

Program Total Credits

120 credits

Delivery Mode

Online

Program Description

The Bachelor of Social Sciences degree in Criminology allows students to understand crime, how society reacts to it and the interrelations between law and society. It includes learning from a humanistic and interdisciplinary approach, theories of crime and methods used to study crime, law and society. This program provides students with a broad perspective on the complex relationships between legal, social, political, historical and psychological influences that affect crime, justice and legal processes.

Program Objectives

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the main criminological theories used on the field and the development as an empirical discipline, biopsychosocial and ethical-normative.
2. Know the basic principles of the scientific method applied to criminal investigation and modern techniques of locating and interpreting information.
3. Understand the principles of criminal law and its application in judicial actions, The civil rights charter and the rights of the accused in a democracy. They will also recognize the rules of evidence and their application in criminal cases.
4. Know the general principles of the Penal Code, types of crimes, penalties associated with crimes, elements of the crime and the criminal procedures.
5. Compare the criminal justice system of the state with that of the United States, both in terms of its structure, functions and relations with other institutions in a democracy.

General Education Requirements

All applicants must complete the required general education course work prior to starting the concentration courses.

General Education Course Work	Total Credits
Language/Communication and English	21
Humanities/History	9
Mathematics	3
Social Sciences	9
Sciences	3
Computer/Others	6
Total	54

Course	Title	Credits
General Education		54
FYIS 101	Induction Seminar to Distance Education	3
SPAN 101-102 or SPAN 103-104 or	Introduction to Spanish Language – Basic Level Introduction to Spanish Language –Intermediate	6
ENGL 101-102 or ENGL 103-104 o	Introduction to English - Basic Level Introduction to English - Intermediate	6
MATH 112	College Algebra	3
PHIL 201	Introduction to Philosophy	3
SOSC 101-102	Introduction to Social Science I and II	6
SCIE 111 - 112	Integrated Science I and II	6
COIS 101	Introduction to Computers	3
HIST 101	Introduction to the Study of History	3
SPAN 215	Writing and Composition	3
ENGL 212	English Second Year Basic Level	3
ENGL 350	Conversational English	3
HUMA 101-102	World cultures	6
Medular Component		27
STAT 300	Elements of Statistics I	3
ECON 123	Economic Principles and Problems	3
POSC 380	Constitutional Law	3
PSYC 123	General Psychology (Compendium)	3
PSYC 350	Principles of Psychopathology	3
SOSC 320	Social Research Techniques I	3
SOCI 325	Social of Deviance	3
SOCI 358	Social Problems of Puerto Rico	3
GEOG 205	Global Communities and Resources	3
Concentration Courses		36
CRIM 205	Introduction to Criminology	3
CRIM 300	Criminal Law	3
CRIM 305	Criminal Justice System in Puerto Rico	3
CRIM 310	Photography and Forensic Planimetry	3
CRIM 320	Criminal Investigation Techniques	3
CRIM 325	Juvenile Delinquency in Puerto Rico	3
CRIM 327	Correctional Program: Administration Principles	3
CRIM 400	Criminal Procedure	3
CRIM 415	Evidence	3
CRIM 435	Case Preparation and Testimony	3
CRIM 450	Legal Medicine	3
CRIM 476	Seminar	3
Elective		3
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