What is the study of Criminology?

Criminology is concerned with the complex social phenomena of crime and criminalization. The criminology program engages students in a systematic study of the nature and extent of crime and criminalization along with the array of agencies and programs designed to prevent, control, and respond to criminal activity over time and place. Attention is given to specific issues related to gender, race, class and crime, youth and crime, violence and victimization, criminal law and procedure, policing and crime prevention, restorative justice, and global criminology.

What is unique about Criminology at the UM?

The University of Manitoba's Criminology Program is home to some of Canada's leading criminologists. All have active research programs and have published widely in their areas of specialization. In addition to specialized courses in criminology, the program includes a practicum course (SOC 3100) that offers students an opportunity to put their academic training to work in a practical context. Students are placed in a variety of criminal justice and social service agencies and are responsible for conducting a research project designed in consultation with their agency. Through this course students gain experience and contacts which may assist them as they seek a career in the field upon graduation. Courses in the criminology program are taught primarily from a sociological perspective, with emphasis placed on research, program development, and policy analysis.

Program Options

- B.A. Honours Program - 4 years
- B.A. General Major - 3 years

Career Opportunities

- Correctional Service Officer
- Crime Analyst
- Private Investigator
- Police Constable
- Probation/Parole Officer
- Victim Services Specialist