

B.S. Forensic Behavioral Science (FBS) Degree Requirements
Catalog Year 2025-Current

Lower-division Requirements

10 Units

CRIM 1¹ Strategies for Success (1)
CRIM 2 Administration of Justice (3)
CRIM 20 Criminal Law (3)
CRIM 50 Statistics and Computer Applications in CJ (3)

Upper-division Requirements

27 Units

CRIM 100 or 100H Criminology (3)
CRIM 113 Forensic Evidence and Analysis (3)
FBS 114 Ethics in Forensic Behavioral Sciences (3)
FBS 153² Psychology of Crime (3)
FBS 154 Fundamentals of Forensic Behavioral Sciences (3)
FBS 155 Forensic Neuroscience (3)
FBS 156 Forensic Behavioral Sciences and the Law (3)
FBS 158⁴ Foundations and Methods of Clinical Forensic Practice (3)
CRIM 170 or 170H Research Methods (3)

Elective Clusters

15 Units

Forensic Behavioral Science Elective Cluster (must choose two)

FBS 157 Interviewing and Interrogation (3)
FBS 159T Topics in FBS (3)
FBS 160 Assessing and Managing Risk for Violence (3)
FBS 161 Forensic Case Formulation and Treatment Planning (3)

General Elective Cluster (must choose three)

CRIM 108⁴ Directed Policing (3)
CRIM 110 Police in America (3)
CRIM 120² Juvenile Delinquency **OR** CRIM 120S² (3)
CRIM 125 Cybersecurity: Law, Policy and Behavior (3)
CRIM 127 Evidence (3)
CRIM 133 Institution Corrections (3)
CRIM 134 Criminal Justice Counseling (3)
CRIM 135 Community-Based Corrections (3)
CRIM 140 Family Violence (3)
CRIM 141 Alcohol, Drugs, and Criminality (3)
CRIM 142³ Basic Courtroom Procedure (3)
CRIM 143³ Legal Evidence (3)
CRIM 144³ Trial Tactics (3)
CRIM 145³ Effective Expert Witnesses (3)
CRIM 160H Honors Seminar in Criminology (3)
CRIM 160T Topics in Crimes (1-3)
CRIM 173 Trauma and Crisis Intervention (3)
CRIM 174 Ethnic and Gender Issues in Criminal Justice (3)
CRIM 175 Victimology (3)
CRIM 176 Victim Services (3)
CRIM 178 Restorative Justice (3)
CRIM 180I^{4,5} Internship (3)

AFRS 146 Law and the Minority Community (3)
ANTH 101 Introductory Fieldwork in Anthropology (3-6)
ANTH 165 Introduction to Forensic Anthropology (3)
PAX 110 Peace Building (3)
PHIL 151 Cognitive Science: Mind (3)
PSYCH 121⁶ Learning and Memory (4)
PSYCH 122⁶ Motivation (4)
PSYCH 124⁶ Sensation and Perception (4)
PSYCH 125⁶ Behavioral Neuroscience (4)
PSYCH 126⁶ Cognitive Neuroscience (4)
PSYCH 127⁶ Forensic Cognitive Science (4)
PSYCH 133⁶ Neuropsychology (4)
PSYCH 149⁶ Psychological Testing (4)
PSYCH 152⁶ Stereotypes, Prejudices and Discrimination (4)
PSYCH 154⁶ Personality (4)
PSYCH 162⁶ Introduction to Clinical Psychology (4)

Total Units Required in Major

52 units

Total Units Required in General Education

51 units

Electives needed

17 units

ADVISING NOTES:

- Lower-division courses should be taken before upper-division courses.
- Upper-division requirements should be taken before upper-division electives.
- CRIM 2 is a prerequisite for many CRIM and FBS courses, including: CRIM 113 and FBS 114, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159T, 160, and 161.
- CR/NC grading not permitted in major, with the exceptions of CRIM 1, 108, and 180I.
- CRIM 50 should be taken before CRIM 170. The CRIM 50 requirement may also be met by completing PSYCH 42, PH 92, MATH 11, DS 73, or any equivalent statistics course from another department, university, or community college.
- CRIM 170 should be taken during the junior year.
- Freshmen and transfer students majoring in Criminology or FBS are expected to take CRIM 1 no later than their second semester. CRIM 1 is a prerequisite for CRIM 180I.
- There are no substitute courses for most of the FBS courses, including FBS 154 and FBS 158. On occasion a substitute course for FBS 155 *may* be available (e.g., from the Biology or Psychology Department) and must be pre-approved by the FBS Major Coordinator as a satisfactory substitute. Students need to plan their course schedules with this in mind.
- Students who wish to be considered for the Criminology Honors Program are advised not to take CRIM 100 or CRIM 170 prior to application to the Honors Program, as there are honors versions of these courses. For further information, please see: <http://fresnostate.edu/socialsciences/criminology/undergraduate/honors.html>
- From Fall 2019, students wishing to change their major to Criminology or Forensic Behavioral Sciences will need to have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.50.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Because of its importance for all Criminology and FBS majors, CRIM 1 should be taken as early as possible.
2. Completion of G.E. Foundation and Breadth requirements are prerequisites to enrolling in this Upper-division G.E. (Integration) course.
3. FBS students may apply a maximum of 3 units of credit for CRIM 142, 143, 144, or 145 (Mock Trial) toward the General Electives Cluster requirements.
4. FBS students may apply a maximum of 3 units of credit for CRIM 108 or 180I toward the General Elective Cluster requirements.
5. FBS students must take FBS 114 as a prerequisite or co-requisite for CRIM 180I.
6. FBS students may apply a maximum of 1 psychology class toward the General Electives Cluster requirements.