CRIMINOLOGY

Criminology is the study of crime and social responses to it. If you’re curious about behaviours, processes, and institutions related to crime, and want to critically examine how forms of inequality influence who — and what — are labelled criminal, Criminology could be the program for you!

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A CRIMINOLOGY DEGREE?

I COULD BE A... crime analyst, police officer, victim advocate, youth counsellor, Indigenous liaison officer, paralegal, lawyer, security intelligence officer, policy analyst, public relations specialist, social worker, parole officer, guidance counsellor, human resources representative, or community outreach co-ordinator.

5 REASONS TO STUDY CRIMINOLOGY

1. Build knowledge about crime and criminal justice in relation to the complexities of criminological institutions and practices.
2. Integrate in-class instruction with hands-on learning through field placements, faculty research mentorships, and experiential learning opportunities.
3. Gain professional experience, make connections, and explore work options in a full-time, paid Arts Work Experience.
4. Customize your Criminology degree by tailoring your multidisciplinary second subject mix to your interests. Choose courses from Psychology, Native Studies, History, Human Ecology, Anthropology, Political Science, Women’s and Gender Studies, Philosophy, and more.
5. Build professional and research networks through involvement with the Centre for Criminological Research and alumni of the program.

WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE

The University of Alberta respectfully acknowledges that we are situated on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis people.

STUDENT SUPPORTS

These are services that enable you to pursue academic and personal success.

- Academic advising
- Student Ombuds
- Indigenous Student supports
- Academic support
- Health & Wellness
- Campus Food Bank
- Libraries
- International Student supports
- Accessibility resources
- Financial aid & awards
- Professional & career development
- Mental health supports

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OFFERS COURSES IN...

- Deviance and conformity
- Criminal justice administration in Canada
- Surveillance studies
- Youth, crime and society
- Sociology of policing
- Gangs and violence
- Racism and decolonization
- Sociology of terrorism
- Prisons
- Women and crime

COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR MAJOR

Complete your major requirements and test out different classes. Design your academic plan — you’re in control!

MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

A minimum of 30 credits (36 credits for field placement-stream students) in Sociology courses at the senior level; a maximum of 48 credits at the senior level is permitted.

The following Sociology courses must be included in the program:

- SOC 100 - Introductory Sociology
- SOC 210 - Introduction to Social Statistics
- SOC 225 - Criminology
- SOC 315 - Introduction to Social Methodology
- SOC 327 - Criminal Justice Administration in Canada

FIELD PLACEMENT STREAM:

- SOC 399 - Field Placement in Criminology
- SOC 499 - Advanced Field Placement in Criminology

In addition to courses in Sociology, Criminology students complete a second subject mix. The second subject is comprised of a multidisciplinary combination of courses and requires a minimum of 21 credits (minimum of 15 credits for field placement-stream students) to a maximum of 36 credits.

The following courses must be included:

- PSYCO 104 - Basic Psychological Processes
- PSYCO 105 - Individual and Social Behavior

At least one NS course from:

- NS 100 - Historical Perspectives in Native Studies
- NS 111 - Contemporary Perspectives in Native Studies
- NS 201 - Aboriginal Canada: Looking Forward/Looking Back

Any two courses from an approved list of offerings from other departments and faculties, including: Anthropology, Economics, Educational Psychology, History and Classics; Interdisciplinary Studies; Human Ecology; Marketing, Business Economics, and Law; Native Studies; Philosophy; Political Science; Psychology; Strategic Management and Organization; and Women’s and Gender Studies.

ENHANCE YOUR DEGREE

ADD A CERTIFICATE IN:


CONNECT TO EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING:

- Field Placement Stream, Arts Work Experience, Community Service-Learning, Study Abroad, Research.
Your University experience is about what happens inside and outside of the classroom. This map is a tool to help you complement your academics with hands-on learning outside of the classroom and take advantage of student activities. Each new step will help you explore your options, take measured risks, and inform your next step. Being informed and engaged leads to a richer journey throughout your degree and beyond!

**LEGEND**
- **GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE**
- **GAIN EXPERIENCE**
- **SEEK OUT CONNECTIONS**
- **NAVIGATE COURSES**

**EARLY DEGREE**
Expand your career options, be proactive and get involved in campus life.

Plan your degree path with help from an advisor, and consider the Criminology course-based or field placement stream.

Learn more about Indigenous peoples, perspectives, and worldviews.

Apply to Arts Work Experience and gain full-time, paid experience.

Study abroad and receive guaranteed credit in Cortona or e3 Programs.

**MID-DEGREE**
Take risks, try new things, ask for and offer help to people you know and people you meet.

Volunteer with international students. Join ISS as a senior peer, or volunteer at International House.

**LATE DEGREE**
Develop and revise your career story based on your values, interests, and what you learn.

Ready to toss your cap in the air? Apply to graduate!

Let the Career Centre support you in communicating your skills and experience to prepare for your next steps, from graduate studies, to professional programs, to employment.

Ask your professors to be academic references.

Explore a Certificate in Community Engagement and Service-Learning.

Add research to your degree with Undergraduate Research Initiative!

Have inspired conversations and animated debates on global topics during International Week on campus.

Volunteer on or off campus with community organizations like SafeWalk, U of A Protective Services, Elizabeth Fry Society, or Youth Restorative Action Project.