Lincoln University  
Sociology & Anthropology Department  
Proposal for Criminal Justice Program- The Addition of Two Areas of Concentration to Prepare Students for Careers in Law and Forensic Science

The Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Criminal Justice and Human Services endeavors to instill in its graduates a broad understanding of the field of Criminal Justice from an interdisciplinary perspective by utilizing tested theory and proven empirical research to investigate and explore various areas of the field. Since the Criminal Justice program is one of the more popular undergraduate programs at Lincoln University, graduating approximately 25 students per year, the intention is to develop in the student the skills and knowledge necessary for entry as a professional in the criminal justice field through the ability to evaluate theories, understand research and methodology related to the basic causes of crime and consequences of crime in the environment of the criminal justice system.

In order to better prepare our students to meet the needs of a changing profession, the department seeks to strengthen and diversify the Criminal Justice major by offering program minors in three areas, Law Enforcement, Legal Studies and Forensic Science. The department offers options combining coursework in Criminal Justice with Biology, Business, English, Philosophy, Political Science and Chemistry for the Forensic Science minor.

The Law Enforcement minor will focus on criminal law and law enforcement and require students to complete the university’s Criminal Justice major course work.

The Legal Studies minor will require Criminal Justice students to complete the university’s Pre-Law Certification courses along with the Criminal Justice major course work.

The Forensic Science minor will prepare students to meet the growth in careers that relate to criminal investigation and evidence analysis. Students will be required to complete Criminal Justice major course work along with additional courses in the science department.

All options will take Critical Reasoning, Legal Analysis, and Race and American Law along with other courses in the Criminal Justice core.

Criminal Justice- 42 credits
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology  
SOC 203 Introduction to Criminal Justice  
SOC 207 Criminal Law I  
PHL 217 Critical Reasoning  
SOC 305 Research Methods  
SOC 306 Social Statistics  
SOC 314 Criminological Theory  
SOC 315 Court and Corrections  
ENG 314 Legal Analysis and Writing  
PSY 101 General Psychology  
POL 310 Race and American Law  
POL 201, 101 State and Local Government OR American Government  
Two (2) Departmental Electives
One of the following emphases must be selected for Criminal Justice majors:

**Law Enforcement Emphasis  15 Hours**

**Courses Required for Law Enforcement**

- SOC 320  Introduction to Law Enforcement
- PSY 301  Social Psychology
- PSY 314  Abnormal Psychology
- SOC 322  Forensic Science
- SOC 345, 353  Criminal Investigation or Criminal Evidence

**Legal Studies Minor  15 Hours**

**Courses Required for Legal Studies**

- POL 400  Legal Problem Solving
- POL 401  Supreme Court and Constitutional Law
- PHL 303  Legal Philosophy
- SOC 301  Law & Society

Select one of the following:

- POL 204  Legal Systems
- ECO 334  Business Law
- COM 404  Media Law and Ethics

**Forensic Science Minor  15 Hours**

**Courses Required for Forensic Science**

- FOC/CHE 101  Intro to Chemistry
- CHE XXX  Intro to Forensic Science*
- BIO 305  Biological Techniques
- SOC 322  Forensic Science
- SOC 353, SOC 345  Criminal Evidence **OR** Criminal Investigation

- An elective in Chemistry, CHE 208 Intro to Forensic Science, is being processed for adoption through the normal channels of the Department, the School and the Curriculum Committee.