Double Major in Criminal Justice and Sociology

This cooperative venture between criminal justice and sociology enables you to complete two majors before graduation. Completing both majors can serve you well in a number of ways. Sociology, as a second major on your graduation transcript, indicates breadth of knowledge in the investigation of social problems and issues. Given the social forces that affect crime and the work of police and probation officers, judges, and others in the criminal justice system, these additional knowledge and skills will enhance your employment opportunities in criminal justice. Students with a second major in sociology find they are more eligible for career advancement. Or, if you decide to pursue an MA or Ph.D. in criminology or sociology, this combined major should facilitate admission into the many graduate programs that combine sociology and criminology, as well as graduate work in either field. The combined major also facilitates admission to graduate work in public administration or law school, if these options interest you.

For advisement on a double major in criminal justice and sociology, consult with any Criminal Justice or Sociology professor. Talking with one of the many students currently completing a double major in criminal justice and sociology might also be useful.

The double major in criminal justice and sociology is relatively easy to accomplish. We urge you to declare them both as early in your career as possible, however, since courses in both areas fill up very quickly. Moreover, you receive preferential treatment through pre-registration as a major in each area. We can enroll you in minutes. Contact the sociology department for more information at 395-2619.

On the back of this sheet, we have laid out how completing the double major might work. Please give it some thought and if you have questions, do not hesitate to contact us.
Double Major in Criminal Justice and Sociology:  
Course Plan in Sociology  
With references to Criminal Justice Major

CORE COURSES IN SOCIOLOGY:

_____ Introductory Sociology, SOC 100  *(fulfills co-requisite for criminal justice)*

_____ Statistics, SOC 200* or another approved statistics course *(fulfills co-requisite for criminal justice)*

_____ Choose 1 from: Social Problems, SOC 210; Social Psychology, SOC 220; or Social Institutions, SOC 230 (this requirement must be met at Brockport)

_____ Sociological Theory, SOC 300*

_____ Research Methods* *(SOC 310 or CRJ 471 [required for CRJ major]. Soc 310 is accepted in place of CRJ 471 for CRJ majors.)*

*C or higher required for sociology credit.

SOCIOLOGY ELECTIVES:

(18 credits unless you received credit for a statistics course from a department other than sociology, in which case, you must take 21 elective sociology credits)

_____ Choose from: Black Family, (SOC or AAS 314); Urban Sociology (SOC 304); or Racial & Ethnic Relations (SOC 328) *(any of these also fulfills co-requisite for criminal justice as an approved ethnic minorities course.)*

_____ Criminology *(CRJ 494 [required for CRJ major]* is accepted as a sociology elective.)

_____ Any upper division 300/400 level course in sociology *(fulfills co-requisite for criminal justice)*

_____ Three (or four, if SOC 200 taken elsewhere) additional elective courses

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