

CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE, PH.D.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will be able to synthesize and critically evaluate existing research studies in a given area, including the identification of any gaps in the literature.
- Students will be able to identify the strengths and weaknesses of different research designs used in criminology and criminal justice.
- Students will be able to identify under what circumstances specific research designs are appropriate.
- Students will be able to design their own independent research study addressing a relevant question in criminology and criminal justice.
- Students will be able to summarize the basic premise of each major criminological theory.
- Students will be able to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of major criminological theories.
- Students will be able to identify linkages between criminological theories and criminal justice policies.
- Students will be able to synthesize and critically evaluate research studies from a particular theoretical perspective, including the identification of gaps in the literature.
- Students will understand core ideas and empirical evidence in the field concerning the development, implementation, analysis, and evaluation of law and policy related to the criminal justice system.
- Students will be able to identify and apply appropriate methods for public policy analysis.
- Students will complete the Ph.D. degree within a reasonable period of time and will obtain a research and/or teaching position that is appropriate for the degree.