The field of Criminology provides excellent preparation for a variety of careers. Students hone their skills in critical thinking, oral and written communication, and data-analysis to positively impact the lives of individuals, communities and support efforts.

DEGREES/CONCENTRATIONS

ONLINE BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.) IN SOCIOLOGY:
CRIMINOLOGY OPTION

Millersville’s Criminology program prepares students to understand how the criminal justice system operates and to undertake specific training for the career path they choose. With the criminology option, students develop the knowledge and skills to comprehend our vast social world, individuals and systems. Students apply their knowledge and skills to become professionals helping others in the courts, policing, corrections, probation, parole and citizen reentry fields.

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

Completion of an associate degree or 60 transferrable credits.

The following prerequisite courses or their transfer equivalent must be completed before beginning the program:
- SOCY 101 – Intro to Sociology (C or higher final grade)
- SOCY 230 – Criminology (C or higher final grade)
- MATH 130 – Statistics (C- or higher final grade)

PROGRAM BENEFITS

• 100% online courses.
• Year-round classes available.
• Program start dates in spring and fall.
• Flexibility to work while earning a degree.
• Research shows that professionals within this field that hold a bachelor’s degree have a greater ability to de-escalate situations because they have a broad understanding of social behaviors and possess advanced evaluative skills.
• Heightens knowledge and insights of social structures so students can lead problem-solving efforts to improve programs and systems.
• Gain highly marketable data-analysis skills necessary for program evaluation, effective policing and goal assessment.
• Positions students for careers or advancement to help and support others who are in the criminal justice system.
• Enables students to effectively communicate with others to guide them through available options, programs and services.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Millersville University sociology department is to provide students with the ability to understand human behavior in the context of social, historical, cultural, political and environmental influences—that is, to enable students to develop a "sociological imagination" with which they can understand their place in and responsibility for the world around them. All human behavior is necessarily social behavior, making the criminology emphasis within the sociology major widely applicable. Students will learn to acquire, synthesize and apply sociological information.
There are a variety of professions that people earning a degree in criminology frequently enter in order to make a positive impact in various communities and demographics. Although specific job requirements may vary, all require the following: good oral and written communication skills, the ability to collect and analyze information, excellent organizational skills, as well as honesty and integrity.

These are just some of the potential careers for our Criminology graduates:

- Policing/community policing
- Reentry services specialist
- Probation officers
- Parole agents
- Youth advocates or juvenile delinquency
- Investigator
- Private security
- FBI agent
- Administrators in crime-prevention agencies
- Correctional case managers
- Treatment court officers