 Criminology (Counts for "Theory")
SOC 4420 Law and Society (CI)
SOC 4430 Criminal Justice Ethics
SOC 4770 Criminal Justice Experience and Exposure
B. Elective Courses (Need 9 semester credits from below)

CJ 1340  Criminal Investigations
CJ 1350  Introduction to Forensic Science
CJ 1355  Crime Scene Processing
CJ 2110  Security
CJ 2330  Juvenile Justice
CJ 2340  Survey of Criminal Procedure
CJ 2350  Laws of Evidence
CJ 2360  Juvenile Law and Procedure
CJ 2370  Child Abuse and Neglect
SOC 3410  Juvenile Delinquency
SOC 3430  Social Deviance
SOC 3520  Sociology of Mental Illness
SOC 3600  Sociology of Urban Places (DSS)
SOC 3610  Rural Sociology (DSS)
SOC 4410  Race and Crime (CI)
SW 3350  Child Welfare
SW 3650  Mental Health