

**Assistant Professor in Criminology/Sociology
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
West Virginia University**

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology at West Virginia University invites applications for a full-time, Assistant Professor (tenure-track) appointment in Criminology. The preferred start date is August 2025.

The WVU Department of Sociology and Anthropology offers B.A. programs in Sociology, Criminology, Anthropology, and Women's and Gender Studies and has over 700 majors. The Department also offers a PhD in Sociology, which includes specializations in four broad areas: crime, law and deviance; inequality, diversity, and equity; social psychology and group processes; and religion. The Department of Sociology and Anthropology is home to many scholars who teach and conduct research in the broad area of social justice.

WVU is a comprehensive land grant university and WVU's Carnegie Classification is R1 ("Doctoral Universities - Very High Research Activity"). Morgantown is centrally located (90 minutes from Pittsburgh and 3.5 hours from the Washington/Baltimore area) and regularly makes "Best Place to Live" lists because of its good schools, excellent health care, low unemployment rate, low crime rate, and abundant recreational opportunities. WVU provides faculty members with a supportive environment for developing a visible and productive career (<https://talentandculture.wvu.edu/new-employees>) and commits to assist in partner employment.

The university has many resources for faculty including an introductory faculty academy, library reserves, writing center, [Faculty and Leadership Development](#), and formal opportunities to work with undergraduate students such as the [Research Apprenticeship Program](#) (RAP) and the [Summer Undergraduate Research Experience](#) (SURE) program. The university has a robust [research office](#) that assists faculty in many ways: connect new faculty to existing faculty, community partners, and resources aligning with their interests and needs, find grants, assist with grant applications, develops the budgets for grants, and more. There are other ways to get involved on campus and in the local community such as the [Women's Leadership Initiative](#), [Women's Resource Center](#), [Center for Community Engagement](#), [WVU Humanities Center](#), and the [LGBTQ+ Center](#).

Responsibilities:

The successful candidate will be expected to teach classes that complement or enhance the Department's current undergraduate and graduate offerings. The teaching load is typically two courses per semester. The candidate is expected to develop a program of teaching and research in the sociology of crime. Successful candidates will engage in graduate student mentorship; and complement or expand upon our Department's existing strengths in the field of criminology.

Professional Qualifications:

The successful candidate must have a Ph.D. in Sociology, Criminology, or a related field that reflects a sociology perspective. Candidates who are ABD, will be considered but must have degree in-hand before the start date. In addition, the candidate must have knowledge of graduate and undergraduate innovative teaching and learning techniques in criminology; demonstrated ability or potential to establish an externally funded research program in their criminological areas of expertise; demonstrated excellent teaching skills; ability to contribute to undergraduate student success initiatives and graduate advising; ability to develop new courses; excellent written and oral communication skills; and excellent interpersonal skills.

To apply, please visit <https://careers.wvu.edu/career-opportunities> and upload (1) a cover letter addressed to the Search Committee, (2) a curriculum vitae including a complete list of publications and relevant teaching experience, (3) a one-page teaching statement including a summary of teaching effectiveness; (4) complete contact information for three professional references. Letters of recommendation from professional references will only be requested of the finalists. For more information, please visit our website <https://soca.wvu.edu/>. Questions regarding this position may be directed to the chair of the search committee, Dr. Rachael A. Woldoff (rachael.woldoff@mail.wvu.edu). Review of applications will begin January 17, 2025, and it will continue until the position is filled.

WVU is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and welcomes applications from all qualified individuals, including minorities, women and gender diverse individuals, individuals with disabilities, and veterans.