

# 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 243** (GS) - Introduction to Well-being and

Positive Psychology

(formerly PSY 243)

**PSYCH 256** (GS) - Introduction to Cognitive Psychology

(formerly PSY 221)

**PSYCH 261** (GS) - Introduction to Psychology of

Learning

(formerly PSY 204)

**PSYCH 412** - Adolescence

(formerly PSYCH 446)

**PSYCH 445** - Forensic Psychology

(formerly PSY 435)

**PSYCH 473** - Behavior Modification

(formerly PSY 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 197A** - 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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