

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 - Introduction to Abnormal Psychology

2. Crime and Psychology

Approved list of courses

PSYCH 243 (GS) - Introduction to Well-being and Positive Psychology

PSYCH 256 (GS) - Introduction to Cognitive Psychology

PSYCH 261 (GS) - Introduction to Psychology of Learning

PSYCH 412 - Adolescence

PSYCH 445 - Forensic Psychology

PSYCH 473 - Behavior Modification

PSYCH 476 – Child Psychopathology

3. Crime and Society

Approved list of courses

CRIMJ 423 - Sexual and Domestic Violence

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

PL SC 439 - The Politics of Terrorism

PSYCH 221 (GS) - Introduction to Social Psychology

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

SOC 012 (GS) - Criminology

SOC 013 (GS) - Juvenile Delinquency

(SOC 001 and SOC 005 can be accepted in this category through fall 2012.)

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

PL SC 419 - The Bureaucratic State

PL SC 482 - American State and Urban Politics

PL SC 489 - Public Administration

5. Crime and Law

Approved list of courses

PL SC 197A - Organized Crime, Law, and Politics

PL SC 471 - American Constitutional Law

PL SC 472 - The American Legal Process

PL SC 473 - American Judicial Behavior

PL SC 474 - Civil Liberties and Due Process

PL SC 487 - International Law and Organizations

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