

HONOURS BSOCSC CRIMINOLOGY

Criminology involves the scientific analysis of crime, of the criminalization process, and of social control. Criminology is also an applied discipline in which students explore various forms of intervention to help resolve problems and conflicts. It focuses on five broad phenomena: the nature and dynamics of behaviour that contravenes social norms; the social construction of norms and of the notion of crime; the criminalization of specific behaviours; individuals and groups in social relations; the goals and workings of the criminal justice system; and contemporary forms of intervention.

This program is offered in English and in French.

Learn more about this program (<https://www.uottawa.ca/faculty-social-sciences/criminology/undergraduate/programs/>)

Program Requirements

The French immersion stream is available with this program.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2025-2026 calendars (<http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/>) for the previous requirements.

Basic skills

ENG 1100	Workshop in Essay Writing	3 Units
ENG 1120	Selected Topics in Literature and Composition	3 Units
Total:		6 Units

Compulsory courses at the 1000 level

CRM 1300	Introduction to Criminology	3 Units
CRM 1301	History of Criminological Thought	3 Units

Compulsory courses at the 2000 level

CRM 2300	Criminal Law and the Criminal Justice System	3 Units
CRM 2301	Positivist Theories in Criminology	3 Units
CRM 2302	Societal Reaction Theories in Criminology	3 Units
CRM 2303	Research Methodology in Criminology	3 Units
CRM 2310	Community Action and intervention in Criminology	3 Units
CRM 2315	Individual Intervention in Criminology	3 Units
CRM 2316	Indigenous Self-Determination and Justice	3 Units

Compulsory courses at the 3000 level

CRM 3301	Contemporary Critical Theories in Criminology	3 Units
CRM 3334	Quantitative Research in Criminology	3 Units
CRM 3335	Qualitative Research in Criminology	3 Units

Compulsory courses at the 4000 level

CRM 4302	Abolitionism and the Criminal Justice System	3 Units
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Optional courses

One option from the following: ¹ 12 Units

Option 1: Course Focus

6 optional course units in criminology (CRM) at the 3000 level

6 optional course units in criminology (CRM) at the 4000 level

Option 2: Research Focus

12 course units from:

CRM 4301 Advanced Criminological Theory

CRM 4303 Intervention and Ethics

CRM 4305 Political Crime

CRM 4306 Socio-Politics of Incarceration

CRM 4310 Special Issues in Criminology

CRM 4311 Law and Society

CRM 4312 Women and Gendered Justice

CRM 4313 Crimes of the Powerful

CRM 4314 State and Criminal Policy

CRM 4315 Criminal Justice and the Media

CRM 4316 Violence and Society

CRM 4318 Justice, Transformation and Resistance

FSS 4150 Directed Research in Social Sciences

FSS 3210 Selected Topics: International Social Sciences Field Research I

FSS 4210 Selected Topics: International Social Sciences Field Research II

Option 3: Field Placement Focus

CRM 4260 Field Placement

CRM 4317 Analysis of the Field Placement Experience

3 optional course units in criminology (CRM) 3 Units

6 optional course units in criminology (CRM) at the 4000 level 6 Units

Total: 60 Units

Elective courses

54 elective course units 54 Units

or 24 elective course units plus a minor

Total: 54 Units

¹ Students can remain in the *Course option* or they can apply in the fall term of their 3rd year to the *Field Placement option* or to the *Research option*.

A minimum CGPA of 7.0 is required for the *Research option* and a minimum CGPA of 6.0 is required for the *Field Placement option*.