

# CRIMINOLOGY, PHD

Penn's highly interdisciplinary Ph.D. in criminology combines the traditional concerns of criminologists with concepts, theories, and empirical research from a wide variety of academic disciplines. The program seeks to produce scholars of unusual breadth who can work creatively in academic or policy settings.

Working closely with faculty, students are encouraged to design their own curriculum and begin research very early in their graduate education. That curriculum will include several core courses taken in the first and second year. These include two courses in criminological theory, two courses in criminal justice policy, and two semesters of graduate level statistics.

**For more information:** <http://crim.sas.upenn.edu/graduate> (<http://crim.sas.upenn.edu/graduate/>)

Additional courses may be selected in consultation with student faculty advisor and graduate group chair.

Code	Title	Course Units
<b>Core Requirements</b>		
CRIM 6000	Pro-Seminar in Criminology	1
CRIM 6001	Pro-Seminar in Criminal Justice	1
CRIM 6003	Research Methods/Crime Analysis	1
CRIM 6005	Evidence-Based Crime Prevention (Or course approved by advisor)	1
CRIM 7000	Advanced Pro-Seminar in Criminology	1
CRIM 7100	Advanced Pro-Seminar in Criminal Justice	1
Select 2 courses in:		2
STAT 5000	Applied Regression and Analysis of Variance	
	or STAT 5200 Applied Econometrics I	
	or STAT 5210 Applied Econometrics II	
	or PSCI 6800 Advanced Statistical Analysis	
CRIM 9999	Independent Study and Research	1
<i>Teaching Requirement</i>		
Two semesters of teaching are required		
<b>Total Course Units</b>		<b>9</b>

## University PhD Benchmarks

In addition to Program requirements, the following milestones must be completed:

Code	Title	Course Units
	Qualifying Evaluation	
	Candidacy Examination	
	Dissertation Defense/Oral Exam	
	Dissertation Deposit	

For more information view the University's Academic Rules for PhD Programs (<http://catalog.upenn.edu/pennbook/academic-rules-phd/>).

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2025 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.

A student who enters the Ph.D. program with a Bachelors degree will usually take 3 course units in each semester in their first two years and must complete all course requirements by the end of their third year. All students must take 3 CUs in each semester to remain registered as full-time students.

After having completed the substantive, class-based course requirements, they normally fulfill remaining CUs by registering for CRIM 9999 Independent Study and Research. They will also have passed the Candidacy Examination by the end of their second year. Students who enter with a Master's degree or other transfer credit may satisfy the formal course requirements more quickly. However, the Graduate Group Chair in conjunction with the student's research supervisor has the flexibility to establish the optimal requirements for students.

The customary maximum load for a Ph.D. student is four course units each semester; exceptions for a fifth course unit may be made in extraordinary cases upon approval of the Graduate Dean. The Graduate Group may establish examination requirements in addition to the University's standards.

## Sample Plan of Study

Code	Title	Course Units
<b>Year 1</b>		
<i>Fall</i>		
CRIM 6000	Pro-Seminar in Criminology	
CRIM 6002	Criminal Justice Data Analytics	
STAT 5000	Applied Regression and Analysis of Variance	
<i>Spring</i>		
CRIM 6001	Pro-Seminar in Criminal Justice	
CRIM 6003	Research Methods/Crime Analysis	
STAT 5200	Applied Econometrics I	
	or STAT 5210 Applied Econometrics II	
	or PSCI 6800 Advanced Statistical Analysis	
Elective		
<b>Year 2</b>		
<i>Fall</i>		
CRIM 6005	Evidence-Based Crime Prevention	
CRIM 7000	Advanced Pro-Seminar in Criminology	
STAT 5200	Applied Econometrics I (Or elective)	
Teaching Requirement		
<i>Spring</i>		
CRIM 7100	Advanced Pro-Seminar in Criminal Justice	
STAT 5210	Applied Econometrics II (Or elective)	
Elective		
Teaching Requirement		
<b>Year 3</b>		
Teaching/Research Requirement		

Dissertation Research

**Year 4**

Dissertation Research