Criminology applies sociological theory and research to the study of crime. The nature and causes of crime, the prevalence of various types of crime, the problems associated with measuring crime, and mechanisms for the control of criminal behavior are relevant to this major. This program seeks to develop a professional orientation that will be relevant both to occupational goals and participation as a citizen in community affairs.

Career Opportunities
Criminology is a social science concerned with how crime is measured, who commits crimes and why, and how society responds. Criminologists look for ways to understand the nature and impact of behavioral and social problems, and ways of alleviating their impact. Graduates may find employment in the areas of:

- crime and delinquency
- industrial relations
- the changing structure of family

The broad research program reflects an ongoing commitment to the application of sociological knowledge to the challenge's of today's world.

Course Work/Curriculum
Courses in both political science and sociology are included to provide a general background in crime causation and agencies of criminal justice plus the opportunity to select from more specific courses dealing with deviance, juvenile delinquency, the court system, correctional facilities, and the like.

Research
Sociologists at NCSU are exploring a variety of issues revolving around the causes and consequences of social and organizational change. Areas of interest among CALS faculty are:

- the impact of urbanization and population change on communities
- the structure of agriculture and the effects of social and economic change on rural areas
- farming endeavors and farm families
- information diffusion and technology transfer

Other faculty members are studying:

- criminal history, DWI testing procedures, or fingerprint procedures.

Possible work settings include government agencies, court systems, police services, and private industry.

Graduate Study
The Department offers the Master of Sociology, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy. The core program includes sociological theory, research methods, and quantitative analysis. Major areas of concentration can be found on the web site.

Co-Curricular Activities
The Taylor Sociology Club is for criminology and sociology majors. In addition, there are more than 250 other student organizations at North Carolina State University in which students are encouraged to participate.

Career Services
In addition to faculty advisers, CALS Career Services is available to provide information about career and employment opportunities. The office assists students and alumni with a variety of career needs such as choosing a major, resume tips, and job search strategies.

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