

and preparing legal cases. The subject of legal investigations is of particular sociological interest because it involves exchanges between scientific and legal professionals with distinctive languages, methods, standards, and goals. In the course of working together on the same side of legal disputes, experts and attorneys must balance their conflicting agendas, raising ethical questions as the core of their professional identities and directly shaping the nature and outcome of the case they are putting together. The sociology of legal investigations traces the work-site social dynamics and contingencies of legal inquiry as a negotiated process spanning the work of police, scientists, and attorneys.

The criminology and investigation major gives students a thorough understanding of crime and forensic investigation. Areas of study include poverty, discrimination, crime and violence, unemployment, and terrorism. Students will be prepared for graduate programs and a variety of careers in sociology, criminal justice, forensic investigation, public administration, government, and law.

Admission Requirements

Students may apply for admission as pre-majors during their freshman or sophomore year. Application for admission into the major requires completion of SOCA 101 or SOCA 105 with a grade of C or higher; completion of STAT 211 or STAT 215 with a grade of C or higher; completion of 58 credit hours with a minimum cumulative GPA of at least 2.0; and a minimum GPA of 2.5 across all SOCA courses. After all admission requirements are met student must obtain and submit an application by February 15 for Fall admission and September 15 for Spring admission.

Degree Requirements

General Requirements All students in the Division of Sociology and Anthropology are required to take the following courses in addition to the required courses in their chosen major:

SOCA 101 *Introduction to Sociology*

SOCA 105 *Introduction to Anthropology*

SOCA 311 *Social Research Methods*

SOCA 401 *Sociological Theory*

SOCA 488 *Capstone Experience*

STAT 211 *Elementary Statistics* (or STAT 215 *Introduction to Probability and Statistics*)

Degree Requirements

Criminology and investigations major students complete a set of core courses designed to provide critical thinking and writing skills, and emphasize interests in crime and forensic investigation.

Foundation Courses (six hours) SOCA 232, 233, 330.

Intermediate Course (nine hours) SOCA 302, 331, 334, 335, 339, 345.

Advanced Courses (six hours) SOCA 402, 407, 461.

Elective Courses (nine hours) SOCA 222, 235, 238, 252, 265, 293, 304, 360, 405, 491, 493, 495.

Students are encouraged to do independent study, fieldwork, or an internship in their senior year. Up to three credit hours of independent study (SOCA 495) or field experience (SOCA 491) may be counted toward fulfilling departmental elective requirements.

Graduation Requirements In order to graduate majors must maintain an overall GPA of 2.0 and at least a 2.0 in SOCA courses counted towards the major.

Statistics

E. James Harner, Chair

The Department of Statistics no longer offers a bachelor of arts in statistics. Instead students interested in statistics should consider the interdepartmental bachelor of sciences in industrial mathematics and statistics.

A minor in statistics is available to university students. An applied statistics and a mathematical statistics track are available.

Minor in Statistics

Students may choose from two minor tracks. A grade of C or higher in each course counted toward the minor is required. MATH 156 is a prerequisite for STAT 215. MATH 251 is a prerequisite for STAT 461.

Mathematical Statistics Track: STAT 215 and 461, and nine hours from STAT 217, 312, 313, 316, 331, 421, 445, 462.

Applied Statistics Track: STAT 211 or 215, and 12 hours from STAT 217, 312, 313, 316, 331, 421, 445, 461, 462.

Completion of either track will be posted as a minor in statistics.

Women's Studies

Barbara J. Howe, Director, Associate Professor of History

The Center for Women's Studies has a University-wide mission to coordinate interdisciplinary teaching and research on women and gender. The center offers a bachelor of arts degree in women's studies, as well as a minor, and an area of emphasis for Regents B.A. students. The center also sponsors lectures, films, colloquia, an annual residency, faculty and student development programs, and a scholarships and awards program. The center's visiting committee is developing a mentoring program for women's studies students.

Nature of Program

Women's studies scholarship on women and gender has revolutionized most academic disciplines over the last years. Women have been studied for a long time, but only recently have women significantly influenced the questions that have been asked, the methods that have been used, or the uses to which that knowledge has been put. Women's studies courses examine the contributions, perspectives, experiences, roles, and status of women within a multicultural and historical framework. Challenging the stereotypes of women and men, our students explore the relationships among gender, race, ethnicity, sexual identity, socioeconomic class, and age. Women's studies is an interdisciplinary field which embraces the arts, humanities, social sciences, life sciences, and physical sciences.

Career Opportunities

Business, public administration, health care, communications, law, teaching, social work, counseling, creative arts, government, and journalism are all fields in which a major or minor in women's studies may be a valuable professional credential. A women's studies background is helpful to both women and men entering professions that have traditionally been restricted to one sex. Women's studies is especially useful for employment in areas such as rape crisis centers, feminist publishing houses, campus women's centers, affirmative action offices, sex equity projects, advocacy and lobbying programs, domestic violence shelters, point displaced-homemaker programs, and as preparation for law school.

Academic Opportunities in Women's Studies

Women's studies courses in a variety of areas throughout the University are available to interested students. Many of these courses fulfill General Education Curriculum distribution requirements as well as the GEC four or seven requirement in foreign culture/minority studies/gender studies. In addition to the women's studies courses listed in this catalog, many women's studies courses are offered through other departments. Updated lists of women's studies courses are available from the Center for Women's Studies each semester. Undergraduate students may earn a bachelor of arts in women's studies or a minor in women's studies. Graduate students may earn a graduate certificate in women's studies. A master's degree with a concentration in women's studies is available through the master of arts in liberal studies (M.A.L.S.) program.