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Criminology (CRIM) Program Overview: Our Objectives

1. We provide students with an interdisciplinary approach to crime, criminality, and criminal justice. Our program builds on connections with a variety of other disciplines including anthropology, history, philosophy, political science, psychology, and sociology, among others.

2. We aim to help students think critically about essential and practical questions in criminology.

3. We help students develop and hone a set of transferable skills that will serve them well in many future professional and personal endeavors. These include skills related to (written and oral) communication, critical thinking, research, analysis, problem-solving, personal management, and time management.
How to Complete Your Criminology Degree

Possible Degree Combinations

1. Single Major
   - Criminology: 54 credits
   - General Education: 21 credits
   - Electives: 45 credits

2. Double Major
   - Criminology: 48 credits
   - Second Major: 42+ credits*
   - General Education: 21 credits
   - Electives: 9 credits

3. Major/Minor
   - Criminology: 48 credits
   - Minor outside Criminology: 30+ credits*
   - General Education: 21 credits
   - Electives: 21 credits

*Please confirm with your other Major or Minor regarding your degree and credit requirements.

For program and degree requirements, please visit the 2023-2024 university calendar: Academic Calendars - Program | Calendars | York University
Grade Requirements

In order to advance to the second year of the Criminology Program, students must obtain in their first year of study

- at least a B (70%) or above in CRIM 1650, and
- an overall Grade Point Average (GPA) in keeping with honours requirements.

After first year, students must maintain an overall GPA consistent with honours progression requirements in order to graduate in this Honours program. Honours progression requirements are outlined here: Progression Requirements to Maintain Honours Standing | Secretariat Policies (yorku.ca)

Students who fail to meet these grade requirements will be removed from the Criminology Program. Students who are ineligible to continue in Honours may re-enter Honours if they raise their cumulative grade point average to 5.00 or above by the time they have successfully completed (passed) their 90th credit.

The Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies has a GPA Calculator web page available for self-monitoring. This includes a Reverse GPA Calculator and a GPA Values scale.
Core Criminology Courses

First Year – Students must take the following course:

- AP/CRIM/SOSC 1650 6.0 Introduction to Criminology (a grade of B)

Second Year – Students must take ALL of the following courses:

- AP/CRIM/SOSC 2650 6.0 Theories of Criminology
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 2652 6.0 Criminal Justice System
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 2653 6.0 Criminological Research Methods

Third Year – Students must take 12 credits from the following 9 course options:

- AP/CRIM/SOSC 3652 3.0 Ethnographies of Crime and Policing* *not offered 2023-24
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 3654 3.0 Politics of Crime Prevention and Security
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 3655 3.0 Policing
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 3656 3.0 Punishment
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 3657 3.0 Youth Crime
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 3658 3.0 Crime, Science, and Technology
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 3659 3.0 Criminology and Human Rights
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 3660 6.0 Crime and Development
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 3663 3.0 Gender and Crime

Fourth Year – Students must take 1 or 2 of the following course options:

- AP/CRIM/SOSC 4650 6.0 Criminology Honours Seminar – Section A & B
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 4652 6.0 Contemporary Issues in Criminology
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 4653 6.0 Transnational and Comparative Criminology *not offered 2023-24
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 4654 6.0 Representing Crime *not offered 2023-24
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 4655 6.0 Cultures of Violence
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 4656 6.0 Gender and Crime *course is retired – see AP/CRIM/SOSC 3663 3.0
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 4657 6.0 Crime and the Corporation
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 4658 6.0 Law, Crime, and Borders
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 4659 6.0 Indigenous People, Crime, and Justice
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 4661 6.0 Surveillance and Crime
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 4662 6.0 Criminal Justice Policy
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 4663 6.0 Critical Victimology
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 4664 6.0 The Politics of Canadian Policing in Global Context *not offered 2023-24
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 4665 6.0 Internet and Digital Crime *not offered 2023-24
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 4666 6.0 Sex, Crime & Danger
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 4667 6.0 Criminology placement course

**Students can take no more than two 6-credit CRIM 4000-level courses.**

For CRIM core course descriptions go to [Criminology (CRIM) Courses | Department of Social Science (yorku.ca)]

**First-Year Program of Study**

- AP/CRIM/SOSC 1650 6.0 Introduction to Criminology
- 1000-level 6.0 credit General Education course in Natural Science (NATS)
- 1000-level 6.0 credit General Education course in Social Science (SOSC) OR Humanities (HUMA)
- 1000-level 6.0 credit Elective (course outside major) OR Course for second major/minor (for CRIM double majors and CRIM major/minor)
- 1000-level 6.0- credit Elective (course outside major). Recommended: EN 1101 (Literature and Law)

**Total for the year equals 30 credits including 6 CRIM credits.**

**Second-Year Program of Study**

- AP/CRIM/SOSC 2650 6.0 Theories of Criminology (pre-req CRIM 1650 with a grade of a B or higher)
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 2652 6.0 Criminal Justice System
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 2653 6.0 Research Methods in Criminology
- 1000-level 9.0- credit General Education course in Social Science (SOSC) OR Humanities (HUMA)
- 3.0 credits to complete: Elective course OR Course for second major or minor

**Total for the year equals 30 credits including 18 CRIM credits.**

Completed: General Education requirement of 21 credits.
Third-Year Program of Study

Must choose from the following CRIM courses for a total of 12 credits:

**Fall Term**
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 3652 Ethnographies of Crime and Policing *not offered 2023-24
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 3654 Politics of Crime Prevention
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 3656 Punishment
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 3659 Criminology and Human Rights

**Winter Term**
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 3655 Policing
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 3657 Youth Crime
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 3658 Crime, Science, and Technology
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 3663 Gender and Crime - Section N

**Year Term**
- AP/CRIM/SOSC 3660 6.0 Crime and Development

- 6.0 credit 3000-level Course from CRIM extended list* (for CRIM single majors) OR Course for second major/minor
- 6.0 credit Elective (for CRIM single majors only) OR Course for second major/minor
- 6.0 credit Elective (for CRIM single majors only) OR Course for second major/minor

**Total for the year:** 30 credits including 18 CRIM credits for CRIM single majors or 12 CRIM credits for CRIM double majors/minor.

**Completed by this year:** At least 18 credits outside the CRIM major.

*Please visit the Extended List of Courses web page for detailed information. (Please note that you need to scroll to get to this information).
For completed degree requirements, please visit the 2023-2024 university calendar: Academic Calendars - Program | Calendars | York University
Fourth-Year Program of Study

Access to 4000-level Criminology Honours Seminar courses is reserved for Criminology majors who have completed the equivalent of 84 credits by the end of the F/W academic term. No exceptions! Majors may take a maximum of two 4000-level Honours Seminar Courses.

- 6.0 credit 4000-level CRIM Honours Seminar
- 6.0 credit 4000-level course from CRIM extended list (This can also be another 4000-level CRIM Honours Seminar)
- 6.0-credit 4000-level Elective (CRIM single majors only) OR Course for second major/minor
- Complete 12 credits in order to fulfill Elective requirements (for CRIM single majors and those completing minors) OR Second major requirements (for CRIM double majors)

Total for the year: 30 credits including 12 CRIM credits.

Completed by this year: 120 credits over 4 years, including at least 18 fourth-year credits and at least a total of 36 credits at third-year or above

For complete degree requirements, please visit the 2023-2024 university calendar: Academic Calendars - Program | Calendars | York University

What Can I Do with a Criminology Degree?

1. Our program is neither vocationally based nor geared towards specialized training for specific occupations.
2. Our objective is to provide students with a strong knowledge foundation in the field of Criminology as well as transferable skills.
3. Using this knowledge foundation and skill set, our graduates have established successful careers in the following fields:
   - Law enforcement and other criminal justice-related careers (for example: probation)
   - Law
   - Journalism
   - Social work
   - Public policy
   - Fraud investigations
   - Private security
   - Conflict mediation
   - Immigration

For in-depth career advising, please visit the Career Centre website or phone them at 416-736-5351.
Criminology Society of York University (CSY)

The CSY is an award-winning undergraduate, student-run organization designed to offer both academic and social support to students majoring, or otherwise interested in Criminology. Established in 2004, the club has over 250 members and represents over 800 undergraduate students in the Criminology Program at the university. It offers academic opportunities and hosts professional events, including the following:

- Academic opportunities: Academic conference and journal
- Academic events: Cram sessions, study groups, and writing workshops
- Professional development events: Volunteer fair and career-related workshops
- Networking events
- Field trips

For more information, please contact the Criminology Society in the following ways:

- On Keele campus, find us at 003 McLaughlin College.
- E-mail CSY
- Visit CSY on Facebook
- Visit CSY on Twitter

![Criminology Society of York University Logo]
Academic Advising and Advice

Students in need of academic advising or advice can, can book an appointment by email with the criminology academic advisor in the Department of Social Science and/or book an appointment by e-mail with the Criminology Program Coordinator.

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