

Proposal for a New Program within the University of Iowa College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Department of Sociology and Criminology
PhD Program in Criminology

Academic Unit: Sociology & Criminology
Degree Objective (with and/or without thesis): PhD
Program: Criminology
Subprogram: N/A
Offers a Certificate Program: N/A

Available to: UI degree-seeking students
Advisor: Karen Heimer
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Introduction and Background

The Department of Sociology and Criminology is seeking to add a new PhD program in Criminology. Whereas, at present, the Department offers a substantive tract in Crime, Law and Social Control, recent years have indicated a growing demand for PhD programs in Criminology specifically. Bolstered by the substantive expertise of our faculty in criminology and the Center for Criminology and Socio-Legal Studies (<https://clas.uiowa.edu/sociology/research/center-criminology-socio-legal-studies>), we believe we are in a prime position to develop a nationally visible, highly competitive and vibrant program. The proposed program will carry on the longstanding tradition of the Department by offering rigorous interdisciplinary training for graduate students wishing to pursue careers in criminology, including academic positions at colleges and universities, and research and administrative positions in academic, private, and government institutions.

Purpose

The mission of the proposed PhD program in Criminology will be to provide students with comprehensive training in criminological theory, criminology research, research methods, and data analysis. Additionally, the program will promote advanced understanding of substantive issues related to criminology, including government policy and the justice system. By design, our program will give students well-rounded experiences as teachers, scholars, and researchers through rigorous interdisciplinary coursework, research experience, and teaching opportunities. Paramount to the goals of the program will be the formulation of critical thinking skills and the application of evidence-based reasoning and analytics to contemporary criminological issues. We envision that graduates of the PhD program in Criminology will pursue careers as academics at Research I and II universities and liberal arts colleges, researchers in government and NGOs, and policy consultants in diverse organizations around the country. We are targeting a national job market, as is typical with persons earning the PhD in Criminology.

Present Need

Criminology is a large and growing academic discipline that encompasses several unique research strands including child and adolescent development, geospatial processes, social conditions related to high crime rates, violence against women, minorities and immigrants, the justice system (e.g., juvenile justice, police,

courts and corrections) and biosocial effects, among others. Compared to other established social science disciplines, criminology is rather young. However, it is a popular area of study in high demand by undergraduates. The discipline of criminology originally grew out of sociology and continues to widen in scope as it increasingly incorporates methodological and substantive innovations from other disciplines including biology, economics, political science, psychology, and gender and race studies. This interdisciplinary expansion has attracted students who might otherwise pursue degrees in cognate disciplines. All of this has contributed to a strong academic job market for individuals with PhDs in criminology, as evident by a lead article published in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* (2014), which described the unmet demand for faculty with PhDs in criminology as being so strong that it is essentially “a buyer’s market.”¹ This is forecast to continue into the future.

The University of Iowa does not offer a PhD in criminology; nor does Iowa State University or the University of Northern Iowa, despite having large undergraduate criminal justice majors. Currently, the UI Department of Sociology and Criminology offers only a PhD in Sociology. Despite its many strengths, the Sociology PhD program is not able to provide students with adequate specialized training in many areas of criminology. Nor is it able to compete for talented undergraduate students who are interested in pursuing a PhD in Criminology rather than a PhD in Sociology. Recently we have lost promising undergraduates who were accepted into our Sociology PhD program to other schools that offer specialized doctoral training in criminology. Note that Sociology and Criminology graduate programs are ranked separately by the *US News and World Report* rankings compendium. Without a PhD in Criminology, our department is not eligible to be considered in the Criminology rankings. This increasingly hurts our ability to attract and compete for top students in criminology. The rankings attract prospective students to the program and signal to potential employers in the tenure track job market that a candidate is of a certain caliber.

Many of our peer institutions have developed graduate training programs in criminology to meet the needs of students interested in pursuing a PhD in Criminology. For example, the University of Pennsylvania offers a PhD in Criminology, and four of the fourteen Big Ten Academic Alliance universities offer PhDs in Criminology and/or Criminal Justice. (University of Nebraska-Omaha and Rutgers University-Newark offer the PhD in Criminology and Criminal Justice but these are at branch campuses.) Large public universities in other academic alliances provide criminology PhD programs, including Arizona State University, Florida State University, and the University of Florida. We have the faculty strength to develop a program alongside our established sociology PhD program that will compete very well with other criminology programs in large reputable public universities. Moreover, our program would add to what is available in the Big Ten Academic Alliance, particularly in our region: only Indiana University, Michigan State, University of Maryland and Pennsylvania State University currently offer the PhD in Criminology or Criminal Justice. Maryland and PSU focus more attention on training researchers to study the causes of crime and violence (i.e., criminology) and they are ranked # 1 and # 5 respectively by *US News and World Reports*. MSU and Indiana focus more of their training on research on the criminal justice system (i.e., criminal justice), and are ranked #10 and unranked, respectively. The BTAA institutions in our region do not offer the PhD in Criminology. Beyond this, there is need for additional training program in this field. Admission to the current top programs is very competitive, with significantly more demand than supply. This is especially the case with programs focused more on criminology (causes of crime) than on criminal justice. The focus of our degree would be in criminology, in keeping with the expertise of our faculty. This focus has long been ideally connected to Departments of Sociology, and our proposed degree’s embeddedness *within* sociology will make us – like PSU – ideally positioned to offer students a top education in criminological research while also taking courses in

¹ <https://www.chronicle.com/article/believe-it-or-not-in-some-fields-colleges-cant-find-anybody-to-hire/>

sociology. As such, our program would attract top students from around the nation. Currently, we face challenges attracting students to our program, however, because the norm has been for students in this area to prefer to earn a PhD in Criminology. Moreover, quite a few PhD programs in Criminology or Criminal Justice are located in less prestigious academic institutions. Because we already have significant faculty strength and high national visibility, we believe that we quickly can compete very favorably in the ranking systems, and would expect to be ranked in the top 10 among criminology programs within a few years.

We are confident that we can attract top students and place students in top academic and research positions (government and non-profit research organizations such as the Rand Corporation, Urban Institute, and Research Triangle Institute). We also have an increasing demand in the Department of Sociology and Criminology for graduate students to work as research assistants on funded and nonfunded projects alongside our expanding roster of faculty who specialize in criminology.

Program Description and Contributions

The PhD in Criminology will be housed within the Department of Sociology and Criminology, in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. There is no comparable program currently offered at the University of Iowa, any other Iowa Regents institution, or any other university in Iowa. The Department of Sociology and Criminology currently is home to two vibrant undergraduate majors, one in criminology and one in sociology, and a PhD program in sociology. A PhD in criminology will extend the department's highly successful undergraduate BA/BS in Criminology, Law and Justice. The location of the program within Sociology and Criminology allows the program to fill an important niche nationally in graduate training in criminology, by drawing on the strengths and availability of graduate coursework and faculty expertise within sociology, particularly in the study of social stratification, inequality, and social psychology. These areas of sociological research often inform studies of crime, violence, and criminal justice. Yet, most of the top PhD programs in criminology are located within departments or schools of criminology and criminal justice with no formal ties to sociology departments; this makes education across the fields more challenging for students. Therefore, the location of the proposed PhD in Criminology within the Department of Sociology and Criminology allows the program to stand out nationally as one of two major institutions where students pursuing PhDs in the field of criminology will be able to blend coursework and training in sociology and criminology seamlessly. (The other example of such a program Penn State's very successful PhD in Criminology, which is also housed within a department of sociology and criminology.) The PhD in Criminology will bring greater distinction and visibility to UI's Department of Sociology and Criminology and the UI's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences by greatly expanding placements of PhD students in academic, government research, private "think tank" research and non-profit organizations.

Projected Enrollments and Timetable

We anticipate that the PhD in Criminology will be immediately visible and popular nationally, given the strength of our criminology faculty (including a recent President of the American Society of Criminology), the unique opportunity to easily blend graduate training in criminology and sociology, and the excellent job market in criminology. We are seeking to establish the PhD in Criminology program at this time with the hope of admitting students to the graduate program for Fall 2022 via direct admission of students who have earned an MA/MS from a peer program as well as new admissions of first-year students. While we will begin with fewer new admissions, as we develop and grow the program, our target will be to initially admit 3-4 new students to the program annually. The program could grow in subsequent years as national visibility and reputation for student placement increase. With one additional faculty member in Criminology (we are slated to search next year if the offer we have currently extended to a candidate is not accepted), we expect to be able to offer courses to and mentor the research of cohorts

of up to 6 students. Over time we expect that the PhD in Criminology will add to the total number of our PhD students, which ranges from 30-38 in any given year, but only slightly. The increase will not be dramatic because: (1) while we believe we will attract more students interested in criminology with the new PhD program, we have always had some students interested in criminology in this total,² and (2) we will adjust the number of admissions to the PhD in Sociology to balance the needs of both programs.³ It is important to note that we have the capacity to add additional PhD students to our total. In the past several years all of our graduate student have been funded through teaching assistantships, research assistantships, or fellowships, and we have often had to hire teaching assistants from other departments to meet our teaching needs. Moreover, a critical mass of strong students in criminology will create greater opportunities for faculty to request RA funding in their external grant proposals.

Individual student progress and the ability of the program to fulfill student needs will be carefully assessed on an annual basis. Students will be incorporated in the externally funded work, as well as the unfunded scholarship of our current faculty in the area. Our faculty members have excellent records of attracting external funding and supporting students via that funding and in mentoring students in publishing in peer-reviewed journals (a list of recent student-authored and co-authored publications can be viewed at <https://clas.uiowa.edu/sociology/graduate-program/recent-publications>). Students will be included in faculty research for publication and presentation at national and international conferences and will be strongly encouraged to take the lead on research papers and to develop their own lines of work for publication and presentation. We will review student progress annually, including course work, research performance and dissemination of scholarship. This will ensure that students are making good progress toward program milestones (see below) and will be well-prepared to be competitive for academic and research positions upon graduation. Because the norm in criminology programs is that students finish the PhD within five to six years, we will ensure that our students can complete our program in a timely fashion and time to degree data will reflect this.

Admissions:

Given the likely timing of final approval, we initially will admit students to the PhD in Criminology from among students completing the MA in Sociology at the University of Iowa and at other peer programs. After a year or two, we will recruit and admit from a broader national pool. However, we anticipate that most of our students will apply for and be admitted to the PhD in Criminology after having completed the MA in Sociology in our department, having fulfilled the MA in Sociology requirements for criminology interest listed in this proposal. (These are almost the same as the MA requirements for students planning to pursue a PhD in Sociology, except that students interested in the PhD in Criminology would need to have taken the first criminology theory course and the criminal justice system course during their work on the MA in Sociology.)

² Importantly, not only will the PhD in criminology allow us to build a critical mass of students this area, but it will allow us to attract the stronger students in the area who we sometimes lose to criminology PhD programs. In other words, it is will not simply add somewhat to the number, but it will also improve the pool of students we are training.

³ We have always been careful to plan conservatively in our number of admissions so that we can fund all of our graduate students and will continue to do so. In addition, all but one of the required classes for the PhD in Sociology will also be required for the PhD in Criminology. The only requirement for the PhD in Sociology but not the PhD in Criminology is Sociological Theory, and we will offer this course every other year so that it will enroll enough students. As noted below, a new course, Criminal Justice Systems, will be required in the first year for students pursuing the PhD in Criminology. This course will enroll both advanced undergraduates and first year Criminology graduate students.

In addition to admitting students from our own MA in Sociology, we also would consider for admission students who have:

1. completed an MA in Criminology and Criminal Justice from an accredited American University or an equivalent degree from another country as determined by the Office of Admissions.
2. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0, or foreign equivalent as determined by the Office of Admissions. Successful applicants must have demonstrated a strong performance in their MA-level sociology and/or criminology course work, including in courses comparable to our required theory, statistics, and methods courses.
3. Personal statement which describes their academic career to date, research experience, a brief narrative about their desire to pursue the PhD in Criminology at the University of Iowa and future educational and career goals.
4. Three letters of recommendation that comment on the applicant's past academic performance and research experience.
5. For international applicants, meeting Graduate College English proficiency requirements.

Candidates selected for direct admission (not through our own MA in Sociology degree) will then be vetted and approved by the Criminology PhD Admissions committee.

Learning Outcomes

The PhD in Criminology, housed in the Department of Sociology and Criminology, will develop professionals who are qualified to (A) conduct original research in the field of criminology and (B) serve the discipline and larger community through teaching, private and academic research, government and community research, and policy making. The program's specific learning outcomes are outlined below.

Broad Goal A: To develop the expertise to conduct original research in criminology that pushes forward scholarly knowledge, policy development, and evaluation.

- **Outcome 1:** Develop a professional skillset in research methodology commonly used in the social sciences, particularly in criminology.
- **Outcome 2:** Develop a professional skillset in criminological and social science theories.
- **Outcome 3:** Develop professional expertise in criminological research, which at minimum includes graduate-level competence in criminology as well as in related areas of social scientific research (as pertains to the student's substantive interests).
- **Outcome 4:** Develop writing, presentation and communication skills to effectively disseminate research to diverse audiences, including scholars, funding agencies, policy makers, and community stakeholders.

Broad Goal B: To serve the discipline and broader community as criminologists.

- **Outcome 5:** To be prepared to teach and mentor graduate and undergraduate students in the field of criminology.
- **Outcome 6:** To be prepared to work with local community, state, and national partners on crime policy and research.
- **Outcome 7:** To understand the goals, practices, and standards of professionals working on crime research and policy. This includes developing a firm grasp of the principles of ethical research.

Coursework Summary

The curriculum for the PhD in will consist of a combination of existing and three new required courses. The proposed plan of study is outlined below with Learning Outcomes mapped.

Students who wish to pursue the PhD in Criminology may enter with a MA degree in Criminology or Sociology from another university or may first earn the MA degree in Sociology at the University of Iowa. In either case, a MA Thesis or MA Research Paper is required and must be approved before matriculation to the PhD in Criminology. The requirements of the MA in Sociology with intention to continue to the PhD in Criminology are mapped below:

	Timing	SH	Minimum Grade	Primary Learning Outcome(s)
SOC:7270 Scholarly Professionalism and Integrity I	Y1S1	2	Pass	[7] Learn research ethics; socialization to discipline
SOC:6170 Introduction to Sociological Data Analysis	Y1S1	3	B-	[1] Develop research methodology skillset
CRIM:5xxx Foundations of Criminological Theory	Y1S1	3	B-	[2] Develop expertise in criminological theory
SOC:5160 Research Design and Methods	Y1S2	3	B-	[1] Develop research methodology skillset
SOC:7271 Scholarly Professionalism and Integrity II	Y1S2	2	Pass	[7] Learn research ethics; socialization to discipline
SOC:6180 Linear Models in Sociological Research	Y1S2	3	B-	[1] Develop research methodology skillset
CRIM: 5xxx Criminal Justice Systems	Y1S2	3	B-	[2] Develop expertise in criminological and social science theory [3] Develop substantive expertise [3] Develop scholarly and research communication skills [6] Develop skills to work with policy makers
At least three (≥9sh) Elective Courses in the Department, at least two of (≥6sh) which must be CRIM ^a CRIM:7030 or SOC:7030 Readings & Research, up to a maximum of 3sh ^b SOC:6080 Master's Thesis ^b	Y1-2	Combined ≥11	Combined 3.25 GPA	[1] Develop research methodology skillset [2] Develop expertise in criminological and social science theory [3] Develop substantive expertise [4] Develop scholarly and research communication skills [6] Develop skills to work with policy makers

Notes:

^a A list of elective courses is provided in Appendix A.

^b By arrangement with instructor, non-graded or graded option.

Students may only advance to or be accepted into the PhD in Criminology upon completing the University of Iowa Sociology MA with Thesis or Research Paper, or by entering with an equivalent Sociology or Criminology MA/MS granted by a peer program at another university. To complete the PhD, students must take a total of 72sh; a minimum of 36 must be taken after the MA is conferred. PhD curriculum requirements are mapped below:

	Timing	SH	Minimum Grade	Primary Learning Outcomes(s)
CRIM:7xxx Advanced Criminological Theory ^c	Y2+	3	B-	[2] Develop expertise in criminological theory
Graduate Methods Course ^c	Y2+	≥3	B-	[1] Develop research methodology skillset
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At least five (≥15sh) Elective Courses in the Department, at least four (≥12sh) of which must be CRIM ^{a, c} CRIM: 7030 or SOC:7030 Readings & Research ^b CRIM: 7090 PhD Dissertation ^{b, d}	Y2+	Combined ≥27	Combined 3.25 GPA	[1] Develop research methodology skillset [2] Develop expertise in criminological theory [3] Develop substantive expertise [4] Develop scholarly communication skills [6] Develop skills to work with policy makers

Notes:

^a A list of elective courses is provided in Appendix A.

^b By arrangement with instructor, non-graded or graded option.

^c Students must choose among approved courses or obtain approval by DGS. These often will be taught by Sociology faculty and shared with the Sociology PhD

^d Applicable to the 72sh requirement but cannot be used to obtain the 36sh post-MA requirement.

Program Milestones and Experiences

Below is a short description of the Learning Outcomes associated with each of proposed program's major milestones and experiences.

	Description and Primary Learning Outcomes
Milestone 1	MA Thesis/Research Paper [1] Develop research methodology skillset [2] Develop expertise in social science theory [3] Develop substantive expertise [4] Develop scholarly communication skills
Milestone 2	Comprehensive Exam [1] Develop research methodology skillset [2] Develop expertise in social science theory [3] Develop substantive expertise [5] Teaching preparation [6] Develop crime policy analysis skills
Milestone 3	Dissertation Prospectus [1] Develop research methodology skillset [2] Develop expertise in social science theory [3] Develop substantive expertise [4] Develop scholarly communication skills
Milestone 4	Dissertation [1] Develop research methodology skillset [2] Develop expertise in social science theory [3] Develop substantive expertise [4] Develop scholarly communication skills
Experience 1	Teaching Assistantships [5] Teaching preparation
Experience 2	Research Assistantships and Co-authorship/Collaborative Research Experiences with Faculty Mentors [1] Develop research methodology skillset [2] Develop expertise in criminological and social science theory [3] Develop criminological and social science substantive expertise [4] Develop scholarly communication skills [6] Develop crime policy analysis skills
Experience 3	Departmental Committee Service [7] Socialization to discipline
Experience 4	Departmental Workshop/Talk Series Reinforces all learning outcomes
Experience 5	Professional Development Workshops [4] Develop scholarly communication skills [7] Socialization to discipline

Recommended/Ideal Timeline

	Y1		Y2		Y3		Y4		Y5		Y6	
	Fall	Spr/Su	Fall	Spr/Su	Fall	Spr/Su	Fall	Spr/Su	Fall	Spr/Su	Fall	Spr/Su
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Funding	TA [Experience 1]				RA [Experience 2]			Internal / External Research Fellowships				
Experiences 3-5	PD Workshops Committee Service Attend Research Talks											
Milestone #1: MA Thesis	Choose Topic, Advisor, Committee			Defend								
Milestone #2: Comp Exam					Complete by Spring of Y3							
Milestone #3: Prospectus					Choose Topic, Advisor, Committee; Develop Y4-6 Funding Plan		Defend					
Milestone #4: Dissertation							Defend					
Job Market									Explore / Apply		Apply	

Proposed Procedures

UI Sociology MA Thesis: By the end of Y1, a student develops a topic for the MA thesis with a professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminology who agrees to be the primary advisor; the student also asks a second and third faculty member to serve as readers.⁴ For students who wish to pursue the PhD in Criminology, the chair and at least one reader must be a member of the department who specializes in Criminology. The thesis should take the form of a scholarly manuscript of journal article length, and the project must be successfully defended by the 5th semester. This project should demonstrate the student's mastery of a substantive area, including familiarity with the relevant literature and with appropriate research methods. The experience is intended to be a learning opportunity. After the defense, however, the revised product is ideally a manuscript that the student could submit for publication.

PhD Qualifying or Comprehensive Exam: To qualify for candidacy to the PhD program in Criminology, students will be required to pass a written qualifying examination. Proposed procedures are described below.

- The Comprehensive Exam may be attempted twice; a student who fails in a second attempt will not be advanced to PhD candidacy.
- Students should take the Comprehensive Exam before the start of their fourth year in the program. Failure to complete the exam by this time jeopardizes a student's timely progress toward the PhD and will be considered during Departmental evaluations and funding decisions.
- Each student will form a Comprehensive Exam Committee made up of five faculty members. At least four of the members must be graduate faculty from the Department of Sociology and

⁴ As noted above, a student admitted with an MA would still need to have their MA research paper or thesis approved by a committee of faculty in our department.

Criminology, and at least three of these members must be faculty who specialize in Criminology. The student will select one member as Chair.

- In consultation initially with the Chair of the Comprehensive Exam Committee, and later with the other Committee members, each student will prepare a list of appropriate readings. The length of the reading list will vary by research area, but as a guideline it should consist of about 30 books and 100 journal articles/book chapters. Reading lists must be approved by the Director of Graduate Studies, in consultation (if necessary) with the Graduate Studies Committee. Most reading lists will continue to evolve as a student prepares for the exam: new items may be added, unnecessary ones deleted.
- The reading list should define a broad substantive area of criminological research, including both contemporary and classical literature. The broad substantive area should be roughly equivalent to a commonly recognized criminological specialty. In general, the reading list should adequately prepare the student to do research and to teach a graduate level substantive course in the chosen specialty.
- The Exam should be scheduled for an exam period mutually agreeable to the student and the Committee, who will be responsible for administering the exam.
- Students will answer five questions prepared by the Exam Committee, reflecting key issues raised by the reading list as well as broader issues of theory, method, and policy that may be relevant to the area. Each answer must be between 1500-2500 words (not including the bibliography).
- Students will have one week (seven days) to complete the exam. They may work at any site and are free to use any books and personal notes during the exam period. Students are expected to work entirely on their own during the examination period. The Qualifying Committee will fail an examination without review if a student receives help from another person during the exam period or if a student shares the contents of the examination questions or responses with anyone during the exam period without the express permission of the Director of Graduate Studies. Plagiarism or collusion during the exam period are grounds for expulsion from the graduate program, as per University policy. If requested by the student, the Department will try to provide a quiet place to work and access to a computer.
- A successful Qualifying Exam will demonstrate a student's mastery of chosen readings, as evidenced by an ability: to synthesize creatively diverse perspectives and findings in a way that has the potential to extend existing literature; to discuss relevant works at a detail sufficient to demonstrate that they have been read and understood; to think critically about the readings and to provide reasoned judgments about their worth and utility; to write coherent and organized prose. Failed exams will display an absence of these qualities.

Dissertation Proposal and Dissertation: Students must write a dissertation proposal, in consultation with their dissertation chair, and defend the proposal before a dissertation committee consisting of at least five members, including the chair. The chair and at least two members of the dissertation committee must be members of the Department of Sociology and Criminology. The chair and at least two members of the dissertation committee must specialize in Criminology. At least one member of the committee must be a faculty member in a department other than Sociology and Criminology at Iowa.

Students must defend their dissertation proposal no later than by the end of their fourth year. Once the proposal has been approved by the dissertation committee, students should be in close contact with their chair and other committee members, updating them regularly on the progress of the dissertation, sending draft chapters, and consulting them about any changes in direction and about methodological, substantive, and ethical issues. As the dissertation nears completion, the student should consult his or her chair about reconvening the dissertation committee for the final defense of the dissertation.

The student will provide a final version of the written thesis at least two weeks prior to the final oral exam. The student will defend the thesis work during the exam and address any questions posed by the committee members.

New Course Coverage:

New required courses will be covered by faculty as follows:

CRIM:5xxx Foundations of Criminological Theory (Heimer or Berg, currently rotating teaching this course under SOC: 6410)

CRIM: 5xxx Criminal Justice Systems (Rogers or new faculty)

CRIM:7xxx Advanced Criminological Theory (Berg, DiPietro, Heimer, or Rogers)

The electives and some required criminology courses listed in this document have been offered in recent years by our faculty under SOC designations and at times under special topics numbers; these will be changed to CRIM designations. The few new electives proposed are based on faculty interest (e.g., Developmental Criminology – Berg, DiPietro). We therefore can cover all of the electives proposed. Moreover, the listing of electives will vary over time, with changing field emphasis and faculty interests, as is the case with our PhD in Sociology.

Supporting Faculty in Criminology (all from within our department)⁵:

Professor Mark Berg
Associate Professor Stephanie DiPietro
Professor Karen Heimer
Assistant Professor Meghan Rogers
Assistant Professor James Wo
Associate Professor Marina Zaliznaya
(new faculty search in Criminology approved for fall 2021)

⁵ Other faculty in the department will play supporting roles, providing other courses of interest to Criminology PhD students, e.g., quantitative and qualitative methods and seminars in areas that tie into their interests in inequality, social psychology, etc. In addition, these other faculty will be available to serve on dissertation committees.

Appendix I. Elective Courses

Statistics and Methods (in sociology and other departments and colleges at the UI)

- SOC:6175 Qualitative Methods, 3 s.h.
- SOC:7170 Advanced Statistical Modeling of Data, 3 s.h.
- SOC:7175 Social Science Research: Big Data, 3 s.h.
- SOC:7180 Structural Equation Modeling, 3 s.h.
- Statistical and methods courses offered by other UI departments and colleges, as approved by the DGS

Potential Criminology Electives

- CRIM:6xxx Criminal Punishment and Corrections, 3 s.h. (recently offered under topics course as SOC)
- CRIM: 6xxx Race, Ethnicity, Crime and Justice, 3 s.h. (offered in the past under topics course as SOC)
- CRIM: 6xxx Gender, Crime and Criminal Justice, 3 s.h. (recently offered under topics course as SOC) •
- CRIM/SOC: 6xxxxx Violence Against Women, 3 s.h. (recently offered under topics course as SOC)
- CRIM: 6xxx Developmental Criminology, 3 s.h.
- CRIM/SOC: 6xxx Sociology of Corruption, 3 s.h. (recently offered under topics course as SOC)
- CRIM: 7xxx Immigration and Crime, 3 s.h.
- CRIM: 7410 Communities and Crime, 3 s.h. (currently offered as SOC)
- CRIM: 7xxx Interpersonal Violence, s.h. (currently offered as SOC)
- CRIM: 7xxx Comparative Criminology, 3 s.h. (recently offered under topics course as SOC)
- CRIM:7xxx Advanced Research Methods in Criminology, 3 s.h.

Sociology Electives

- SOC:6210 Contemporary Approaches to Social Psychology, 3 s.h.
- SOC:6220 Seminar: Selected Topics in Social Psychology, 3 s.h.
- SOC:5310 Gender Theory, 3 s.h.
- SOC:6310 Gender Stratification Seminar, 3 s.h.
- SOC:6810 Social Stratification, 3 s.h.
- SOC:7820 Seminar: Selected Topics in Social Stratification, Race & Ethnicity, 3 s.h.
- SOC:7820 Seminar: Selected Topics in Social Stratification, Social Capital, 3 s.h.
- SOC:6850 Seminar: Sociology of Labor Markets, 3 s.h.
- SOC:7620 Social Network Analysis, 3 s.h.
- SOC:6610 Complex Organizations, 3 s.h.
- SOC:5810 Education and Social Change, 3 s.h.
- SOC:5130 Sociology of Education, 3 s.h.
- SOC:5165 Race, Class and Gender Inequalities in Education, 3 s.h.
- SOC:5680 Sociology of Higher Education, 3 s.h.
- SOC:6264 Post-Industrial Cities, 3 s.h.
- SOC:7010 Teaching Sociology, 3 s.h.



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John C. Keller
Associate Provost for Graduate Education
Dean of the Graduate College

Dear Dean Keller:

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is very pleased to endorse the proposal for a PhD in Criminology to be housed in the Department of Sociology and Criminology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The proposed PhD in Criminology offers an avenue through which graduate students can receive the advanced methodological skills, technical training, and corresponding sociological competencies specific to the diverse and growing number of career opportunities in criminology available in academia, government agencies, research institutes, and non-profits.

As the proposal notes, criminology is an area of research strength of the current faculty and it is not anticipated that additional resources will be needed to support the PhD in Criminology. The Department of Sociology is pursuing the introduction of this degree in response to the increasing number of PhD applicants nationwide who are seeking the specific credential of PhD in Criminology rather than a PhD in Sociology with a criminological research focus. The department's research and previous recruitment data, as elaborated in the proposal, have indicated that offering the credential of PhD in Criminology will increase the number of highly ranked PhD applicants to the department's graduate programs and facilitate the natural match of student and faculty research interests.

Sincerely,

Sara Sanders, Interim Dean
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