MASTER OF ARTS 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.

Master’s Program
The master’s program consists of three distinct 30 unit options:

- one with thesis (30 units) In addition to the three mandatory courses, the acquisition of thematic theoretical and methodological competencies is achieved by means of a thesis and three elective courses.
- Option with thesis and field placement (30 units) can be offered at the first semester to students in the thesis option if field placement places are available. No direct entry in this option. In addition to the mandatory core courses, the acquisition of thematic theoretical and methodological competencies is achieved by means of a thesis (120 pages), a field placement seminar and a field placement of 360 hours in an environment that responds to the learning interests of the student.
- Option with major research paper (24 units). In addition to the two mandatory courses, the acquisition of thematic theoretical and methodological competencies is achieved by means of a major research project (50 pages) and four elective courses.
- Option with courses (24 units) comprising two profiles: courses only or courses and field placement. In addition to the two compulsory courses, the acquisition of thematic theoretical skills is done either through 6 optional courses (courses only profile) or through 3 elective courses, field placement and field placement seminar (courses and field placement profile). The field placement is 360 hours in a field environment responding to the student’s learning interests.

These three options are intended to equip students with knowledge of the major theoretical and methodological frameworks in criminology so that they will be able to critically analyze them and apply this knowledge to describe and explain conceptual and empirical problems of crime, justice and social control, both within the framework of optional courses or of an internship seminar with an on-site internship.

The department also offers a collaborative program in Women’s Studies at the MA level. This multidisciplinary program aims to combine graduate studies in a particular discipline with the feminist approach and the problems developed in women’s studies. The degree awarded is a master’s degree in criminology with a “specialization in women’s studies”.

Finally, regarding thesis option, the department offers the possibility of acquiring a double degree in criminology (DDC) combining the first year of studies at Université catholique de Louvain (UCL) in Belgium with a second year of study at the University of Ottawa (U of O). Students graduating from the DDC will thus be awarded a diploma from both universities, a master of arts in criminology from U of O and a master’s degree in criminology from UCL.

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 MA program:

- Students must hold a Bachelor’s degree with a major in Criminology or equivalent with a minimum average of 75% (B+).
- Their previous studies must have included CRM 3334 and CRM 3335 or equivalent. If not, they will have to take them as additional courses during their first term in the MA program.
- Students who don’t hold a Bachelor’s degree with a major in Criminology or equivalent, can demonstrate relevant work experience of 2 years or more by submitting a paper of approximately 300 words detailing the relevance of this professional experience for this program. This document must be added to program application requirements.
- Only the option with Major Research Paper and the option with courses, only courses profile, are open to part-time students.

Students interested in the double degree option with the Université Catholique de Louvain in Belgium must make mention of their interest in their motivation letter as part of their application. Students must also send an email confirming their interest in the double degree option at the following email address: scsgrad@uOttawa.ca at the time of application.

The Qualifying Program
If the student has an Honours degree in a related field (e.g., sociology, psychology, law, social work, political science, history, philosophy) but is considered to have insufficient training in the theoretical and methodological traditions of the criminological discipline, the student may be offered a qualifying year involving up to 24 units in order to render the student eligible to pursue studies in the Master’s program. To successfully complete the qualifying year, the student must pass all courses (passing grade is C+) and have an average of B+. It is necessary to submit a new application, during the qualifying year, for admission to the Master’s program to be considered. The student will receive an offer of admission to the Master’s program which will be conditional on the successful completion of the qualifying year.

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 the University of Ottawa regulation, students have a right to produce their work, their thesis, and to answer examination questions in French or in English.
Program Requirements
Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2020-2021 calendars (http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/) for the previous requirements

MA with Thesis Option (30 units)
Compulsory Courses:
- CRM 6320 Research Methodology in Criminology I 3 Units
- CRM 6325 Research Seminar in Criminology 3 Units
- 3 course units from:
  - CRM 6350 Contemporary Criminological Theories 3 Units
  - CRM 6340 Theories of Intervention in Criminology and Alternative Practices 3 Units
- 9 elective course units in criminology (CRM) at the graduate level 9 Units

Thesis:
- THM 7999 Master’s Thesis

MA with Major Research Paper Option (24 units)
Compulsory Courses:
- CRM 6320 Research Methodology in Criminology I 3 Units
Optional courses
- 3 course units from:
  - CRM 6350 Contemporary Criminological Theories 3 Units
  - CRM 6340 Theories of Intervention in Criminology and Alternative Practices 3 Units
- 12 elective course units in criminology (CRM) at the graduate level 12 Units

Major Research Paper:
- CRM 6999 Major Research Paper 6 Units

MA with Course Option (24 units)
Compulsory Courses:
- CRM 6320 Research Methodology in Criminology I 3 Units
Optional courses
- 3 course units from:
  - CRM 6350 Contemporary Criminological Theories 3 Units
  - CRM 6340 Theories of Intervention in Criminology and Alternative Practices 3 Units
- 18 elective course units in criminology (CRM) at the graduate level 18 Units

Note(s)
1 Possibility of replacing up to 2 of these courses (6 units) by graduate courses of another discipline with approval of the Graduate committee.

MA with Field Placement Option (30 units)
Option offered only to students admitted to the thesis during the first session of their program if field placement places remain available. No direct admission into this program is accepted.

Compulsory Courses:
- CRM 6320 Research Methodology in Criminology I 3 Units
- CRM 6325 Research Seminar in Criminology 3 Units
- 3 course units from:
  - CRM 6350 Contemporary Criminological Theories 3 Units
  - CRM 6340 Theories of Intervention in Criminology and Alternative Practices 3 Units
Field Placement:
- CRM 6345 Field Placement Seminar 3 Units
- CRM 6400 Field Work in Criminology II 6 Units
Thesis:
- THM 7999 Master’s Thesis

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

Duration of Program

Students are expected to complete all requirements of the M.A. with thesis (and thesis with field placement if places are available) within two years – 6 semesters. The thesis must be submitted within four years of the date of initial enrollment in the program.

Students are expected to complete the M.A. with Major Research Paper option and M.A. with Courses (profile: courses only) within one year – 3 semesters. Students are expected to complete the M.A. with courses option (profile: courses and field placement) in 4 semesters.

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.

uOttawa focuses research strengths and efforts in four Strategic Areas of Development in Research (SADRs):

- Canada and the World
- Health
- e-Society
- Molecular and Environmental Sciences

With cutting-edge research, our graduate students, researchers and educators strongly influence national and international priorities.

Research at the Faculty of Social Sciences

The Faculty of Social Sciences represents a place of excellence in knowledge creation, research and training. Driven by both disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives, research at the Faculty is rich, innovative and varied, contributing to the depth of understanding and breadth of discussions on a variety of issues nationally and internationally. This research, whether it be fundamental, theoretical, applied or action-oriented, is generated by our renowned expertise, ultimately culminating in applications designed to influence individual communities and the betterment of society.

We have identified five research themes which collectively represent a large proportion of the research undertaken at the Faculty of Social Sciences:

- International Studies
- Francophonie
- Public Policy
- Health, Well-Being
- Justice, Society

Facilities, Research Centres and Institutes at the Faculty of Social Sciences


For more information, refer to the list of faculty members and their research fields on Uniweb.

IMPORTANT: Candidates and students looking for professors to supervise their thesis or research project can also consult the website of the faculty or department (https://www.uottawa.ca/graduate-studies/students/academic-unit-contact-information/) of their program of choice. Uniweb does not list all professors authorized to supervise research projects at the University of Ottawa.

Courses

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

CRM 5301 Field Work in Criminology (3 units)
Restricted to students who have not satisfied the field placement condition or its equivalent for admission to the MCA program. Supervised field work (120 hours) in an agency approved by the Department of Criminology. Written report integrating theory and research with practical experience, to be evaluated by the supervisor and the field placement coordinator. Graded S (Satisfactory) / NS (Not Satisfactory).

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 (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: Lecture

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 6366 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 announced each year.
Course Component: Lecture

CRM 6381 Justice, Injustice and Resistance: Selected topics (3 units)
Various topics will be discussed from year to year.
Course Component: Seminar

CRM 6382 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 Semi-rinaire de recherche en criminologie (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’îbauche d’un projet de recherche (objet et cadre théorique) à la fin de la session d’automne; (c) présentation d’un projet préliminaire de recherche (objet, cadre théorique et méthodologie) à la fin de la session d’hiver.
Volet : Séminaire

CRM 67252 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’îbauche d’un projet de recherche (objet et cadre théorique) à la fin de la session d’automne; (c) présentation d’un projet préliminaire de recherche (objet, cadre théorique et méthodologie) à la fin de la session d’hiver. (Partie 2 de 2)
Volet : Séminaire

CRM 6730 Méthodologie quantitative en criminologie (3 crédits)
Étude des différentes questions d’ordre épistémologique, méthodologique et éthique concernant l’utilisation des techniques quantitatives d’enquête et d’analyse.
Volet : Cours magistral

CRM 6731 Méthodologie qualitative en criminologie (3 crédits)
Étude des différentes questions d’ordre épistémologique, méthodologique et éthique concernant l’utilisation des techniques qualitatives d’enquête et d’analyse.
Volet : Cours magistral

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

CRM 6741 L’entretien clinique en criminologie (3 crédits)
Volet : Cours magistral

CRM 6742 Intervention communautaire (3 crédits)
La méthode d’intervention communautaire; implications et limites; l’emploi des ressources communautaires; la participation dans le domaine correctionnel et au niveau de l’action sociale.
Volet : Cours magistral

CRM 6745 Séminaire de stage (3 crédits)
Réservé aux étudiants inscrits au stage (CRM 6800). Évaluation critique des apprentissages liés à l’expérience de stage. Discussion de thèmes en rapport avec les milieux de stage des étudiants. Présentations orales et rapport écrire.
Volet : Séminaire
Permission du Département est requise.

CRM 6750 Théories criminologiques contemporaines (3 crédits)
Analyse de certains problèmes d’actualité dans le domaine de la pensée criminologique.
Volet : Séminaire

CRM 6754 L’approche historique en criminologie (3 crédits)
Les problèmes de recherche reliés à l’histoire des institutions pénales; analyse de cas ou situations choisies.
Volet : Cours magistral

CRM 6759 Évaluation des programmes, des politiques et des lois en matière de justice criminelle (3 crédits)
Principes, approches, modèles et méthodes d’évaluation; analyse des interventions et de leurs fondements théoriques, choix des questions évaluatives, préparation d’un projet et élaboration des outils de recherche évaluative.
Volet : Cours magistral

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 6767 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 6770 Délinquance d’affaires (3 crédits)
Analyse du traitement différentiel de diverses délits 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 6999 Mémoire de recherche / Major Research Paper (6 crédits / 6 units)
Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research

CRM 85021 Current Conceptual Issues in Criminology (Part 1 of 2)
This course focuses on theory and concept construction and/or conceptual issues in knowledge production. Emphasis on engaging students in a broad range of skills such as conceptualisation, analysis, and synthesis. (Part 1 of 2)
Course Component: Seminar

CRM 85022 Current Conceptual Issues in Criminology (Part 2 of 2) (3 units)
This course focuses on theory and concept construction and/or conceptual issues in knowledge production. Emphasis on engaging students in a broad range of skills such as conceptualisation, analysis, and synthesis. (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 conceptuelles contemporaines en criminologie (3 crédits)
Ce cours porte sur les aspects théoriques et概念的 de la production de connaissance. L’accent est mis sur l’engagement des étudiants dans un large éventail de compétences, telles que la conceptualisation, l’analyse et la synthèse.
Volet : Séminaire

CRM 85021 Questions conceptuelles contemporaines en criminologie (Partie 1 de 2)
Ce cours porte sur les aspects théoriques et conceptuels de la production de connaissance. L’accent est mis sur l’engagement des étudiants dans un large éventail de compétences, telles que la conceptualisation, l’analyse et la synthèse. (Partie 1 de 2)
Volet : Séminaire
CRM 85022 Questions conceptuelles contemporaines en criminologie (Partie 2 de 2) (3 crédits)
Ce cours porte sur les aspects théoriques et conceptuels de la production de connaissance. L’accent est mis sur l’engagement des étudiants dans un large éventail de compétences, telles que la conceptualisation, l’analyse et la synthèse. (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).

**Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research**

CRM 9998 Examen de synthèse / Comprehensive Examination

**Volet / Course Component: Recherche / Research**