



FACULTY OF ARTS

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Criminal Justice program focuses on the study of social and government responses to crime. This includes a study of law making and lawbreaking and transgression, use of state power, including different dimensions of the police, courts, and corrections. The program explores issues of social justice, surveillance, law, socio-legal connections, offending, victims, and policy and practices found in institutions of justice.

Criminal Justice is an interdisciplinary social science degree that provides students with a strong grounding in critical thinking, writing, and research skills. Students who major in Criminal Justice examine concepts and practical applications of justice, historical and contemporary explanations and responses to law making and enforcement, and current literature in interdisciplinary criminal justice research (including history, psychology, indigenous studies etc). Students are challenged to think about what justice means and how justice is best achieved, the key issues confronting the criminal justice system, the possibility of reform or abolition, 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

This degree is well suited to students who wish to work in numerous areas of criminal justice. This is a broad field and can include jobs with all levels of law enforcement, federal, provincial, or civic corrections, border services, social service providers, community support workers, research analysis, government policy positions, as well as numerous agencies that advocate for change and justice transformation. 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, focusing on three systems – police, prosecution, corrections, and examines important concepts and debates about criminal justice.

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.

Experiential Learning: Students can apply for field placement and field practicum courses after they have completed the required courses. Students are placed in a criminal justice, human service, or community service agency by the program coordinator.

MORE SAMPLE COURSES

- Forensic Psychology
- Criminal Justice & the Media
- Policing in Canada
- Race & the Criminal Justice System

SAMPLE FIRST YEAR

CJ-1002(3) Introduction to Criminal Justice

CJ-2130(3) Criminal Law

CJ-2100(3) Foundations of Criminal Justice

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

PSYC-1000(6) Intro Psychology or 6 credit hours of 1000-level Political Science, or Sociology

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)
former Palm Beach Public Defender & current Trial Attorney- Kelley/Uustal

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

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