



# THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

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## Criminal Justice

*This program explores issues including justice, crime, law, offenders, victims, the criminal justice system and other forms of social sanctions and controls with a particular emphasis on studying the institutions of justice.*

Students in the Criminal Justice program will examine concepts and practical applications of justice, historical and contemporary explanations of responses to crime, and current research literature in criminal justice and interdisciplinary criminology. Students are challenged to think critically about how justice is best achieved, the key issues confronting the criminal justice system, the strengths and weaknesses of possible reforms, and the ethical dilemmas facing criminal justice practitioners.

The program requires the completion of core courses (including the three “sample courses” described below). In addition to Criminal Justice courses, students may take courses in Anthropology, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Women’s and Gender Studies, and Conflict Resolution Studies.

This program leads to a **Bachelor of Arts degree (3-year, 4 year, or Honours).**

### SAMPLE CAREERS

Graduates of this program will find career opportunities in policing and law enforcement, intelligence analysis, and federal, provincial, or civic corrections. They may find work as police officers, probation officers, parole officers, border services workers, social service providers, or addictions counsellors. This program provides excellent background training for those seeking admission to law school. Students interested in graduate school in Criminal Justice or Socio-Legal Studies are encouraged to pursue an Honours degree in Criminal Justice.

### SAMPLE COURSES

**Introduction to Criminal Justice** is a first-year course that surveys the criminal justice system past and present, from initial contact with police through prosecution, incarceration, and release to the community.

**Research Methods in Criminal Justice** is a second-year course that explores the principles, data sources, and research methods appropriate for criminal justice research.

**Criminal Law** is a second-year course that examines the nature, purpose, scope, sources, and basic principles of criminal law.

### ADDITIONAL SAMPLE COURSES

Community Corrections  
Comparative Crime and Criminal Justice  
Criminal Justice and the Media  
Criminal Procedure  
Crime Victims

Forensic Psychology  
Interpersonal Violence  
Institutional Corrections  
Policing in Canada  
Professional Ethics in Criminal Justice

### SAMPLE FIRST YEAR

*NOTE: This sample first year is representative of courses you may take. For many of our programs, you may choose another set of courses and still be well on your way to a degree. Also, for most programs you do not have to take 30 credit hours (five full courses) in your first year.*

CJ-1101/6 Introduction to Criminal Justice

RHET-1102(3) Academic Writing: Social Sciences or any other section of Academic Writing (if required)

PSYCH-1000/6 Intro Psychology

15 credit hours Electives, depending on interest. Examples are first-year courses in Anthropology, Conflict Resolution Studies, History, Women’s and Gender Studies, Geography, Political Science or Sociology.

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (CJSA)**

The Criminal Justice Students' Association addresses pertinent criminal justice issues in the community, provides information on volunteer and career opportunities, organizes social events and makes arrangements for guest speakers: [uwcjasa.wix.com](http://uwcjasa.wix.com). The CJSA also provides a comfortable lounge area in the CJ department for CJ students.

## **THE CENTRE FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY JUSTICE STUDIES (CIJS)**

Our Centre hosts educational and academic events about local, national and international justice issues.

Information about conferences, events, speakers, research and student blogs can be found online at [cijs.ca](http://cijs.ca).

The Centre allows students to lend their voice to important justice issues of the day. Our Centre hosts an annual conference, and publishes the *Annual Review of Interdisciplinary Justice Research*.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Although post-secondary education is not mandatory for application to the RCMP and other policing agencies it is encouraged. Criminal Justice at The University of Winnipeg is one of the most common programs pursued by police and corrections applicants.
- Introduction to Criminal Justice is one of the most popular and exciting courses on campus.
- Criminal Justice is the only major at UW devoted exclusively to studying crime and criminal justice.

## **WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY...**

"Criminal Justice offered a wide variety of intriguing courses, which opened the door to endless opportunities for research and practice in the criminal justice system and social services field." - *Kristin Clarke, University Gold Medalist (BA '03), Policy Analyst, Manitoba Family Services and Housing Director, Crime Prevention, City of Selkirk*

"I entered the University of Winnipeg interested in a career in the legal field and four years later I graduated with an honours criminal justice degree. I have nearly completed a PhD in law and never would have got to this point without the support and encouragement of the amazing faculty in the Department of Criminal Justice." - *Melanie Murchison, PhD from Queens University Law School, Ireland*

"I came to University of Winnipeg not knowing too much about what the future would hold. Luckily I found myself sitting in Introduction to Criminal Justice with Professor Jane Murray. I was inspired almost immediately. Beyond interesting content and contagious personalities, the faculty members in the Department of Criminal Justice train their students to think critically. I can confidently say that I would not be where I am today without the support and encouragement I received in the CJ Department." - *Joshua Watts, Juris Doctor / Masters of Business Administration Candidate, 2019, University of Toronto*

## **REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES**

Students must meet The University of Winnipeg's general admission requirements. No specific high school courses are required.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

To find out more information on application requirements, deadlines, and to access the application, please visit [uwinnipeg.ca/apply](http://uwinnipeg.ca/apply).

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