



FACULTY OF ARTS

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 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 what justice means and 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 the criminal justice system.

The program requires the completion of core courses (including the three “sample courses” described below). In addition, students may take courses in Anthropology, History, Indigenous Studies, 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)**. Students taking a degree in another Major may choose to add a **Minor** in Criminal Justice as a secondary area of interest.

SAMPLE CAREERS

Graduates of this program will find career opportunities in all criminal justice institutions such as 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, community support workers, advocates 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.

MORE SAMPLE COURSES

- Community Corrections
- Forensic Psychology
- Interpersonal Violence
- Criminal Justice and the Media
- Institutional Corrections
- Criminal Procedure
- Policing
- Victimology
- Crime Careers
- Race and Criminal Justice
- Criminal Intelligence Analysis
- Ethics in Criminal Justice

SAMPLE FIRST YEAR

CJ-1002(3) Introduction to Criminal Justice (Fall Term)

CJ-2130(3) Criminal Law (Winter Term)

CJ-2100(3) Foundations of Criminal Justice (Winter Term)

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

PSYCH-1000(6) Intro Psychology (Fall and Winter Term) or 6 credit hours of 1000-level Political Science or SOC-1101(6)

Plus 12 credit hours Electives

NOTE: This sample first year is representative of the 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.

“I developed both the practical and the analytical skills that I used everyday in law school while I was a student in the Criminal Justice Department. I graduated from Harvard Law School in 2017.”

- Sean Parys (BA Honours UWinnipeg)
J.D., Harvard Law School, Class of 2017

REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

You must meet The University of Winnipeg's general admission requirements. No specific courses required.

HOW TO APPLY

For details on application requirements and deadlines, and to apply online, please visit:
uwinnipeg.ca/apply

For more information contact a student recruitment officer at welcome@uwinnipeg.ca or 204.786.9844. In any case where The University of Winnipeg Academic Calendar and this fact sheet differ, the current Calendar takes precedence.

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