Social Sciences Pathway
Criminology AA

The Associate of Arts in Criminology degree examines the scientific study of crime, including the measurement, etiology, consequences, prevention, control, and treatment of crime and delinquency. The degree is designed to give students an introduction to the field. Courses focus on the characteristics and causes of crime and deviance and on the origins, nature, and consequences of societal reactions to crime and deviance, giving particular attention to the criminal justice system. Basic instruction is also given in sociological theory and research methods.

Fall

Course	Credits
MATH 1215: Intermediate Algebra	3
ENGL 1110: Composition I	3
SOCI 1110: Introduction to Sociology	3
Gen Ed Communication: Choose one course from the following: COMM 1130, ENGL 2120, ENGL 2210, PHIL 1120	3

Spring

Course	Credits
MATH 1350: Introduction to Statistics	3
ENGL 1120: Composition II	3
SOCI 2120: Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	3
Gen Ed Physical and Natural Sciences: Choose one course plus Lab	4

Summer

Course	Credits
Gen Ed Second Language: Choose one course	3
Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences: Choose one course (must be different from the other Social and Behavioral Sciences course required for the Criminology program.)	3

Fall

Course	Credits
SOCI 2210: Sociology of Deviance	3
SOCI 2315: The Dynamics of Prejudice	3
Gen Ed Arts and Design: Choose one course	3
Gen Ed Humanities: Choose one course	3
Program Elective: Choose one elective course (9 of the total 15 elective credit hours requirement should be from the same academic field.)	3

Spring

Course	Credits
SOCI 2310: Contemporary Social Problems	3
Program Elective: Choose one course (9 of the total 15 elective credit hours should be from the same academic field.)	3
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Summer

Course	Credits
Gen Ed Student Choice: Choose one Gen Ed course	3
Program Elective: Choose one course (9 of the total 15 elective credit hours should be from the same academic field.)	3

Total Program Credit Hours, including 3 prerequisite credit hours = 64

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Meet with your Academic Success Coach

Apply for FAFSA by October 1st

Meet with Financial Aid Apply for scholarships

Meet with your Faculty Mentor

Apply for graduation and/ or transfer

Career and Educational Advancement Opportunities

The program will prepare students for completing a bachelor's degree. The program is particularly appropriate for students wishing to pursue one of the following career options: A) Graduate work in the social sciences with a special emphasis on criminology or criminal justice; B) A career in criminal justice (e.g., law enforcement, corrections or crime prevention), especially in agencies or departments involved in planning and evaluation; and C) A career in law, social work or counseling.



*New Mexico data taken from O*Net Online United States Department of Labor database. Wages reflect annual income and are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.*

For questions or to schedule a time to meet with an Advisor/Academic Success Coach about this program contact: Advisement at 505.925-8907. Map Current as of the 2026-2027 Academic Year.