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Criminology Program in the Department of Sociology



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What is Criminology?

Criminology is the systematic study of crime and the criminal justice system. The criminology program introduces students to various aspects of crime, theories put forth to explain types of crime, and the array of agencies and programs designed to prevent, control, and respond to criminal activity. The latter include the police, courts, probation and parole systems, correctional institutions, mediation services, and organizations such as The John Howard and Elizabeth Fry Societies.

The program also covers topics such as women and crime, youth and crime, drugs and crime, the sociology of law, criminal law and procedure, comparative criminology, criminal careers, and community policing. As a social science/liberal arts field, Criminology provides majors with a variety of techniques for examining and responding to important questions about the causes and consequences of crime and the workings of the criminal justice system.

Research Training in Criminology

An important part of the criminology program at the University of Manitoba is the Criminology Field Experience course (SOC.3760) which is available (on a competitive basis) to criminology students in the third year of their program. Students are placed in a variety of criminal justice agencies and are responsible for conducting a research project designed in consultation with their agency. This course provides students with an opportunity to put their academic training to work in the practical world of the criminal justice system. It helps students gain experience and contacts which may assist them as they seek a career in this field upon graduation. This course is also valuable to the University because it increases our presence and ability to contribute to the everyday needs of our community.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Some students complete all or part of the Criminology program as advanced study before entering university programs in law or social work or before pursuing careers in law enforcement, corrections, probation or parole, criminal justice administration, crime prevention, or private security. Others work with youth as child and youth care counsellors or detentions workers. Additional opportunities for work are in the areas of mediation or victim services. Like other social science majors, undergraduate Criminology majors also are employed in non-crime related sectors such as health and social services (e.g., in substance abuse and rehabilitation counselling). Community work (e.g., in child welfare agencies), and federal provincial, and local government (e.g., in urban planning and housing).



Some continue their studies at the graduate level and go on to teach in universities and colleges. Research positions are another common career path for Criminologists. In addition to universities, research is conducted in a variety of other employment settings, including government bureaus and agencies, research institutes in the non-profit or advocacy sector, and consulting. Generally employment as a teacher or researcher requires completion of a Master's and/or Doctoral degree. Some students seeking teaching and research positions use the undergraduate Criminology major as preparation for graduate work in Criminology or in a related field such as Sociology, Public Policy, Business, or Urban Planning.



Criminology Programs

The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) (Criminology Major) is one of the programs offered in the Department of Sociology. First year students who wish to pursue the Criminology Major must take Introduction to Sociology (SOC 1200). This six credit-hour course introduces the student to the discipline, its perspective, its basic concepts and principles, its methods of analysis, and its major sub-fields. This course is a prerequisite for all other Sociology and Criminology courses, and students must complete it with a minimum grade of C.

Criminology majors take 24 credit-hours beyond Introduction to Sociology (SOC 1200). Criminology (SOC 2510) with a minimum grade of C, is a prerequisite to all other criminology courses. Additionally, Criminal Justice and Corrections (SOC 2610) and Research Methods (SOC 2290) are required courses in this program. Beyond these, twelve credit-hours are to be selected from among the following: Sociology of Law (SOC 3700), Sociology of Criminal Careers (SOC 3710), Criminal Law and Procedures (SOC 3720), Selected Topics in Criminology (SOC 3740), Criminology Field Experience (SOC 3760), Comparative Criminology and Criminal Justice (SOC 3780), Women Crime and Social Justice (SOC 3790), Drugs and Crime (SOC 3800), Youth, Crime and Society (SOC 3830), Restorative Justice (SOC 3850)

Students wishing to pursue graduate studies in the area of Criminology are encouraged to enter the Honours program in Sociology. Upon completion, students may then pursue M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Sociology at the University of Manitoba with a specific concentration in Criminology. Additional information on graduate study is available upon request.

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THE CRIMINOLOGY MAJOR

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SOC 1200 - **Introduction to Sociology**
with a minimum grade of C and

SECOND YEAR

SOC 2290 - **Research Methods**
SOC 2510 - **Criminology ***
SOC 2610 - **Sociology of Criminal Justice and Corrections**

Other criminology courses may be offered on a rotating basis at least once every two years. Students are advised to select their courses in such a way as to enable them to complete all course requirements in the two year cycle.

THIRD YEAR

At least twelve credit-hours selected from:

SOC 3700 - Sociology of Law
SOC 3710 - Criminal Careers
SOC 3720 - Criminal Law and Procedure
SOC 3740 - Selected Topics in Criminology
SOC 3760 - Criminology Field Experience**
SOC 3780 - Comparative Criminology and Criminal Justice
SOC 3790 - Women, Crime and Social Justice
SOC 3800 - Drugs, Crime and Social Control
SOC 3830 - Youth, Crime and Society
SOC 3850 - Restorative Justice

*SOC 2510 (Criminology) with a minimum grade of C is the prerequisite for SOC 2610 and for all other courses in the Criminology program.

**SOC 3760 (Criminology Field Experience) is a limited enrolment course, and an application is required to register. Applications should be completed by the end of April preceding the Regular Session in which students intend to take the course. The course provides students with an opportunity to become acquainted with the workings of a selected criminal justice agency as well as to gain some practical research experience. For further information contact Frank Cormier, Criminology Field Coordinator, 313 Isbister, phone (204) 474-6445, e-mail: Frank_Cormier@umanitoba.ca

Suggested Sociology Electives For Criminology Majors

SOC 2220 - Soc. Theoretical Foundations
SOC 2310 - Selected Social Problems
SOC 2320 - Canadian Society and Culture
SOC 2330 - Social Psych. in Soc. Perspectives
SOC 2370 - Ethnic Relations
SOC 3330 - Origins of Sociological Thought
SOC 3390 - Contemporary Sociological Theory
SOC 3470 - Political Sociology
SOC 3640 - Families in Societal Crisis
SOC 3660 - Sociology of Mental Disorder
SOC 3870 - Social Inequality

Suggested Electives From Other Departments For Criminology Majors

PHIL 2860 - Philosophy of Law I
PHIL 2870 - Philosophy of Law II
NATV 3280 - Aboriginal Peoples and Canadian Justice System
NATV 3310 - Canadian Law and Aboriginal Peoples
POLS 2660 - Human Rights and Civil Lib.
PSYC 2410 - Social Psychology I
PSYC 2420 - Social Psychology II
PSYC 3460 - Abnormal Psychology
PYSC 3480 - Social Learning and Psychopathology
PSYC 3490 - Individual Differences

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