

The Faculty

Dr. Frank Biafora,
Professor & Dean

Research Interests: Research Methodology & Statistics; Substance Use and Abuse; and Juvenile Delinquency

Dr. Jackie Schneider,
Associate Professor & Program Director

Research Interests: Crime prevention and reduction; stolen goods markets; illegal trade in endangered flora and fauna; gun crime; and international/comparative crime and justice

Dr. Dawn Cecil,
Associate Professor

Research Interests: Crime in the media, particularly the depiction of female offenders and of prisons in both the news and entertainment media; corrections, with special interest in incarcerated mothers; and gender and crime

Dr. Lisa Holland Davis,
Assistant Professor

Research Interests: Social structural impacts on individual delinquent/criminal behavior; victimization with particular interest in crimes against the elderly; and capital punishment

Dr. Bill Ruefle, Instructor

Research Interests: Crime prevention; reduction; and analysis; drug control policy; juvenile justice policy; and patterns of crime in St. Petersburg.

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CRIMINOLOGY

Criminology

Criminology is a discipline that embraces scholarly, scientific and professional knowledge concerning the etiology, prevention and control of crime and delinquency, in addition to the treatment of offenders.



Criminology includes the measurement and detection of crime; legislation and practice of criminal law; theory testing; policy analysis; and program evaluation. It also includes analysis of operations and policies pertaining to law enforcement; the judiciary; and correctional systems. This field is multidisciplinary and includes

scholars from sociology, political science, psychology, public administration, law, statistics, geographic modeling and others.

At USFSP, we offer courses in a wide variety of criminological areas including crime analysis, crime prevention, crime, media and pop culture, juvenile justice, gender and crime, drugs and crime, capital punishment, corrections and criminal law. We also have a dynamic internship program that tremendously benefits our students. Our goal is to provide students with valuable critical thinking, research and writing skills to make them better citizens and professionals.

OUR COURSES

Major Requirements:

Required (21 hours)

- CCJ 3024 Survey of the Criminal Justice System
- CCJ 3610 Theories of Criminal Behavior
- CCJ 3706 Applied Statistics in Crime
- CCJ 3701 Research Methods in Criminal Justice I
- CJE 3440 Crime Prevention
- CJE 4651 Intro to Crime Analysis
- CCJ 4934 Senior Seminar
 - Capital Punishment
 - Comparative Criminal Justice
 - Crime, Media & Pop Culture
 - Drugs, Crime & Society
 - Gender & Crime
 - Violence, Guns & Crime

Electives (15 hours)

- CJL 3052 Intro to Courts
- CJE 3641 Intro to Forensic Science (on line)
- CJL 3110 Substantive Criminal Law
- CJE 4114 American Law Enforcement
- CJL 4410 Criminal Rights & Procedures
- CJC 4010 American Correctional Systems
- CJE 4010 Juvenile Justice System
- CCJ 3621 Patterns of Criminal Behavior (on line)
- CCJ 4930 Critical Issues in Policing
- CJC 4166 Alternatives to Corrections
- CCJ 4450 Criminal Justice Administration
- CCJ 4900 Directed Readings
- CCJ 4910 Directed Research
- CCJ 4940 Internship for Criminal Justice Majors
- CCJ 4933 Selected Topics (content varies)

Minor Requirements

Required (9 hours)

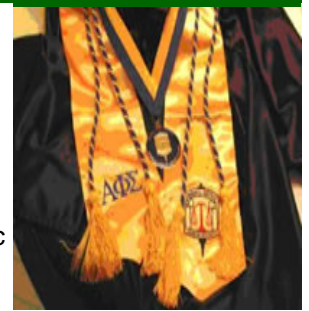
- CCJ 3024 Survey of the Criminal Justice System
- CCJ 3610 Theories of Criminal Behavior
- CJE 3440 Crime Prevention

Electives (9 hours)

Any Criminology electives in the USF System

Alpha Phi Sigma

Criminology National Honor Society was founded in 1942 for the purpose of promoting academic excellence.



Membership to the USFSP chapter, Chi Sigma Mu, is open to students who display excellence in the study of criminology.

Internships

Internships are an integral part of the Criminology program and provide students with a supervised experience in the practical work of the criminal justice system. An internship bridges the gap between academia and the professional world so that students may begin to apply theoretical knowledge and develop an awareness of the responsibilities encountered once they enter the field of criminal justice. For 3 credit hours, you must work at your selected agency for 145 hours in a semester. Internships have included NOAA's Division of Law Enforcement, U.S. Secret Service, state's attorney general, and city and county law enforcement agencies.

Criminology Student Association

This Association was founded in 2002 with the purpose of offering students the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the criminal justice system and employment opportunities. The CSA is also a way to gain leadership experience in the college environment. Elections for president, vice president, secretary and treasurer are held annually.