



An exciting new option for you

The Criminology Qualification Year offers a focused first year of study with all the courses you need to gain entry to the Criminology program upon completion.

Honours Criminology (CRIM) is a highly competitive program. Although spaces are limited at this time, those who do not meet our entry requirements still have the option to pursue studies at York through our Criminology Qualification Year program. This alternative has been created to accommodate student applicants with good academic standing.

The Honours Criminology Qualification Year is a pathway to entry into the Honours Criminology program after your first year of study, conditional upon meeting the following requirements:

- Successful completion of 24 credits, including CRIM Qualification Year required courses;
- Achieving a final cumulative GPA of 6.0 (B);
- Achieving a minimum grade of B in AP/SOSC 1650 6.00 Introduction to Criminology

What happens after my Qualification Year?

Successful completion of your first year requirements will allow you entry into Honours Criminology program in your second year.

What if I'm not successful in my Qualification Year?

Should you not be successful in completing your Qualification Year requirements, the courses you do achieve credit in will allow you to pursue a number of other exciting law-focused programs in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies including: Law & Society, Public Policy and Administration, Political Science, Interdisciplinary Social Science, and Sociology. We will advise you of your options throughout your first year in order to take every step to ensure your success at York University and beyond.

What courses will I take?

CRIMINOLOGY QUALIFICATION YEAR REQUIRED COURSES

- SOSC 1650 6.00 Introduction to Criminology
- General Education Courses (minimum 15 credits) as noted below
- Elective Courses

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LIBERAL ARTS & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

- 6.00 credits in Natural Science
- A 9.00 credit approved general education course in Social Sciences or Humanities
- A 6.00 credit approved general education course in the opposite category to your 9.00 credit choice in Social Sciences or Humanities

FIRST YEAR MAJOR AND SUGGESTED GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

AP/SOSC 1650 6.00 Introduction to Criminology

This course critically investigates processes that define criminality; the relationship between control and consent; the administration of “justice,” and the social contexts within which legal contests occur. It introduces students to critical and contemporary approaches as well as mainstream/traditional explanations. Note: Students must achieve a grade of at least B (6.0) in this course in order to be permitted to continue as a major in Criminology, or to pursue additional criminology courses at the 2000, 3000 and 4000 levels.

AP/HUMA 1825 9.00 Law and Morality in Literature and Culture

This course examines aspects of the relationships between law and morality in philosophical works, literature and film from Ancient Greece to the Modern World and in several modern court cases.

AP/SOSC 1000 9.00 Introduction to Social Science

The course considers the distinctive characteristics of modern society including the impact of modernization on the family, religion, economic behaviour, politics and belief systems. It introduces many of the major concepts social scientists use in analyzing how society works.

AP/SOSC 1350 9.00 Gender and the Law

This course explores the role of gender within the context of the legal system. Current issues that highlight the relationship between gender and law are examined by analyzing both legislation and case law. Topics include: divorce, rape and equal pay.

AP/MODES 1730 6.00 Modes of Reasoning:

Reasoning about Social Issues this is a skills-based course focusing on critical thinking, research-based writing, and qualitative and quantitative analysis. The particular focus will be on different positions taken within the social sciences on issues such as abortion, euthanasia, pornography, immigration etc.

AP/MODES 1760 6.00 Modes of Reasoning:

Reasoning about Morality and Values this is a skills-based course focusing on critical thinking, critical writing, and logical and linguistic analysis. The course uses examples drawn from areas in the humanities where value judgements are made. Different sections will stress different topics in ethics, aesthetics, religion or law.



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We are very pleased to offer you this exciting new option at York University and look forward to welcoming you in September!