



Sociology & Criminal Justice

If you're interested in people—and their societies and cultures—then study sociology and criminal justice. You'll explore the diversity of the human experience, conduct social research, and be encouraged to apply what you're learning toward the pursuit of justice wherever God calls you.

Study options

- Sociology major/minor
- Criminal justice major/minor
- Cultural studies minor
- Sociology education endorsement (grades 7-12)
- Interdisciplinary minors in Christian community development and Middle East studies are also options

As a sociology or criminal justice major, you'll study people in groups: family groups, political parties, religious groups, minority groups, and entire societies. You'll explore social problems like poverty, war and crime—all in an effort to understand how people might relate to one another in ways that promote justice and reconciliation.

Faculty

Study with our sociology professors and you'll soon share their passion for diverse cultures and restorative justice.

Internships

Take your learning beyond the classroom—to courtrooms, correctional institutions, Native American reservations—anywhere you can engage with diverse groups of people.

Chicago Semester

Study and intern in the Windy City. You'll also take classes on Christian social values and urban culture.

Denver Urban Semester

Focus on social justice and community development while interning at a nonprofit that serves people on society's margins.

Travel

Study people groups and cultures around the globe by spending a semester abroad.

Oman Semester

Northwestern's Oman Semester takes students to the Middle East, where their study includes Arabic and Christian-Muslim relations. The program director is a Reformed Church missionary who seeks to advance understanding between Christians and Muslims.

Romania Semester

The Romania Semester is a partnership with New Horizons Foundation, an organization that uses adventure education and service-learning to help young Romanians develop social capital. It's a unique opportunity for cross-cultural learning about social development.

In addition, several Council for Christian Colleges & Universities study abroad programs also include cultural study: best-semester.org.

Graduates

Northwestern sociology and criminal justice graduates have careers as counselors, lawyers, librarians, pastors, police officers and teachers. They've been accepted into graduate schools like Michigan State University, State University of New York and the University of Virginia. They've worked and lived in Costa Rica, Egypt and Kyrgyzstan.

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