Criminology is the sociology-based study of crime and the criminal justice system. The major exposes students to the dimensions of the crime problem, explanations of the prevalence of various types of crime, and the various agencies and programs designed to prevent and control crime and delinquency. These agencies include the police, courts, probation and parole systems, and correctional institutions. Attention is also given to such issues as women and crime, youth and crime, and the place of control agencies in larger societal context. As a social science/liberal arts field, criminology provides majors with a variety of techniques for examining and responding to important questions about the causes and consequences of crime and the workings of the criminal justice system.

**Career Areas/Job Titles:**

**Communication and Media**
- Private Detective and Investigator

**Grant Writer**
- Court Reporter/Transcriptionist
- Security Officer

**Health Professions**
- Loss Prevention Specialist
- Psychologist
- Fraud Investigator

**Substance Abuse Counselor**
- Education

**Rehabilitation Counselor**
- Professor

**Social Worker**
- Safety Trainer

**Law Enforcement**
- Non-Profit/Advocacy
- Probation Officer
- Corrections Officer
- Police Officer

**Professionals**
- Attorney
- Judge
- Legal Assistant
- Legal Researcher
- Paralegal
- Bailiff
- Forensic Scientist

*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

**Transferable Skills:**

- Law and Policy Awareness
- Cultural Understanding
- Adaptability/Flexibility
- Interviewing
- Service Orientation
- Attention to Detail
- Listening Skills
- Social Perceptiveness
- Judgment & Decision Making
- Negotiating
- Teaching/Instruction Others
- Managing Time/Stress
- Provide/Respond to Feedback
- Teamwork
- Investigative Skills
- Speaking Effectively
- Willingness to Take Risks
- Mediating Conflict
- Use Technology Effectively
- Gathering Information
- Analytical/Critical Thinking
- Written Communication
- Research Skills
- Problem Solving

*This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here: [http://ccss.osu.edu](http://ccss.osu.edu)*

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