

MAJOR IN 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 table below includes only the discipline-specific courses. Please refer to the Academic Regulations (<https://www.uottawa.ca/about-us/policies-regulations/academic-regulations/b-2-program-studies/>) for information on the Honours bachelor's with double major and the Honours bachelor's with major and minor.

The French immersion stream is available when taken as part of an honours degree.

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

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 2316	Indigenous Self-Determination and Justice	3 Units

Compulsory courses at the 3000 level

CRM 3301	Contemporary Critical Theories 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

3 optional course units in criminology (CRM) ¹	3 Units
9 optional course units in criminology (CRM) at the 3000 or 4000 level ¹	9 Units

Total: 42 Units

Note(s)

¹ CRM 2315 and CRM 3334 are strongly recommended for studies to the master's level in criminology.