SOCIOLOGY/CRIMINOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

As a sociology or criminology student in the Faculty of Arts, you will learn about the social behaviours of individuals and societies. The department of sociology has many opportunities for you to explore, with two programs of study:

1. **Sociology**: the study of the interactions between human beings and the social structures we create.
2. **Criminology**: the systematic study of the nature of crime and the laws and practices designed to respond to crime over time.

**SKILLS YOU WILL GAIN BY STUDYING SOCIOLOGY/CRIMINOLOGY**

- An understanding of human and social behaviours and how they are affected by personal, public and societal issues.
- The ability to describe, understand and predict social behaviours using quantitative and qualitative methods.
- The ability to think critically and develop innovative solutions to complex social issues.
- The ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.

**WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT?**

Industries such as business, education, government and justice and social services would value a sociology or criminology degree in combination with the employability skills that are highly sought after by employers. These include:

- Oral and written communication
- Critical thinking
- Problem solving
- Numeracy and data use
- Teamwork
- Digital technology
- Industry specific knowledge
- Continuous learning

Academic and career planning is based on personal, public and societal issues. The ability to describe, understand and predict social behaviours using quantitative and qualitative methods.

**WHAT IS EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION?**

Experiential education will enhance your classroom education by giving you hands-on experience that will resonate with employers. The University of Manitoba offers a wide variety of programs designed to facilitate your personal growth, connect you with others and ignite your active engagement in the local and global community.

**EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Work experience opportunities
- International student exchanges, international internships and travel study
- Local and international service-learning opportunities
- Undergraduate research and entrepreneurship
- Leadership and volunteer opportunities

The Sociology/Criminology Compass provides you with suggestions of how and when to use opportunities to make the most of your university experience. You may follow these guidelines or map out your own route.
### SOCIOLOGY/CRIMINOLOGY COMPASS

#### YEAR 1

**30 CREDITS**

**Course requirements:** Refer to the Academic Calendar for course requirements in your program.

**To do this year:**
1. Meet with a sociology advisor for honors program approval.
2. Confirm eligibility to graduate with an academic advisor and declare intent to graduate in Aurora (3-year option).

**Make professional connections:**
1. Join the Career Mentor Program to connect with professionals.
2. Attend career fairs to connect with employers.
3. Become a student affiliate with the Canadian Sociological Association (CSA) and/or Canadian Crime Journal (CJA).
4. Develop professional connections with professors by applying for an Undergraduate Research Award.

**Investigate your career options:**
1. Look at sample job postings to ensure you have the qualifications upon graduation.
2. Develop employability and essential skills sought by employers.
3. Explore supports available to entrepreneurs for business development such as Innovative Manitoba’s Social Innovation Challenge.
4. Create a LinkedIn profile to network with professionals.

**Start job search 6 months in advance:**
Contact Career Services to refine your job search and self-marketing strategies. You can visit the office up to 6 months after graduation.

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#### YEAR 2

**60 CREDITS**

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#### YEAR 4

**120 CREDITS**

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