MAJOR IN CRIMINOLOGY

Criminology involves the scientific analysis of crime, of the criminalization process, and of social control. Criminology is also an applied discipline in which students explore various forms of intervention to help resolve problems and conflicts. It focuses on five broad phenomena: the nature and dynamics of behaviour that contravenes social norms; the social construction of norms and of the notion of crime; the criminalization of specific behaviours; individuals and groups in social relations; the goals and workings of the criminal justice system; and contemporary forms of intervention.

This program is offered in English and in French.

Program Requirements

The table below includes only the discipline-specific courses. Please refer to the Academic Regulations (https://www.uottawa.ca/administration-and-governance/academic-regulation-3-program-of-studies/) for information on the Honours bachelor’s with double major and the Honours bachelor’s with major and minor.

The French immersion stream is available when taken as part of an honours degree.

Requirements for this program have been modified. Please consult the 2018-2019 calendars (http://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/archives/) for the previous requirements.

CRM 1300 Introduction to Criminology 3 Units
CRM 1301 History of Criminological Thought 3 Units
CRM 2300 Criminal Law and the Criminal Justice System 3 Units
CRM 2301 Positivist Theories in Criminology 3 Units
CRM 2302 Societal Reaction Theories in Criminology 3 Units
CRM 2303 Research Methodology in Criminology 3 Units

Compulsory courses at the 3000 level

CRM 3301 Contemporary Critical Theories in Criminology 3 Units
CRM 3335 Qualitative Research in Criminology 3 Units

Compulsory courses at the 4000 level

CRM 4302 Abolitionism and the Criminal Justice System 3 Units

Optional courses

6 optional course units in criminology (CRM) 1 6 Units
9 optional course units in criminology (CRM) at the 3000 or 4000 level 1 9 Units

Total: 42 Units

Note(s)

1 CRM 2315 and CRM 3334 are strongly recommended for studies to the master's level in criminology.