

GRADUATE SPECIALITY AREA – Criminology & Deviance



DEPARTMENT OF
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WHY STUDY CRIMINOLOGY AND DEVIANCE?

Criminology and deviance focuses on the scientific study of criminal behavior and their causes, effects and social impact, as well as criminal justice institutions. Professional criminologists aim to predict, deter and prevent further criminal behavior by researching the impacts of social forces such as economics, social conflict, social class, victimization, opportunity to offend, and group behavior. Oklahoma State University faculty interests include: law and society, comparative legal systems, politics of the criminal justice system, imprisonments, social control/punishment & race, U.S. drug policy, policing, stratification and inequality, youth and the transition to adulthood, mental health, and substance use.

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CRIMINOLOGY AND DEVIANCE GRADUATE COURSES:

- SOC 5343: *SOCIOLOGY OF LAW & PUNISHMENT*
- SOC 5583: *COMPARATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS*
- SOC 5950: *GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND LAW*
- SOC 5950: *GREEN CRIMINOLOGY*
- SOC 5990: *ADVANCED TOPICS IN CRIMINOLOGY AND DEVIANCE*
- SOC 6753: *SEMINAR IN DEVIANCE AND CRIMINOLOGY*