

Penn State Erie, The Behrend College

CRIMBC

Crime, Psychology, and Public Policy

15-credit Certificate Program

The certificate program in Crime, Psychology, and Public Policy at Behrend College (CRIMBC) provides students an overview of the causes of crime and criminal behavior, the legal and criminal justice processes, and public policy toward crime-related issues. Students receive an in depth understanding of the social and psychological causes of crime, policies to fight and prevent crime, the use of psychology to analyze and investigate criminal behavior, and the legal processes that involve accused and convicted criminals. The certificate program is intended for those who are interested in learning more about the criminal justice system and the causes of crime. Knowledge of the causes of criminal behavior and the criminal justice system are important to careers in the police, security, the correctional system, social work, law, psychology, journalism, and government or politics.

REQUIREMENTS

TAKE 3 CREDITS IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT AREAS FROM A PROGRAM LIST OF APPROVED COURSES

1. Abnormal Psychology

Approved list of courses

PSYCH 270 (GS) - Introduction to Abnormal Psychology
(formerly PSY 212)

2. Crime and Psychology

Approved list of courses

PSYCH 256 (GS) - Introduction to Cognitive Psychology
(formerly PSY 221)

PSYCH 261 (GS) Introduction to the Psychology of Learning
(formerly-PSY 204)

PSYCH 412 - Adolescence
(formerly PSYCH 446)

PSYCH 445 - Forensic Psychology
(formerly PSY 435)

PSYCH 471 - Psychology of Adjustment and Social Relationships
(formerly PSYCH 435)

PSYCH 473 - Behavior Modification
(formerly PSYC 421)

PSYCH 477 - Mental Health Practicum with Children
(formerly PSY 473)

3. Crime and Society

Approved list of courses

PL SC 123 (GS, US, IL) - Ethnic and Racial Politics
(formerly POLSC 123)

PL SC 439 - The Politics of Terrorism

PSYCH 221 (GS) - Introduction to Social Psychology
(formerly PSY 217)

PSYCH 232 (GS, US, IL) - Cross-Cultural Psychology
(formerly PSYCH 220)

SOC 001 (GS) - Introductory Sociology

SOC 005 (GS) - Social Problems

SOC 012 (GS) - Criminology

SOC 013 (GS) - Juvenile Delinquency

4. Crime and Public Policy

Approved list of courses

PL SC 002 - American Public Policy

PL SC 177 (GS) - Politics and Government in Washington, DC
(formerly POLSC 127)

PL SC 419 - The Bureaucratic State
(formerly POLSC 480)

PL SC 482 - American State and Urban Politics
(formerly POLSC 408)

PL SC 489 - Public Administration
(formerly POLSC 479)

5. Crime and Law

Approved list of courses

PL SC 197B - Organized Crime, Law, and Politics
(formerly POLSC 197B)

PL SC 471 - American Constitutional Law
(formerly POLSC 407)

PL SC 472 - The American Legal Process

PL SC 473 - American Judicial Behavior
(formerly POLSC 406)

PL SC 474 - Civil Liberties and Due Process

PL SC 487 - International Law and Organizations
(formerly POLSC 477)

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