

**SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY & LAW****Criminology and Law Major Dispatch  
July 3, 2023**

Hi Folks,

Welcome to the Summer B Semester, and happy first day!

If you are new to the Criminology major, welcome! We are looking forward to working with you. My name is Dr. Lora Levett, and I am the Undergraduate Coordinator in Criminology. Our advising team (Dr. Rivera, Dr. Jenson, Dr. Brooke, and me) works with Criminology students on major requirements. For college and university requirements, you'll work with the [CLAS Advisors](#). This newsletter goes out the first Monday of each month (and on significant days) with timely information about your major. I also encourage you to check out our [website](#) for more information and our **Welcome to the Major** handout on our [forms page](#) with more information about your program.

As we begin Summer B, I would like to remind you of the **important dates** for this semester and some general information for being prepared throughout the semester (see below). Mark your calendars with the dates - you are responsible for knowing and meeting these dates/deadlines.

I also am excited to share our first '**Profile of a Criminology Gator**' column (see below). If you're interested in being profiled here, please answer the questions and send an email to the advising inbox ([ugadvising@crim.ufl.edu](mailto:ugadvising@crim.ufl.edu) or [ufocrimadvising@crim.ufl.edu](mailto:ufocrimadvising@crim.ufl.edu)).

I'd also like to hear what else you would like to see in this newsletter. If you have anything you'd like featured or would like to learn more about, drop me a note and let me know!

Also in this newsletter, you'll find information about an **opportunity to participate criminology research**, the **exit exam** for graduating seniors, and **contact information for advising**.

Looking forward to a great semester!

Sincerely,  
Lora Levett  
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[All important dates are available in the catalog](#), so be sure to check it out. You are responsible for knowing all those dates, but here are some particularly important ones:

Drop/Add for Summer B	July 3 & 5
Late Registration for Summer B	July 3 & 5
Last day to withdrawal without penalty	July 5
APPLY FOR GRADUATION, SUMMER B/C (if you are graduating Summer B/C, you must apply by this date!)	July 6
S/U Grade Option Applications Due – Summer B	July 12
Withdrawal/Drop Deadline – Summer B/C	August 4
Classes end – Summer B/C	August 11

## EXIT EXAM INFORMATION

If you are **graduating** this summer, you must apply to graduate by July 6. Shortly thereafter, you will be added to the canvas course to take the exit exam. A few key points:

- ⇒ The exit exam is administered over a two-week period. We will let you know the dates as soon as we know them.
- ⇒ The exit exam is graded pass/fail, and you must earn a 60% to pass.
- ⇒ You get three attempts to pass the exam.

## PROFILE OF A CRIMINOLOGY GATOR

To be featured in our 'profile of a criminology gator' column, please answer the following questions and submit them and a picture to Dr. Levett at [ugadvising@crim.ufl.edu](mailto:ugadvising@crim.ufl.edu) or [ufocrimadvising@crim.ufl.edu](mailto:ufocrimadvising@crim.ufl.edu). If you'd like to nominate someone, you can also submit your nomination there. This month's column features Maddeline Ruiz, incoming senior.



### **What is your name, year in school, and hometown?**

My name is Maddeline Ruiz and I am an incoming senior at UF Online and my hometown is Miami, FL.

### **In addition to criminology, what else are you working on? Other majors/minors/certificates? Jobs? Family?**

I am a full-time student and part time work at an insurance defense law firm as a secretary. I'm currently focusing on LSAT prep currently and headed for law school come Fall 2024!

### **Why did you choose a criminology major?**

I chose a criminology major because I believe it can best prepare me for law school. The knowledge, classes and hands on experience you receive in this program to prepare you for life is great. UF has so much to offer.

### **What has been the best part of your major or studying criminology at UF?**

The best part of my major or studying criminology at UF is connecting with students and professors in many ways. Technology has allowed so many doors to

open and to connect with one another. My favorite part is collaborating with students on projects, social issues and starting discussions about various issues and putting our words to work! Creating and cultivating change in our community one step at a time is the most inspiring.

**What class has been your favorite class at UF? Why?**

My favorite class thus far is CJL1038 (Law & Society) with Dr. Levett. Not only is Dr. Levett and extraordinary professor [editor's note: Thank you Maddeline! That is so kind!] but the class entails so much about law and how it functions in our society. We begin to understand and grasp the injustice in our justice system and analyze, dissect and study the meaning behind it all! My favorite part of the class was being able to read Just Mercy and understanding and hearing the story of how a man undermined and mislabeled by our justice system was able to be free. It was such an inspiring book and am thankful enough to learn it through and through.

**What do you hope to do with your degree post-graduation?**

I hope to attend law school to become an attorney post grad. I can't wait!

**What advice would you like to offer for anyone studying criminology at UF?**

My advice is, do not give up. You'll get a 100 no's before you get that 1 yes. Believe in yourself and become the change you want to create in this world. Grasp your life in your hands and run with it. Life is beautiful. UF criminology has really opened my eyes to such a beautiful world, connected me with amazing students and faculty alike and really changed my life for the better. If criminology gave me hope when there was none for myself. I owe everything to UF and am humbled and honored to study along with such amazing peers throughout this process.

**What is your favorite thing to do in Gainesville or your favorite way to spend your free time?**

My favorite thing to do on my free time is study, read, exercise and learn. I love learning new languages and reading about history. I try to dabble in other sports and games to exercise and keep my body fluid. I love photography and writing as well. I try to keep myself busy with all I got on my plate!

**Thank you, Maddeline, for sharing your UF experiences with us!**

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**PARTICIPATE IN CRIMINOLOGY RESEARCH**

Hi everyone,

My name is Gissel Perez, and I am a graduate student in the Criminology and Law program here at University of Florida. Dr. Lora Levett and I are seeking undergraduate students to volunteer to participate in an anonymous research study for my dissertation project. The purpose of this research study is to examine how potential jurors make decisions in a criminal case.

This research study is online and will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

If you are interested, please visit the following link:

[https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_7NBpzYk2J0Hn0W2](https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7NBpzYk2J0Hn0W2)

For more information you may contact me at [gisselperez@ufl.edu](mailto:gisselperez@ufl.edu).

Thank you for your consideration,

Gissel Perez

UF IRB protocol number: IRB202300717

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## ADVISING CONTACT INFORMATION

For **major advising** (questions about the major, major courses, internships, honors, etc.), most advising questions can be handled via email, and that often is the fastest way to get an answer. Make sure to include your UF ID in your email and use your UF Email (we need to use UF email to be compliant with UF policy). You can get ahold of us by emailing using these addresses:

Residential Majors: [ugadvising@crim.ufl.edu](mailto:ugadvising@crim.ufl.edu)

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You can also get in touch with me during Summer B via zoom or an in-person appointment. Just reach out to the relevant email address above, and we'll set it up!

For **college advising** (questions about university requirements, college requirements, holds, critical tracking, transfer credits, etc.), you will use the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences advisors. You can reach them at [www.advising.ufl.edu](http://www.advising.ufl.edu), or you can contact our program liaisons:

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