

# School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences

Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology



The PhD in Criminology degree program is an interdisciplinary, research-oriented degree offered in the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences at UT Dallas. The objective of the PhD program is to provide students a coherent, yet intellectually challenging degree that adequately prepares them to conduct research among the many aspects of criminology and criminal justice, varying with individual interests and areas of specialty. Graduates of the PhD program will be qualified to teach at the university level as professors. Graduates will also be competent to enter into analytic and administrative posts within the vast array of research and policy institutions, criminal justice organizations, and in the private sector.



## Program Description

The PhD in Criminology requires 75 semester credit hours minimum beyond the baccalaureate degree. For complete admission and degree requirements, view the Graduate Catalog at [catalog.utdallas.edu](http://catalog.utdallas.edu).

## Career Opportunities

Graduates of the program seek positions such as: academics and teaching; criminologist, policy advisor or research officer in state and federal justice agencies; analytical and administrative positions in international and domestic research and policy institutions; and positions in legal and corrections systems and non-profits and private consulting.

## Marketable Skills

The Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology program will deliver high-quality education to a diverse body of graduate students regarding the etiology, control, and variation of law-breaking across space and time and advance the understanding of criminology through a multidisciplinary mix of theoretical and applied research.

- Students will demonstrate an understanding of contemporary criminological theory and the ability to evaluate the related empirical evidence and to formulate proposals for original research and use advanced quantitative statistical techniques in the analysis of crime data.
- Students will learn to critically analyze empirical evidence regarding crime and criminal justice policies and programs.
- Students will develop advanced skills in professional communication appropriate to audiences in academia, government, or nongovernmental agencies.

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