

Admission requirements and standards

The Department of Sociology and Criminology Co-op is regulated through two bodies: SMU Cooperative Education Program and the SOCI/CRIM Co-op Program Committee.

The minimum requirements for students interested in applying to the SOCI/CRIM Co-op Program are established by the SMU Co-op, including:

- declaration of a Major (Sociology or Criminology)
- completion of 45 credit hours
- achievement and maintenance of at least a 2.7 overall CGPA
- conditional acceptance of students with a 2.85 CGPA in their Major courses, which must increase to 3.0 by the end of their next academic term

Once accepted into the Co-op Program, if students' CGPA drops below 3.0, then the SMU Co-op issues those students a 'warning letters' stating that if their CGPA does not increase to 3.0 during the next academic term, they will be removed from the Co-op Program until their grades increase.

In addition, the Department of Sociology and Criminology Co-op Program has set out further details and requirements:

- Letter of Intent should include past work and volunteer experience and a succinct statement of why she or he is seeking a Co-op placement, with reference to future academic or career goals.
- To be eligible for their first work placement, students will generally have completed prerequisite SOCI/CRIM courses: Social Power Relations; Social Inequality and Justice, and Principles of Social Theory, with an overall GPA of 3.00.

Towards encouraging diversity of work experiences and exposure to different employees, the Department will encourage students with prior career or volunteer experience in a specific agency to seek Co-op positions in other areas.

Not all students who meet the University and SOCI/CRIM Co-op admission requirements are given a placement. The program is competitive in that the job placement agencies are free to accept or reject any student who applies.