

## READINGS FOR GRADUATE CRIMINOLOGY COMPREHENSIVE EXAM

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The following subdivisions are simply meant to be a heuristic device. They are not necessarily mutually exclusive or exhaustive.

*Note: Students are responsible for the last 5 years of articles in scholarly journals related to the area including Criminology, Criminology and Public Policy, and related papers published in the American Sociological Review, the American Journal of Sociology, and Social Forces and all other top journals. We expect that you are familiar with recent trends and current debates in the field, as well as recent support (or lack thereof) for material on this list.*

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