DOCTORATE IN PHILOSOPHY
CRIMINOLOGY

The department of Criminology offers graduate programs leading to the degrees of Master of Arts (MA) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Criminology.

Criminology is devoted to the scientific analysis of crime, justice and social control. It focuses on four broad questions: the social construction of norms and the notion of crime, the criminalization of specific behaviours, individuals and groups in our society; the analysis of the goals and functioning of the criminal justice system; and the examination of contemporary forms of intervention.

Doctoral Program

The doctoral program aims to prepare criminologists who have a solid understanding of contemporary issues in criminology and criminal justice policies, have in-depth knowledge of the theories and debates that characterize the discipline and are equipped to design and conduct a methodologically sound original research program.

The field is divided into two areas. The first addresses the process by means of which criminal justice policies (including laws and institutions such as the police, prison, etc.) are created and developed. The second concerns the theoretical and empirical analysis of the implementation of such policies. It examines how institutions function and attempts to assess the social consequences of these policies so as to suggest new reforms or alternative measures of a more moderate nature and more respectful of human dignity.

The programs are offered in English and French and are governed by the general regulations (http://www.grad.uottawa.ca/Default.aspx?tabid=1807) in effect for graduate studies.

Admission Requirements

For the most accurate and up to date information on application deadlines, language tests and other admission requirements, please visit the specific requirements (https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/programs-admission/apply/specific-requirements) webpage.

To be eligible for admission to the PhD program:

- Students must hold a master’s degree (thesis or research paper) in criminology or a related discipline, with a minimum average of 75 % (B+).
- A prospective supervisor from the department’s should be contacted by the candidate. The candidate should submit to the potential supervisor a description of his / her research project.
- Admission to the program depends on the acceptance of a supervisor ready to guide the candidate’s research and to that end complete the following support form to be submitted to the secretary of the department.

Language Requirements

All applicants must be able to understand speak and write either English or French proficiently. Applicants whose first language is neither English nor French must provide proof of proficiency in one or the other. The list of acceptable tests is indicated in the “Admission” section of the general regulations in effect for graduate studies.

In accordance with University of Ottawa policy, students have a right to produce their written work and to answer examination questions in French or in English.

Second Language Requirement

Students who are not bilingual at the time of admission may take a placement test upon admission and, depending on their score, they will have to take and pass second language course(s) (e.g. FLS 2513) to ensure they attain the required standard by the end of their second year of studies.

Transfer from Master’s to PhD Program

Students in a master’s program who have achieved an 80% (A-) average in their last two years of undergraduate studies may be allowed to transfer to the PhD program without being required to write a master’s thesis provided they meet the following conditions:

- Completion of 5 graduate courses (15 units) with a grade of A- or better in each.
- Satisfactory progress in the research program.
- Written recommendation from the supervisor and the thesis advisory committee.
- Approval by the graduate studies committee.

The request to transfer must be made during the fourth term of enrollment or earlier. The student must enroll in the PhD in the fifth or, at the latest, in the sixth term. Following transfer, all the requirements of the doctoral program must be met.

Program Requirements

The minimal course requirements are stated below. Students may be required to take additional courses to ensure that they have the knowledge and skills needed to pursue their program.

Compulsory Courses:

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¹ The comprehensive examination has a written and an oral component. Written work must be accepted and submitted no later than October 1st of the student’s fourth semester. The student whose written work is not submitted in time or is not accepted for the defense will not be able to support his work orally and will be considered as having failed the exam. The written component must be successfully completed before taking the oral exam. For the oral component, the student will be tested on their personalized reading list (minimum 3,600 pages) and on the content of their written submission. Students who fail the written or the oral component of the exam have just one opportunity to redo their exam. The oral exam must take place in the first week of November of the student’s fourth term. Students who are unsuccessful are entitled to repeat the examination once prior to March 31st of their fifth term.

The thesis proposal has a written and an oral component. The written component must be accepted before the oral component. The student must register for the thesis proposal defence no later than the first full week in November of the students 3rd year of studies (7th semester) The proposal defence must take place no later than November 30th of the student’s third year of studies. In truly exceptional cases there is the possibility for a new deadline to be established by the student, supervisor, and the thesis committee in collaboration with the Ph.D. committee of the Department of criminology. Students whose thesis proposal paper is not accepted for defence by their doctoral committee or who do not submit their paper for the first full week in November of the students 3rd year of studies (7th semester) will not be able to defend their proposal and will be considered to have failed their defense for the first time. Students have one additional opportunity to defend their proposal provided they deposit their approved paper prior to January 30th following their first trial and defend their thesis proposal before February 25th of their 8th semester of studies.

Transfer from Master’s to PhD

The request to transfer must be made during the fourth term of enrollment or earlier. The student must enroll in the PhD in the fifth or, at the latest, in the sixth term. Following transfer, all the requirements of the doctoral program must be met.

Duration of Program

Students are expected to fulfill all requirements within four years. The maximum time permitted is six years from the date of initial enrollment in the program, or seven years in the case of the students transferring from the master’s to the doctorate.

Minimum Standards

The passing grade in all courses is B. Students who fail two courses (equivalent to 6 units), the thesis proposal, or the comprehensive exam (twice), who fail to meet the deadlines (for the reading list, the comprehensive exam, the second language requirement), or whose research progress is deemed unsatisfactory are required to withdraw.

Thesis Advisory Committee

During the first term of the program, a thesis advisory committee (TAC) is formed for the candidate. The Committee’s membership will be determined by the specific interests of the candidate.

A meeting between the student and the Thesis Advisory Committee will take place at least once per term. The thesis examining board may include members who are not part of the TAC.

The TAC is composed of the supervisor and two additional professors. At least one member of the thesis committee, in addition to the supervisor, must be from the Department of Criminology. The TAC is responsible for guiding the student through the comprehensive exam and thesis process.

The TAC must be established by the end of the student’s first term.

Research

Research Fields & Facilities

Located in the heart of Canada’s capital, a few steps away from Parliament Hill, the University of Ottawa is among Canada’s top 10 research universities.
Courses

Required courses are offered in English and French every year. Optional courses are offered periodically.

CRM 5301 Field Work in Criminology (3 units)
Course Component: Lecture

CRM 5701 Stage en criminologie (3 crédits)
Réservé aux candidats au M.C.A. qui n’ont pas réussi un stage pratique ou son équivalent avant l’admission. Stage supervisé de 120 heures dans un organisme approuvé par le Département de criminologie. Rapport écrit intégrant la théorie et les recherches à l’expérience pratique, à évaluer par le superviseur et le coordonnateur des stages. Noté S (satisfaisant) ou NS (non satisfaisant).
Volet : Cours magistral

CRM 6320 Research Methodology in Criminology I (3 units)
Study of the main epistemological questions regarding research activities in criminology; in-depth analysis of data collection methods with a focus on data treatment and analysis.
Course Component: Lecture

CRM 6325 Research Seminar in Criminology (3 units)
Annual seminar (every two weeks) with the following objectives: (a) detailed analysis of the procedures involved in the implementation of a research activity; formulation of a research project (research problem and theoretical framework) at the end of the fall session; presentation of the final research project (research problem, theoretical framework and methodology) at the end of the winter session.
Course Component: Seminar

CRM 63251 Research Seminar in Criminology (Part 1 of 2)
Annual seminar (every two weeks) with the following objectives: (a) detailed analysis of the procedures involved in the implementation of a research activity; formulation of a research project (research problem and theoretical framework) at the end of the fall session; presentation of the final research project (research problem, theoretical framework and methodology) at the end of the winter session. (Part 1 of 2)
Course Component: Seminar

CRM 63252 Research Seminar in Criminology (Part 2 of 2) (3 units)
Annual seminar (every two weeks) with the following objectives: (a) detailed analysis of the procedures involved in the implementation of a research activity; formulation of a research project (research problem and theoretical framework) at the end of the fall session; presentation of the final research project (research problem, theoretical framework and methodology) at the end of the winter session. (Part 2 of 2)
Course Component: Seminar
Prerequisite: CRM 63251

CRM 6330 Quantitative Methods in Criminology (3 units)
Study of various epistemological, methodological and ethical questions regarding the use of quantitative methods of data collection and analysis.
Course Component: Lecture

CRM 6331 Qualitative Methods in Criminology (3 units)
Study of various epistemological, methodological and ethical questions regarding the use of qualitative methods of data collection and analysis.
Course Component: Lecture

CRM 6340 Theories of Intervention in Criminology and Alternative Practices (3 units)
Examination of the theories and bases of the treatment of the criminalized in our society. Analysis of alternative forms of practice.
Course Component: Seminar

CRM 6341 Counselling in Criminology (3 units)
Nature, analysis and limitations of counselling in criminology.
Course Component: Lecture

CRM 6342 Community Intervention in Criminology (3 units)
Community methods of intervention; responsibility and limits. Use of community resources. Participation in correction and social action.
Course Component: Lecture

CRM 6345 Field Placement Seminar (3 units)
Restricted to students registered in the field placement (CRM 6400). Critical reflection on the field placement experience. Discussion of issues related to the field placement settings of the students. Oral presentation and written report.
Course Component: Seminar
Permission of the Department is required.

CRM 6350 Contemporary Criminological Theories (3 units)
Analysis of current problems in criminological theory.
Course Component: Seminar

CRM 6354 Social History of the Criminal Justice System (3 units)
Problems of research on the history of penal institutions; analysis of selected cases or situations.
Course Component: Lecture

CRM 6359 Evaluation of Criminal Justice Programs, Policies and Legislation (3 units)
Evaluation principles, approaches, models and methods; analysis of programs, policies and their theoretical underpinnings; selection of evaluation questions, preparation of a proposal and development of evaluation research tools.
Course Component: Lecture

CRM 6360 Philosophy of Criminal Law (3 units)
Critical examination of the main theories and ideologies of the role of criminal law; the reform of criminal law.
Course Component: Lecture

CRM 6361 Crime Prevention (3 units)
The impact and function of prevention research in criminology; prevention programs; evaluation.
Course Component: Lecture

CRM 6362 Criminal Justice and the Victims of Crime (3 units)
The impact of the Victims Movement on the aims and operation of the criminal justice system.
Course Component: Lecture

CRM 6363 Police and Society (3 units)
The role and functioning of the police in contemporary society; relation to the state and to civil society.
Course Component: Lecture

CRM 6364 Sentencing (3 units)
Analysis of the aims and operation of sentencing.
Course Component: Lecture

CRM 6365 The Socio-Politics of Incarceration (3 units)
Analysis of the socio-political aims, functions and consequences of incarceration. The politicization of reform; abolition; prisoners rights movements.
Course Component: Lecture

CRM 6367 Women and Criminal Justice (3 units)
Women as criminals and victims; the impact of the operation of the criminal justice system on women.
Course Component: Lecture

CRM 6370 Corporate Crime (3 units)
Analysis of the differential responses to various forms of corporate crime.
Course Component: Lecture

CRM 6380 Selected Topics I (3 units)
Various topics will be discussed from year to year.
Course Component: Seminar

CRM 6391 Justice, Injustice and Resistance: Selected topics (3 units)
Various topics related to justice, injustice and resistance. Selected topics will be announced each year.
Course Component: Lecture

CRM 6392 Governance, Security and Institutions: Selected topics (3 units)
Various topics related to governance, security and institutions. Specific topics will be announced each year.
Course Component: Lecture

CRM 6393 Culture, Technology and Modernity: Selected topics (3 units)
Various topics related to culture, technology and modernity. Specific topics will be announced each year.
Course Component: Lecture

CRM 6394 Crimes, Harms and Regulations: Selected topics (3 units)
Various topics related to crimes, harms and regulations. Specific topics will be announced each year.
Course Component: Lecture

CRM 6395 Theoretical Contributions to Criminology (3 units)
Critical review of the main debates in Criminology. It's field of knowledge and objects, its epistemologies and streams of thought (theories, concepts) and the research questions resulting from them.
Course Component: Lecture

CRM 6400 Field Work in Criminology II (6 units)
Restricted to students registered in the MA (Thesis and Field Placement option). Graded S (Satisfactory) / NS (Not satisfactory).
Course Component: Work Term
Permission of the Department is required.

CRM 6720 Méthodologie de recherche en criminologie I (3 crédits)
Étude des principaux problèmes épistémologiques concernant les activités de recherche en criminologie; approfondissement de certaines techniques de cueillette, et surtout, de traitement et d'analyse de données.
Volet : Cours magistral

CRM 6725 Séminaire de recherche en criminologie (Partie 1 de 2) (3 crédits)
Séminaire annuel (rencontres aux deux semaines) poursuivant les trois objectifs suivants : (a) analyse détaillée des différentes étapes de la mise en œuvre d’une activité de recherche; (b) formulation de l’ébauche d’un projet de recherche (objet et cadre théorique) à la fin de la session d’automne; (c) présentation d’un projet définitif de recherche (objet, cadre théorique et méthodologie) à la fin de la session d’hiver. (Partie 1 de 2)
Volet : Séminaire

CRM 6730 Méthodologie quantitative en criminologie (3 crédits)
Volet : Cours magistral

CRM 6740 Théories de l’intervention en criminologie et pratiques alternatives (3 crédits)

Volet : Cours magistral

CRM 6745 Séminaire de stage (3 crédits)

Volet : Cours magistral

CRM 6750 Théories criminologiques contemporaines (3 crédits)

Volet : Cours magistral

CRM 6752 Séminaire de recherche en criminologie (Partie 2 de 2) (3 crédits)
Séminaire annuel (rencontres aux deux semaines) poursuivant les trois objectifs suivants : (a) analyse détaillée des différentes étapes de la mise en œuvre d’une activité de recherche; (b) formulation de l’ébauche d’un projet de recherche (objet et cadre théorique) à la fin de la session d’automne; (c) présentation d’un projet définitif de recherche (objet, cadre théorique et méthodologie) à la fin de la session d’hiver. (Partie 2 de 2)
Volet : Séminaire

Permission of the Department is required.

CRM 6760 Philosophie du droit pénal (3 crédits)
Examen critique des principales conceptions et idéologies concernant les finalités du droit pénal.
Volet : Cours magistral

CRM 6761 La prévention et la criminologie (3 crédits)
L'impact et les fonctions des études de prévention en criminologie; programmes de prévention; évaluation de ces programmes.
Volet : Cours magistral

CRM 6762 La question des victimes et la justice pénale (3 crédits)
La place de la victime et la signification du mouvement pro-victime relativement au fonctionnement et au but de la justice pénale.
Volet : Cours magistral

CRM 6763 Police et société (3 crédits)
La fonction et le fonctionnement des organismes policiers dans la société contemporaine; leurs rapports avec l'état et la société civile.
Volet : Cours magistral

CRM 6764 La détermination de la peine (3 crédits)
Analyse des objectifs et des enjeux propres à la détermination de la peine.
Volet : Cours magistral

CRM 6765 Analyse sociopolitique de l'emprisonnement (3 crédits)
Analyse des buts, des fonctions et des conséquences socio-politiques de l'incarcération. La politisation de la réforme; abolition; mouvements en faveur des droits des prisonniers et des prisonnières.
Volet : Cours magistral

CRM 6766 La femme et la justice pénale (3 crédits)
La femme comme justiciable et victime; l'impact du fonctionnement de la justice pénale sur les femmes.
Volet : Cours magistral

CRM 6767 La délinquance d'affaires (3 crédits)
Analyse du traitement différentiel de diverses délinquances d'affaires.
Volet : Cours magistral

CRM 6780 Sujets choisis I (3 crédits)
Divers sujets seront discutés d'une année à l'autre.
Volet : Séminaire

CRM 6791 Justice, Injustice et Résistance: Thèmes choisis (3 crédits)
Divers sujets concernant la justice, l'injustice et la résistance. Les thématiques précises seront annoncées chaque année.
Volet : Cours magistral

CRM 6792 Gouvernance, Sécurité et Institutions: Thèmes choisis (3 crédits)
Divers sujets concernant la gouvernance, la sécurité et les institutions. Les thématiques précises seront annoncées chaque année.
Volet : Cours magistral

CRM 6793 Culture, Technologie et Modernité: Thèmes choisis (3 crédits)
Divers sujets concernant la culture, la technologie et la modernité. Les thématiques précises seront annoncées chaque année.
Volet : Cours magistral

CRM 6794 Crimes, Torts et Régulations: Thèmes choisis (3 crédits)
Divers sujets concernant les crimes, les torts et les régulations. Les thématiques précises seront annoncées chaque année.
Volet : Cours magistral

CRM 6795 Contributions théoriques à la criminologie (3 crédits)
Examen critique des principaux débats en criminologie, son champ de connaissance et ses objets, ses épistémologies et courants de pensées (théories, concepts) ainsi que les questions de recherche qui en découlent.
Volet : Cours magistral

CRM 6800 Stage en criminologie II (6 crédits)
Réservé aux étudiants inscrits au programme de M.A. (option thèse et stage). Noté S (satisfaisant) ou NS (non satisfaisant).
Volet : Stage
Permission of the Department is required.

CRM 6999 Mémoire de recherche / Major Research Paper (6 crédits / 6 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

CRM 8100 Doctoral Seminar (3 units)
This seminar provides students with the epistemological and theoretical tools necessary for developing an advanced level of reflection around their research topic. Attendance, active participation, an oral presentation, and a paper are compulsory.
Course Component: Seminar

CRM 81001 Doctoral Seminar (Part 1 of 2)
This seminar provides students with the epistemological and theoretical tools necessary for developing an advanced level of reflection around their research topic. Attendance, active participation, an oral presentation, and a paper are compulsory. (Part 1 of 2)
Course Component: Seminar

CRM 81002 Doctoral Seminar (Part 2 of 2) (3 units)
This seminar provides students with the epistemological and theoretical tools necessary for developing an advanced level of reflection around their research topic. Attendance, active participation, an oral presentation, and a paper are compulsory. (Part 2 of 2)
Course Component: Seminar

CRM 8102 Current Issues in Criminology (3 units)
Presentation of current topics in criminology with discussions aimed at developing professional skills (facilitating/moderating a discussion, preparing for a debate, writing a grant proposal, etc.). Bi-weekly seminars with participation by different professors in the department, visiting professors, or other experts depending on the issue or topic. Graded S (Satisfactory) / NS (Not satisfactory).
Course Component: Seminar

CRM 81021 Current Issues in Criminology (Part 1 of 2)
Presentation of current topics in criminology with discussions aimed at developing professional skills (facilitating/moderating a discussion, preparing for a debate, writing a grant proposal, etc.). Bi-weekly seminars with participation by different professors in the department, visiting professors, or other experts depending on the issue or topic. Graded S (Satisfactory) / NS (Not satisfactory). (Part 1 of 2)
Course Component: Seminar
CRM 81022 Current Issues in Criminology (Part 2 of 2) (3 units)
Presentation of current topics in criminology with discussions aimed at developing professional skills (facilitating/moderating a discussion, preparing for a debate, writing a grant proposal, etc.). Bi-weekly seminars with participation by different professors in the department, visiting professors, or other experts depending on the issue or topic. Graded S (Satisfactory) / NS (Not satisfactory). (Part 2 of 2)
Course Component: Seminar
Prerequisite: CRM 81021

CRM 8110 Research Methodology in Criminology II (3 units)
Reflection on issues related to research methodology. In-depth training in a few methods. Methods of enquiry, practical considerations, data analysis, interpretation of results, etc. Acquisition of the knowledge needed to develop, direct, and administer a major research program in criminology.
Course Component: Seminar

CRM 8500 Séminaire de doctorat I (3 crédits)
Ce séminaire offrira des outils épistémologiques et théoriques aux étudiants afin qu'ils entament une réflexion poussée sur leur sujet de recherche. La présence, la participation active, une présentation orale et un travail écrit sont obligatoires.
Volet : Séminaire

CRM 85001 Séminaire de doctorat I (Partie 1 de 2)
Ce séminaire offrira des outils épistémologiques et théoriques aux étudiants afin qu'ils entament une réflexion poussée sur leur sujet de recherche. La présence, la participation active, une présentation orale et un travail écrit sont obligatoires. (Partie 1 de 2)
Volet : Séminaire

CRM 85002 Séminaire de doctorat I (Partie 2 de 2) (3 crédits)
Ce séminaire offrira des outils épistémologiques et théoriques aux étudiants afin qu'ils entament une réflexion poussée sur leur sujet de recherche. La présence, la participation active, une présentation orale et un travail écrit sont obligatoires. (Partie 2 de 2)
Volet : Séminaire
Préalable: CRM 85001

CRM 8502 Questions actuelles en criminologie (3 crédits)
Présentation de questions actuelles en criminologie suivie de discussions visant au développement d'habiletés professionnelles (telles la capacité à animer et à guider les discussions, à préparer des débats, à rédiger des demandes de subventions de recherche, etc.). Séminaires à toutes les deux semaines, autour d'un sujet particulier, faisant intervenir différents professeurs du département, des professeurs invités, et d'autres experts choisis en fonction de la question ou du sujet à l'étude. Noté S (satisfaisant) ou NS (non satisfaisant).
Volet : Séminaire

CRM 85021 Questions actuelles en criminologie (Partie 1 de 2)
Présentation de questions actuelles en criminologie suivie de discussions visant au développement d'habiletés professionnelles (telles la capacité à animer et à guider les discussions, à préparer des débats, à rédiger des demandes de subventions de recherche, etc.). Séminaires à toutes les deux semaines, autour d'un sujet particulier, faisant intervenir différents professeurs du département, des professeurs invités, et d'autres experts choisis en fonction de la question ou du sujet à l'étude. Noté S (satisfaisant) ou NS (non satisfaisant). (Partie 1 de 2)
Volet : Séminaire

CRM 85022 Questions actuelles en criminologie (Partie 2 de 2) (3 crédits)
Présentation de questions actuelles en criminologie suivie de discussions visant au développement d'habiletés professionnelles (telles la capacité à animer et à guider les discussions, à préparer des débats, à rédiger des demandes de subventions de recherche, etc.). Séminaires à toutes les deux semaines, autour d'un sujet particulier, faisant intervenir différents professeurs du département, des professeurs invités, et d'autres experts choisis en fonction de la question ou du sujet à l'étude. Noté S (satisfaisant) ou NS (non satisfaisant). (Partie 2 de 2)
Volet : Séminaire
Préalable : CRM 85021

CRM 8510 Méthodologie de recherche en criminologie II (3 crédits)
Réflexion sur la méthode scientifique et sur les problèmes liés à la méthodologie. Apprentissage en profondeur de quelques méthodes. Modes d'investigation, organisation matérielle de la recherche, interprétation des données, appréciation des résultats, etc. Développement des connaissances nécessaires pour concevoir, diriger et administrer un programme de recherche d'envergure en criminologie.
Volet : Séminaire

CRM 9997 Projet de thèse / Thesis Project
Rédaction et soutenance orale d'un projet de thèse, à terminer normalement avant la fin de la cinquième session d’inscription au programme. Noté S (satisfaisant) ou NS (non satisfaisant). / Writing and oral defence of the thesis proposal to be completed normally before the end of the fifth session of registration in the program. Graded S (Satisfactory) / NS (Not satisfactory).
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

CRM 9998 Examen de synthèse / Comprehensive Examination
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research