

# GRADUATE SPECIALITY AREA – Criminology & Deviance



DEPARTMENT OF  
**SOCIOLOGY**  
College of Arts and Sciences

## 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.

### FACULTY WITHIN THIS SPECIALITY AREA:

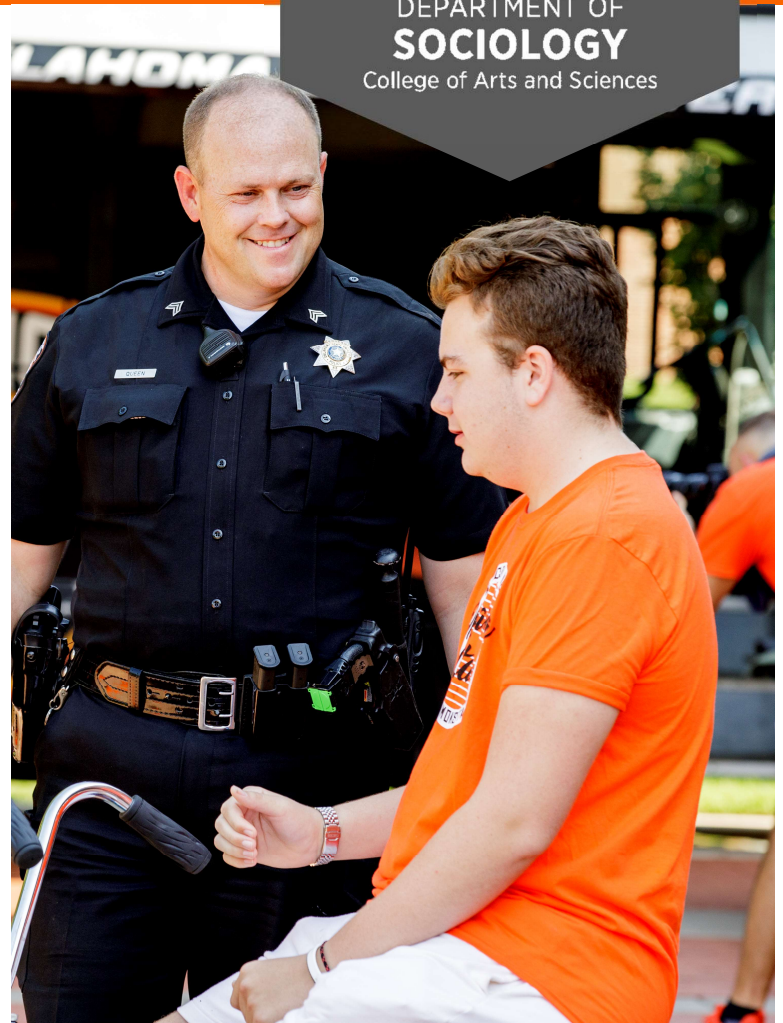
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### CRIMINOLOGY AND DEVIANCE GRADUATE COURSES:

- SOC 5343: *SOCIOLOGY OF LAW & PUNISHMENT*
- SOC 5573: *SEMINAR ON VICTIMOLOGY*
- SOC 5583: *COMPARATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS*
- SOC 5593: *SEMINAR ON ORGANIZATION & ADMINISTRATION IN LAW ENFORCEMENT & SOCIETY*
- SOC 5793: *SEMINAR IN ORGANIZATIONAL DEVIANCE*
- SOC 6753: *SEMINAR IN DEVIANCE & CRIMINOLOGY\**

\*REQUIRED COURSE