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 major research paper, one with thesis, and one with a thesis and field placement. 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 developed in women’s studies. The degree awarded is a master’s level. This multidisciplinary program aims to combine graduate courses in criminology so that they will be able to critically analyze them and apply this knowledge to describe and explain conceptual and empirical problems developed in women’s studies. The degree awarded is a master’s degree with three options offered:

- Option with thesis (120 pages). In addition to the mandatory core courses, the acquisition of thematic theoretical and methodological competencies is achieved by means of a thesis and three elective courses.
- Option with thesis (120 pages) and field placement. In addition to the mandatory core courses, the acquisition of thematic theoretical and methodological competencies is achieved by means of a thesis, 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 (60 pages). In addition to the mandatory core courses, the acquisition of thematic theoretical and methodological competencies is achieved by means of a major research project and five elective courses.

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.ouottawa.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.ouottawa.ca/graduate-studies/programs-admission/apply especific-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 4304 and CRM 3334 or equivalent. If not, they will have to take them as additional courses during their first term in the MA program.

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

MA with Thesis Option

Compulsory Courses:

- CRM 6320 Research Methodology in Criminology I 3 Units
- CRM 6325 Research Seminar in Criminology 3 Units
- 3 course units from: 3 Units

| CRM 6350 Contemporary Criminological Theories |
| CRM 6340 Theories of Intervention in Criminology and Alternative Practices |

9 elective course units in criminology (CRM) at the graduate level

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**MA with Thesis Option (University of Ottawa) and Master in Criminology from Université catholique de Louvain**

**First Year at Université catholique de Louvain**

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**Second Year at the University of Ottawa**

**Compulsory Courses:**

- CRM 6725 Séminaire de recherche en criminologie: 3 Units
- CRM 6720 Méthodologie de recherche en criminologie I: 3 Units
- THM 7999 Master’s Thesis: 3 Units
- 3 elective courses in criminology (CRM) at the graduate level: 3 Units

**Duration of Program**

Students are expected to complete all requirements within two years. The thesis must be submitted within four years of the date of initial enrollment in the program.

**Minimum Standards**

The passing grade in all courses is C+. Students who fail two courses (equivalent to 6 units) must withdraw from the program.

**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 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 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

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 6355 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 6356 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 6367 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 6381 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 6401 Field Work in Criminology III (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 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 écrit.
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 liés 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 Délit d'affaires (3 crédits)
Analyse du traitement différentiel de diverses délits d'affaires.
Volet : Cours magistral

CRM 6778 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)

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)

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 85000 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

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