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Criminology Student Handbook
Message from the Director

Welcome to the B.A. Criminology Program!

On behalf of our program and staff, I would like to welcome you to the fascinating and exciting discipline of Criminology! In our program, students are provided the opportunity to develop an interdisciplinary understanding of the complexities that influence deviant and criminal behaviours, including societal reactions to these behaviours. They are invited to critically explore the theoretical underpinnings of the discipline and the criminal justice system. Our program is part of the Department of Sociology, so our students have the benefit of working with Criminology faculty as well as Sociologists with a variety of other research interests, many of which overlap with Criminology. Students also develop an interdisciplinary “second area,” which includes courses in Anthropology, Native Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Human Ecology, and Philosophy, to name a few.

We offer our students the option of participating in the Course-Based Stream or the Field Placement Stream, both of which have their own strengths and advantages and both of which set students up nicely for careers in the fields of Criminology and Criminal Justice. You will read more about these two exciting streams later in this handbook.

In this handbook, you will also find a good deal of useful information that will help you navigate through the next few years of your degree. There is a brief introduction of our Faculty and staff, their research interests, and their respective roles within the program. We all work together and share the goal of working toward a positive and enjoyable experience for our students, and importantly, working to provide them with the academic and practical and research training that will facilitate the beginnings of outstanding careers in the criminal justice system and related fields.

We hope you will find this manual useful, but recognize that it cannot be everything to everyone. If you have any questions about our program, course selections, the Course-Based Stream or the Field Placement Stream or field placement opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact our Program Advisor – Wendy Aujla, or me.

The B.A. Criminology program is an outstanding program that is committed to providing students with excellent academic training and practical and research experience. Students take a diversity of courses that provide exposure to many current issues. Our emphasis on community-based experience and learning is one of the unique aspects of the program. We hope you enjoy your time with us in the B.A. Criminology program.

Best wishes for an exciting and productive year!

Jana Grekul, PhD
Director B.A. Criminology Program
About the Criminology Program

Initiated in 1982, the Bachelor of Arts in Criminology Program was developed in response to a growing demand for University-trained criminal justice system professionals. The program graduates students who have strong academic backgrounds combined with active field experience from a variety of criminal justice settings.

Criminology can be studied within the BA degree program, offered by the Faculty of Arts, and in the Department of Sociology. The B.A. Criminology program is currently undergoing an expansion process. Over the next five years we will be expanding our capacity from the former 45 student quota to up to 200 students enrolled in the program at any one time. Out of this total of students in the BA Criminology program, up to fifty students will be in the Field Placement Stream. The program provides students with a critical and theoretical examination of the causes of crime, criminality, and the variety of social responses to it, with sociology as the principal subject of concentration. Additional courses selected from the departments of Anthropology, Economics, Educational Psychology, History, Native Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, and Psychology, creates a multi-discipline secondary subject mix that complements the student's overall interest in Criminology.

There are two “streams” in the new BA Criminology Program: the Course-Based Stream and the Field Placement Stream. Students generally are admitted to the Course-Based Stream when they apply to the Criminology program and are successful in gaining admission. Students may wish to continue their studies in the Course-Based Stream or they can apply to the Field Placement Stream through the Department of Sociology (see Appendix A on how to apply).

Students in the Course-Based Stream take two additional criminology based courses and two additional courses from the second subject mix, compared to Field Placement students (see program requirements). Students in the Course-Based Stream will have opportunities (e.g., Certificate in Applied Social Science Research) to develop research-based skills and potentially apply them in the community setting. Research projects through courses and faculty mentorship can provide hands-on learning. Students in the Course-Based Stream will also have the opportunity for experiential learning through Community Service-Learning (CSL) courses and certificates in Arts (e.g., Certificate in Community Engagement and Service-Learning). Additionally, paid work experience through Arts Work Experience (AWE) is available to students in the Course-Based Stream and Field Placement Stream. Students are encouraged to attend information sessions offered by CSL and AWE to learn more about these unique opportunities, qualifications, the application process, deadlines, and how to fulfill the requirements while completing their undergraduate studies in the Criminology program.

Students in the Field Placement Stream have the opportunity to apply their classroom knowledge in a work environment through two field placements with criminal justice system agencies. In the final two years of the program, students must complete two field placements involving supervised work experience in a relevant criminal justice setting. The field
The placement component of the degree requires students to work two days a week for ten weeks with a criminal justice system or related agency. In addition to gaining work experience, students are expected to produce a major research paper based on the practicum experience, working closely with a criminology professor, who provides guidance and support during the process. The placements stress practical applications of criminological theory and complement the academic component of the Criminology program. The field placements are designed to benefit both the student and the host agency. Students are exposed to new people, information and gain valuable first-hand experience within the criminal justice system, while the host agency is able to teach students, help them become contributing members to the criminal justice system, and prepare them for employment in the field. These placements often result in employment opportunities for students in the Criminology program.
Criminology Faculty Members

**Sandra Bucerius**, Ph.D. (Frankfurt)

Research Interests:
- Risk to radicalization
- Immigration and crime
- Social exclusion and marginalization
- Neighbourhood restructuring
- Youth gangs/groups
- Ethnography and qualitative methods

**Holly Campeau**, Ph.D. (Toronto)

Research Interests:
- Economy of innovation in criminal justice
- Policing
- Organizational culture
- Crime and public policy

**Alison Dunwoody**, Ph.D. (UNB)

Research Interests:
- Gender and Sexuality Studies
- Health, Medicine & Aging
- Work And Economy
- Crime & Deviance

**Jana Grekul**, Ph.D. (Alberta)

Research Interests:
- Punishment
- Street and prison gangs
- Gender and crime
- Women’s reintegration post-incarceration
- Pedagogy

**Kevin Haggerty**, Ph.D. (UBC)

Research Interests:
- Society’s responses to crime
- Power and politics of quantification
- Theories of risk and governance
- Sociology of science / technology
- Surveillance
- Serial Killers

**Bryan Hogeveen**, Ph.D. (Toronto)

Research Interests:
- Crime and criminality
- Violence
- Youth
- Social theory
- Law
- Marginalized populations

**Temitope Oriola**, Ph.D. (Alberta)

Research Interests:
- Terrorism studies
- Resource conflicts
- Use of force by police
- Ethics and research in conflict zones

**Marta-Marika Urbanik**, Ph.D. (Alberta)

Research Interests:
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- Violence
- Neighbourhood development
- Urban ethnography
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Hours are Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM with 10:00 AM opening on Wednesdays
All correspondence must come from your University of Alberta email account and include your student number.

Tips for success in the program:

- Maintain the minimum GPA required and meet the academic standing according to the requirements of your program as outlined in the University of Alberta Calendar. To access the Calendar, please visit the link http://calendar.ualberta.ca
- Review the academic requirements user guide, which outlines how to review your Academic Advisement Report in ‘real-time’ as you continue to change your registration in bear tracks. Generate the Academic Advisement Report in Bear Tracks every semester and year to ensure you fulfill the BA Criminology program degree requirements. You may also track the progress of your degree by using your unofficial transcript (academic record of your studies) found on Bear Tracks. Remember to cross-reference your coursework recorded against the requirements of your degree in the University Calendar of the year of your admission. If you notice any issues with your report or inconsistencies, please notify the Undergraduate Student Services Office at arts.undergrad@ualberta.ca and cc criminology@ualberta.ca
- Be engaged – participate in events organized by the program and the Criminology Undergraduate Student Association (CUSA)
- If you encounter difficulties (academic, personal, professional), let the Criminology program advisor know as soon as possible.
## Scholarships

### The Dr. Charles Allard Memorial Scholarship in Criminology

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### The Captain Edward M. (Ted) Kates Memorial Scholarship in Criminology

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The Office of the Registrar has Undergraduate Academic Scholarships and Undergraduate Leadership Awards open to all students. Faculty of Arts has Leadership and other awards available on the Student Services section of the website.
Important University Dates for the Academic Year

Major dates and deadlines for the academic year can be found in the University of Alberta Calendar (https://calendar.ualberta.ca).

Degree Requirements

Students choosing to study Criminology within the BA degree program are required to complete sociology courses offered through the Department of Sociology. Students can choose from the courses offered in the Department of Sociology (principal subject of concentration), other departments (secondary subject mix or elective courses), and faculties (electives) to produce their own unique path of study, based on what interests them. Those who wish to further explore and engage in the criminal justice system have the option of applying for the Field Placement Stream during their second year of post-secondary studies.

The B.A. Criminology program is a 120 credit program, with Sociology as the principal subject of concentration. In the principal subject of Sociology, a minimum of 30 units (36 units for Field Placement Stream Students) of course weight at the senior level are required, and a maximum of 48 units of course weight at the senior level are permitted. The “second subject,” composed of the multi-disciplinary combination mentioned above, requires a minimum of 21 units (15 units for Field Placement Stream students) of course weight with a maximum of 36 units of course weight permitted. The second subject of concentration is composed of a combination of approved courses from the Departments and Faculties of Anthropology; Economics; Education Psychology; History and Classics; Interdisciplinary Studies; Human Ecology; Marketing; Business Economics; Law; Native Studies; Philosophy; Political Science; Psychology; Strategic Management Organization; Women’s and Gender Studies, and more.

The courses/credits to finish with 120 credits are made up of:

1. **BA Criminology program requirements** depending on what stream you are in!
   a. Course-Based Stream - *33 SOC principal subject courses when including SOC 100 and *21 secondary subject mix courses for a total of *54.
   b. Field Placement Stream - *39 (includes SOC 100) SOC principal subject courses and *15 secondary subject mix courses for a total of *54.
2. **BA basic requirements** are made up of your introductory *3 English course, your two *6 Non-Arts courses, and your two courses in the same language *6 LOE (unless waived) – *15
3. **Option courses** - watch the maximums. These courses are applicable to your degree, but they are not applied to your required courses. You could take additional SOC option courses, as many Arts/Science courses, or Non-Arts/Non-Science courses - up to *18 although NOT required. You could also take up to *15 from the secondary subject courses (In the Course-Based Stream the minimum is *21 and Max *36 in the Field Placement Stream the minimum is *15, and maximum is *36.) **No more than** *15 from any second subject department is allowed. The list can vary from year to year due to course availability.
Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the residence requirements and the overall Faculty of Arts degree requirements. Students must also satisfy the following:

1. **Junior course limit** – students cannot apply more than *48 of junior (100-level) courses to their program.
2. **Faculty of Arts courses residency** – Students must complete at least *63 taught by the Faculty of Arts, or designated as Arts courses by the Faculty of Arts.
3. **Courses taken at the UofA** – Students must complete at least *60 of courses at the UofA.
4. **BA Criminology Program** – Students must complete at least *30 while registered in the BA (Criminology) degree program. A minimum of half the required SOC courses must be completed with courses offered by the Faculty of Arts at the University of Alberta.

While all general Faculty of Arts programs require a major, minors are optional. It is important to note that there is no major or minor in the BA Criminology program. Students cannot have a minor in Criminology.

The course requirements and the minimum/maximum number of courses permitted will vary depending on the [stream of the program](https://calendar.ualberta.ca/). Course requirements are also listed for both streams of the program on the Criminology program website. Please note that the Field Placement Stream is available for [already admitted criminology students](https://calendar.ualberta.ca/). If you are considering applying to the Field Placement Stream, it is recommended that you consult the University of Alberta Calendar concerning course requirements. Students in the Course-Based Stream do not complete placements like the field placement students but are required to take additional criminology courses in lieu of the placement courses (SOC 399 and SOC 499). This is important to be aware of if you intend to apply for the competitive Field Placement Stream.

Refer to the [academic advisement tool](https://calendar.ualberta.ca/) on Bear Tracks to track the progress of degree completion as it is updated regularly. The tool tracks degree program lists all basic requirements, and requirements (e.g., in the program), and tracks information in real-time. In order to graduate with a BA in Criminology, you must complete a total of *120 credits.*

The course listings to be included in the program for the Course-Based and Field Placement Stream students can be found on the [University of Alberta Calendar](https://calendar.ualberta.ca/).

As you move forward in the program, it is important that you consult the university calendar for program requirements of your admission year (e.g., 2019-2020). The Calendar is the official reference for academic programs. If any other handout or our website information conflicts with the Calendar, the Calendar will be taken as correct.
Degree Maps

Course-Based Stream

Students admitted to the BA Criminology Program in the Department of Sociology are in the Course-Based Stream, which provides them with opportunities to develop research-based skills and potentially apply them in the community setting. In this stream of the program, there are multiple pathways for students planning their degree. Some of the sample degree trajectories for course-based students planning their courses include an indigenous studies, research and graduate studies, law school preparation, criminal justice system (policing, prisons, and corrections), and an experiential learning focus.

The degree map (see Appendix B) for the Course-Based Stream allows you to track your steps as you pursue your interests and career goals by incorporating courses, embedded certificates, and experiential learning options into the BA Criminology degree. The course-based pathway flysheet (see Appendix B) has more information on sample degree trajectories.

Field Placement Stream

The Field Placement Stream offers students two dynamic field placements with a variety of criminal justice agencies and the opportunity to apply their classroom knowledge in a variety of criminal justice settings. Often these field placements lead to employment in the criminal justice system upon graduation. Students must complete a minimum of 160 hours over the course of a semester (Fall or Winter term only) when registered in the field placement (seminar) courses (SOC 399 or SOC 499). The field placement courses are taken in the third (SOC 399) and fourth (SOC 499) years of the program and correspond to 6 credits for a total of 12 credits.

The degree map (see Appendix C) for the Field Placement Stream allow you to track your steps as you pursue your interests and career goals by incorporating courses, embedded certificates, and experiential learning options into the BA Criminology degree. The Field Placement Partner list (see Appendix D) has some of the agencies where previous Criminology students have worked during their field placements. For more information on possible field placements, please see the Criminology Program Advisor.

Certificates

The Faculty of Arts offers students certificate programs which can be completed in conjunction with a degree program and are granted at the time of graduation. Certificates in Arts provide students with unique opportunities to enhance their undergraduate program and explore a special area of interest. Certificate programs allow for interdisciplinary exploration of a field of study and different methods of learning. Certificates also give students a head start entering the workforce as proof of their further studies and training in specific skill sets. For a list of the certificates offered please visit the Certificates section on the Faculty of Arts website.
Experiential Learning Opportunities

The Criminology program is committed to experiential learning and active learning for all criminology students regardless of whether they are part of the field placement option. Watch for information about experiential learning opportunities in the Faculty of Arts.

The Arts Work Experience (AWE) co-op program is open to all undergraduate students in the Faculty of Arts. Criminology students have incorporated AWE into the Criminology program and have found that it provided them with a hands-on opportunity and usually in or related to the field of criminology. The co-op offers career-related paid work experience for undergraduate students while integrating academic and workplace learning. Attend an information session to learn about program options and eligibility, AWE alumni student experiences, and potential employers involved in the internship. Questions? arsworkexperience@ualberta.ca

Students may also wish to take a Community Service-Learning (CSL) course. CSL challenges students to engage with their learning by exploring the relationships between theory and practice. Some of the sociology courses have a CSL component where students gain valuable experience with a community partner, for example, SOC 327 Criminal Justice Administration in Canada. CSL is also integrated into a broad range of courses in areas such as Business, Native Studies, Political Science, Women’s and Gender Studies, and many others. In the secondary subject mix course offerings, you will find a few CSL designated courses that you may wish to incorporate in your program. For more information on whether CSL fits your interests and program of study visit the Student Info section of the CSL website.

Study Abroad

Students have the opportunity to extend their learning far beyond the classroom with universities worldwide, as well as a satellite campus in Italy. Depending on course offerings students may have the opportunity to study abroad while taking a Sociology course with a topic in Criminology. These courses are taught at the campus in Cortona, Italy, and the courses show on the UofA transcript. Depending on the course that is offered, it may or may not apply to the Criminology program requirements. However, the courses would still apply as SOC option courses. If you are thinking about taking a course abroad, you are responsible for checking whether it applies to the Criminology program. You should check out the Study Abroad courses each year because sometimes courses are offered that relate directly to Criminology.

Course Registration

You will register for your courses and build your schedule on Bear Tracks. You can browse different course descriptions and see what might fit in your schedule. You should build your schedule for the Fall and Winter semesters. Classes are offered on MWF during 50-minute time slots or on TR for 80-minute time slots. Additionally, evening classes are 3 hours and
labs are 3 hours. Use the “Schedule Builder” in Bear Tracks to create a plan and register for courses.

We understand that course registration and Bear Tracks can be confusing so please check out the Faculty of Arts website, tutorial page, as there are several video tutorials. Watch the video tutorials specifically on course registration, an overview of the BA, how to use the academic requirements tool and course registration through bear tracks. The specific registration and academic requirements playlist is titled: Course Registration Playlist. Also, the Faculty of Arts has BA tip sheets for undergraduate students that are available on their website. The resources can assist you with course selection and building a timetable for your program.

Please consult the U of A Calendar for information concerning course requirements in the BA Criminology program. You should complete the BA common requirements and take courses towards the Criminology program requirements. Students are responsible for tailoring courses that meet the program requirements and their own interests.

It is recommended that students check ahead to see what 200-, 300-, and 400-level courses most interest you to build in appropriate prerequisite courses into your program. Please note that junior refers to 100, senior refers to a 200 level or higher course at the U of A.

Some courses fill up quickly, but you can still put them on your watch list. If a spot opens up you will receive a notification and can log in to register for the course on Bear Tracks. Changes to your registration can be made until the registration deadline (the last day to add or drop term courses) as per the academic schedule for the term you are registered in.

Please see the program advisor for courses that require departmental level approval. Please also note that you must have the appropriate prerequisites before registering for any course on Bear Tracks.

What courses should you take as a first-year post-secondary student?

In your first year, you should register for the following courses to meet the basic requirements for the BA Criminology program, which are the same as those for the BA common requirements:

*3 English 1XX - Choose any junior 100-level English course;
*6 Language Other than English (if applicable)* courses;
*6 Non-Arts** course

*see Faculty of arts regulations on LOE (2 courses in the same language that is not English. If you have a language at the 30 level, equivalent, higher or two language courses (same language) at the post-secondary level you will not need to complete two language courses.

**You will need *6 in Non-Arts courses to complete your degree. Any courses not offered by the Faculty of Arts, Native Studies or INT D Arts courses. For example, courses offered in the department of Human Ecology meet the Non-Arts course requirement. Additionally, a number of psychology courses which are considered science courses in the BA program meet
this requirement. For more information, see the list that distinguishes between Arts Psychology and Science Psychology courses.

You should also include the following courses in your first year of post-secondary studies:
* 3 Sociology 100 – Introductory Sociology
* 3 Psychology 104 – Basic Psychological Process
* 3 Psychology 105 – Individual and Social Behavior
* 9 electives - It is also a good idea to choose electives based on your areas of interest and courses that you feel you can do well in.

You may wish to enroll in an NS course to fulfill the mandatory Native Studies *3 credits that are required.

Sample first-year course load (★30) in Criminology:

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In your second year, you should take the SOC 200 level courses (e.g., SOC 210, SOC 225, SOC 224 etc.)

Course Load Requirements and Timelines

We no longer require students to attain a full course load (5 courses per term) of 30 credits per academic year. You may choose to take 5 courses per term in your first year or less so that you can concentrate on doing well with a reduced course load. We do encourage you to register full-time (3 single-term courses or equivalent) for both terms. Students who take 10 courses per academic year (5 courses per term) can graduate at the end of year 4. Students can also take spring and summer courses.

If you are planning to take a course overload for the term you must notify the BA Criminology program advisor and submit a course overload application to the Faculty of Arts.

Withdrawing from a Course:

When you withdraw from a course, you are declaring that you are unable to complete a course and effectively dropping that course from your schedule. When you withdraw from a
course, you will receive a W on your transcript. A grade of W does not count in your GPA and is a better alternative to a D or F. You should withdraw only after all other options to salvage the course have been assessed, and you are confident this is your best option. Please refer to the Academic Schedule in section 11 of the Calendar for specific withdrawal deadlines. Check the UofA academic calendar for deadlines if you are having a problem with a course, and the add/drop deadline has passed.

You may withdraw from classes online through Bear Tracks. This new electronic process allows students to withdraw simply and efficiently online, receiving confirmation of class withdrawal on the spot. Withdrawal deadlines still apply (check the UofA Calendar).

Until the Withdrawal Deadline in a term, you may withdraw from courses using Bear Tracks:

1. Login to your Bear Tracks account
2. Select My Academics – Enroll – Add/Drop/Swap from the left-hand navigation
3. Click on the “Drop” tab
4. Select the course from which you would like to withdraw. Please note that withdrawal dates apply, and only courses you are eligible to withdraw from will be available to select.
5. Submit your withdrawal request.

Some withdrawals will be processed immediately, while others may require faculty review. Continue to attend classes until you have confirmation in Bear Tracks that your withdrawal has been processed.

For more information on withdrawing from a course, please visit the Office of the Registrar website: https://www.ualberta.ca/registrar/registration-and-courses/withdrawals

Taking courses at another Institution

Students planning to take courses at another post-secondary institution are responsible for taking university transferable equivalent courses. If you plan to attend another institution in Alberta, consult the Alberta Transfer Guide. If you are taking courses at an institution in another province or country, and have questions on course equivalents, you should email the Undergraduate Student Services (USS) office at arts.undergrad@ualberta.ca or contact them at 780-492-4293.

Transfer Credit

Do you have transfer credit? If you have transfer credit that is equivalent to a course's prerequisite, you'll need to be manually enrolled in the course you want by the Criminology Program Advisor.

For example, there is a senior-level SOC course you want to take, and it has SOC 100 as a pre-requisite. If you have credit for SOC 100 as SOCXX, AUSOC 101 (Augustana), or SOCIE 100 (Campus Saint-Jean), you need to see the BA Criminology Program Advisor, with your unofficial transcript to demonstrate you have the required course and to be manually
enrolled in the course you want. It is best to contact the BA Criminology Program Advisor closer to the opening day of registration. If the course is full, the BA Criminology Program Advisor cannot enroll you in it.

**Student Services**

A number of services can be accessed, through the [Office of the Dean of Students](#), for academic and personal success.

**Accessibility Resources (AR)**

Students registered with accessibility resources (AR) who will be using accommodations in the classroom are required to provide a “Letter of Accommodation” to the instructor as soon as possible. Field placement students that require accommodations should meet with the BA Criminology Program Advisor to learn about the process to inform community partners and the required documentation for SOC 399 and SOC 499. Students are encouraged to make an appointment with accessibility resources to discuss any required accommodations.

**Library**

**Five Things**

1. We have a library for that!

We have ten libraries covering all fields of study. Feel free to visit and use any of these libraries, no matter what you are studying.

2. Your ONEcard is your library card
How long can you borrow books? What are your borrowing privileges? Find out [here](#).

Your ONEcard can also be used to borrow materials from Edmonton Public Library by registering for the free [L-PASS program](#).
3. Search our collections online

The University of Alberta Libraries is Canada's second largest research library, with a print and electronic collection exceeding 4.4 million titles. Use your ONEcard to borrow books and your CCID and password to access scholarly ejournals, ebooks, and online databases to help you succeed with academic research projects. You can also borrow laptops and other electronic devices.

Browse our guides for information by subject, or start your search at www.library.ualberta.ca.

4. We have space for you

We have great spaces and technology for you to get your work done, including:

* Designated common, quiet and silent areas, which have everything from individual carrels and comfortable soft seating to silent, technology free zones and large quiet reading rooms as well as study rooms that are bookable online.
* Late night study hours in Cameron, Rutherford, and Augustana Libraries

Our spaces are open to everyone!

5. Ask us for help!

Feel free to come to any of our libraries to get research assistance at our service desks. Our staff can help you find what you need and teach you to use our resources. Can’t make it in person? Chat, text, email, or call us.

We have librarian experts for every field of study, including Sociology - Criminology (Doris Wagner, doris.wagner@ualberta.ca). If you need in-depth assistance for a major project make an appointment with a librarian. Questions? Ask us!

**Mental Health Resources**

**Peer Support Centre**
2-707 SUB
780.492.4268
psc@su.ualberta.ca

PSC is a free, confidential, and non-judgmental place to talk. Their trained volunteers offer peer support, crisis management, information and resources. Drop-in, call or book an appointment online.

**Interfaith Chaplains' Association**
3-02 Students' Union Building 169 HUB (lower level of HUB) 780.492.0339
interfaithchaplains@ualberta.ca
The chaplains provide spiritual guidance, care and support to any student, staff, or faculty members, whether or not they identify with a particular faith.

The Landing
0-68A Lower Level SUB 780.492.4949
thelanding@su.ualberta.ca

The Landing offers drop-in hours, peer mentorship, support, resources, and referrals for students working through issues around gender and sexual identity and related stressors.

Counselling & Clinical Services
2-600 SUB
780.492.5205

CCS offers free, confidential psychological counselling and psychiatric services for a wide range of mental health concerns.

Call or walk in to book a 30-40 minute consultation.

Sexual Assault Centre
2-705 SUB
780.492.9771
sexualassaultcentre@ualberta.ca

SAC provides drop-in crisis intervention support as well as psychological treatment to survivors of sexual violence.

ACCESS Open Minds
2-300 SUB
780.492.4773
accessom@ualberta.ca

ACCESS can help students navigate multiple services for concerns relating to mental health, addictions, finances, housing, family, transitions and more.

More Useful Links

Academic Support
Academic Integrity
Awards and Scholarships
Centre for Writers
Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Student Services
FAQS
Financial Support
Student Connect

Student Connect provides services from the Office of the Registrar to current and prospective undergraduate and graduate students. Services are provided online, by phone, and in person.

Phone: 780.492.3113  
Toll-Free: 1.855.492.3113  
Fax: 780.492.7172

Office Hours (MST):
Monday - Tuesday: 8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
Thursday - Friday: 8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Get Involved

There are a number of student groups on campus for you to get involved with while studying in the BA Criminology program. The Department of Sociology has two undergraduate student associations that you might want to be involved with.

Criminology Undergraduate Student Association (CUSA)

CUSA is a student group founded in 2019 that works alongside the growing Criminology program to mentor and encourage Criminology students in their endeavours. Through a variety of events, CUSA hopes to inspire all Criminology undergrads as well as others on campus with a passion for social justice to learn about the criminal justice field and how to make a difference.

The mission for the Criminology Undergraduate Student Association (CUSA) is to strengthen relations within the Criminology program and to support Criminology students throughout their time at the University of Alberta in the Department of Sociology. This association provides various events that are student-led and fosters peer growth through studies, mentoring, and networking. CUSA collaborates with the esteemed Criminology program to
provide students with excellent academic training and practical experiences that are relevant to their career.

For more information on this group or to be a member* please contact cusa@ualberta.ca

* Membership in CUSA is possible for all current undergraduate students registered in the Criminology program or any students in the Sociology department who have an interest in the criminal justice sector. In order to join, one must be a current student in the Criminology program or in the Sociology department and express an interest to the current Executive Members.

**Interested in the CUSA Mentorship Program?**

The CUSA Mentor/Mentee Program was created to provide undergraduate students in the Criminology Program with an opportunity to meet others in the program and to learn from their experiences. This is an opportunity to also practice mentorship and demonstrate leadership skills! The time commitment is not onerous.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor or mentee contact cusa@ualberta.ca for more information on how to get involved!

**Sociology Undergraduate Student Association (SUSA)**

SUSA exists to promote the Sociology & Criminology communities and to foster enthusiasm and awareness through events, academic endeavors, volunteer and CSL connections, student mentorship, social interaction and more. To be a member, you do not need to major or minor in Sociology or Criminology, you just need to have enrolled in or taken a Sociology course (or be university alumni), have an interest in the discipline and in fostering enthusiasm about Sociology or Criminology. To join, email susauofa@ualberta.ca

**Interested in the SUSA Mentorship Program?**

The Sociology Undergraduate-Graduate Mentoring Program was created to provide undergraduate students with an opportunity to meet graduate students and learn from their experience, as well as provide graduate students with opportunities to practice mentorship.
General Information

Assignment Drop Box

There is an assignment drop box in the Department of Sociology, just outside our general office in 5-21 Tory. Staff will date stamp assignments each day by 4:00pm. Please make sure to include your name, student ID#, course number and instructor's name on your assignment cover.

Application for Graduation

Watch for the deadline for Spring or Fall Convocation in the Arts Undergrad Student Services Newsletter sent to your ualberta email address. You are required to apply for graduation even if you don't plan to attend your convocation ceremony. Apply for graduation online through Bear Tracks under the Academics Tab

Application opening dates and deadlines:

Apply for Spring Convocation between October 1 and February 1.

Apply for Fall Convocation between March 15 and September 1.

In order to receive credit for embedded Certificates students must apply online through the Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Student Services - Forms for Students webpage and select the ‘Declaration or Change of Certificate(s)’ form. An application can be made at any time, but no later than the deadline to apply for convocation (check Bear Tracks). All non-credit opportunities must be approved prior to this deadline to confirm that students are eligible to receive the Certificate.

Questions? Ask Student Connect

Academic Standing

The Faculty of Arts academic assessment may indicate that you are not eligible to continue in the program if your GPA is below the minimum required in the program. The minimum GPA requirement (2.7) can be found in the University of Alberta Calendar BA Criminology program requirements section.

You may receive an academic assessment letter from the Faculty of Arts and must contact the Program Advisor and Director of the BA Criminology Program to discuss your academic standing. You may appeal to be allowed to continue in your current program. In order to have a successful appeal, you must meet with the Director of the BA Criminology program to discuss the reasons for your academic difficulties and outline a realistic plan for improvement.
It is your responsibility to contact the Undergraduate Student Services Office for any questions about your “Required to Withdraw” letter.

Resources

University of Alberta Calendar, Faculty of Arts, Academic Standing and Graduation

Faculty of Arts Academic Appeals Procedures

Application for Admission and Readmission or Internal Transfer

Voluntary Withdrawal from the BA Criminology Program

If you plan to withdraw from the program, please make an appointment with the BA Criminology Program Advisor. The Program Advisor will be able to guide you through the process and next steps (e.g., transferring to another degree program) to ensure your withdrawal is processed correctly. Students are responsible for the submission of withdrawal forms to Student Connect (where applicable), and adherence to submission deadlines (if applicable).

Careers in Criminology

The University of Alberta’s B.A. Criminology program examines the various aspects of crime through an interdisciplinary approach. The program is designed to assist students in obtaining an in-depth understanding of the causes of crime, criminality, and the social responses to it. Students gain theoretical and practical knowledge of the Canadian criminal justice system and develop an understanding of the underlying sociological principles guiding the present state of the criminal justice system.

The Criminology program provides the graduate with a wide range of challenging career opportunities. The program’s emphasis on bridging theory and practice places the graduate in a very beneficial position should they apply for employment within the criminal justice system. The Field Placement Stream of the program provides students with practical experience, which prospective employers view as an important qualification when considering candidates for employment.
Careers in Criminology include:

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For more details on these and other career options, contact the program advisor or a Criminology faculty member, to discuss the vast amount of opportunities available to Criminology graduates.

The Career Centre offers a Speaker Series event to help undergraduates expand their employment opportunities. Some years the Career Centre connects with the BA Criminology Program to offer Careers in Criminology event by inviting professionals to share their career journey. The Careers in Criminology Speaker Series help prepare undergraduates in our program for a variety of professions. Criminology students have an opportunity to hear from a panel of speakers, all graduates from the BA Criminology program, on what they have done with their career post-graduation. Speakers offer practical tips and advice for students thinking about transitioning to the workplace.

**Further Studies in Criminology:**

In addition to the career options mentioned above, an undergraduate degree in Criminology offers students the option of pursuing an M.A. and Ph.D. in the field of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Graduates with an M.A. or Ph.D. in Criminology or Criminal Justice may find senior-level careers in municipal, provincial, and federal government criminal justice agencies, or pursue a teaching career at the university or college level. Whatever path the graduate decides to follow, an advanced degree in Criminology or Criminal Justice opens up many possibilities for the student to pursue.

The Department of Sociology at the University of Alberta offers numerous M.A. and Ph.D. programs, including an M.A. Course-Based Program in Sociology (Criminal Justice), for those students interested in pursuing careers in one of the components of the Canadian criminal justice system. For more information on the M.A. and Ph.D. programs offered through the Department of Sociology, please visit [https://www.ualberta.ca/sociology/graduate-programs](https://www.ualberta.ca/sociology/graduate-programs).

Have questions related to your Criminology Program?
Contact the BA Criminology Program Advisor
Wendy Aujla
Criminology Program Advisor
5-25 Tory
780-492-0473
criminology@ualberta.ca
Appendix A – Applying for Field Placement Stream

If you are considering applying you should attend an information session on the application process for the Field Placement Stream. The information session is organized by the Criminology Program and normally takes place in early October.

Who Can Apply?
To be eligible for the Field Placement Stream, students must meet the following conditions:

- Be admitted to the BA Criminology program (Course-based stream);
- Have at least 15 transferable university credits (equivalent to 3 courses);
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on the most recent 15 transferable university credits as of the end of the Fall term

Make an appointment with the Criminology Program Advisor, after attending the information session.

* * Please note students who have completed no more than 87 credits may continue to apply annually to compete for available Field Placement Stream spots in the following academic year. Students admitted directly from high school are encouraged to apply in their second year of the BA Criminology program (Course-Based Stream). If you are uncertain about whether you can apply, please make an appointment with the Criminology Program Advisor to discuss eligibility for the Field Placement Stream.

Application Process
Submit the following electronically to the Department of Sociology, BA Criminology Advisor, at criminology@ualberta.ca by October 30th

1. A resume: To be tailored to your suitability to the program and to working in the criminal justice system. Highlight relevant work/volunteer experience. If your work/volunteer experience is not directly related to the criminal justice system, highlight the valuable experience (e.g., leadership, organizational skills, working with youth, etc.) The strongest applicants show an interest in criminology and the criminal justice system and community by demonstrating work and/or volunteer experience related to the field.

2. Cover Letter/Statement of Career Objectives (1-2 pages): The written statement of career objectives, indicating areas of interest can be similar to a cover letter. Highlight your motivations for applying to the program; suggest what your career objectives may be and how the BA Criminology program can help you attain these goals. Describe your suitability for the program and working in the criminal justice system. Tell us why you want to be a BA Criminology student!
Emailing Your Application Materials:

Use your ualberta email account to send your resume and written statement of career objectives as an attachment to an email message

Email Subject Line: Your Name - Application for Field Placement Stream

Body of email: Provide your first name, last name and student ID number

Attachments to email: First save your resume and letter of career objectives as a PDF document. Then use the following formatting for the (PDF) attachment file names.

Resume: FirstName_LastName_Resume (e.g., Jane_Doe_Resume)

Cover Letter /Statement: FirstName_LastName_Statement (e.g., Jane_Doe_Statement)

Before you send the email please check that all the attachments are uploaded.

Application Review Process Timeline

1. Oct 30* – Application Deadline (late applications will not be considered)
2. Jan – Feb: The Criminology Program Advisor will contact each eligible Field Placement Stream applicant to arrange an interview.
3. March: Applications will be adjudicated by March 1’ annually, for placements to start in the following academic year. Decision letters will be emailed out by the end of March.

If you have questions about the Field Placement Stream application process, please email the Criminology Program Advisor, Wendy Aujla, at criminology@ualberta.ca
Appendix B – Course-Based Degree Map and Pathways
COURSE-BASED STREAM DEGREE MAP

The course-based stream makes it easy for students to create their own pathway. The unique pathways provide students with opportunities to develop various skills and potentially apply them in the community setting. Students can pursue their personal interests and career goals by incorporating courses, embedded certificates, and experiential learning opportunities into their degree! See the pathway flyer for more information on the course-based stream degree trajectories!

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<td>Consider a Community Service-Learning (CSL) course.</td>
<td>Consider applying to a career-related, paid work experience internship offered through AWE.</td>
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<td>Understand the interdisciplinary character of criminology.</td>
<td>Understand the ways in which power contributes to marginalization and the implications of these processes for criminal justice system practices.</td>
<td>Assess the adequacy and interpretation of data (e.g., crime statistics, media reports) found in various domains.</td>
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<td>Question assumptions about social phenomena.</td>
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<td>Join a student group on campus like the Sociology Undergraduate Student Association (SUSA) or the Criminology Undergraduate Student Association (CUSA).</td>
<td>Join the Criminology social media pages (Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn) to learn about opportunities on and off campus.</td>
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<td>Start planning your pathway to a career in the criminal justice system.</td>
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### PLAN AHEAD

- Take the prerequisites you need with course offerings (e.g., secondary-subject mix) to stay on track!
- Follow the academic calendar for the year that you were admitted into the program. A list of course requirements and offerings can be found in the Academic Calendar at: https://calendar.uaberta.ca/
- Degree requirements are revised regularly so check the academic requirements (AR) tool and follow the course registration process through bearmarks.
- Book a one-on-one session with an advisor to make sure you are on track.

### ADD AN EMBEDDED CERTIFICATE TO YOUR DEGREE

The Faculty of Arts offers students certificate programs which can be completed in conjunction with their degrees and are granted at the time of graduation.

- Applied Social Science Research
- Community Engagement and Service-Learning
- Engaged Leadership and Citizenship in Arts and Sciences
- Globalization and Governance
- International Learning
- Peace and Post-Conflict Studies
- University-wide awards
- Faculty of Arts awards
- Department of Sociology and Criminology program specific awards

This is a sample recommendation only for course-based students planning their degree.
In the first year, you should complete the "15 Basic Requirements. You may wish to take NS 110 Introductory Cree; NS 252 Intermediate Cree; or NS 352 Advanced Cree to meet the Language Other than English (if applicable) requirement.

The mandatory native studies course: NS 110 (Historical Perspectives in Native Studies) or NS 111 (Contemporary Perspectives in Native Studies) or WGS 201 (Aboriginal Canada: Looking Forward/Looking Back - Online)

Senior Level Sociology Courses: SOSC 322 (Youth, Crime and Society) and SOSC 335 (Themes in Contemporary Social Theory)

Senior Level Sociology Courses: SOSC 418 (Qualitative Methods in Social Research) and SOSC 456 (Data Analysis and Research)

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Second Subject Mix: ANTH 403 (Cultural and Community Sociology) and EREC 303 (Program and Evaluation) and PSYCO 281 (Behavior Modification) and PSYCO 125 (Applied Research in Developmental Psychology) and WRS 302 (Proposing Writing)

Consider studying abroad in Cortona, Italy by taking a 400 level criminology related course, if offered.

Consider taking a Community Service-Learning (CSL) course offered in a wide range of disciplines such as Business, Fine Arts, Cultural Studies, Native Studies, Political Science, Sociology, Women's and Gender Studies, and many others.

Also consider the CSL Pathways Program, CSL Internship, Non-Profit Board Students Internship Program, or the embedded certificate in Community Engagement and Service Learning.

Apply for the Federal Student Work Experience Program (FSWEIP).

Consider the Services Learning Internship Program (SICP) connecting nonprofit organizations and students together.

Sample degree trajectories for course-based students planning their degree.

*Note: There is more than one right path to a Criminology Degree! You may decide to think of other pathways like leadership and policy. You could also integrate AWE or the embedded certificates into any of these pathways.
Appendix C – Field Placement Degree Map
# CRIMINOLOGY DEGREE MAP

There are two streams in the BA Criminology program. If you are in the course-based stream see the reverse side degree plan and pathways flyerheet. In order to graduate you must complete a total of 120 with a minimum of 63 in Arts

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In the first year, you should complete the **15 Basic Requirements:** *4 English 1000 level, 6 Language Other than English if applicable, 6 Non-Arts or 9 Electives** or the mandatory native studies course *3 NS 110 or NS 111 or NS 210.* Students are also strongly advised to include *3 SOC 100, 3 PSYC 104, 3 PSYC 105.*

*These are just a minimum flysheet. In order to graduate you must complete a total of 120 with a minimum of 63 in Arts.

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## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Attend an information session to learn more about the Arts Work Experience (AWE) opportunities and how to plan for your degree. If you are planning to do AWE please inform the Criminology program advisor.**
- **Consider joining a Community Service-Learning (CSL) course.**
- **Identify key theoretical perspectives as they relate to explaining, understanding, and responding to deviance and crime in the Canadian context.**

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- **Understand the interdisciplinary character of criminology.**
  - Question assumptions about social phenomena
  - Critically situate individual experience within broader social contexts and relationships
  - Understand the ways in which power contributes to marginalization and the implications of these processes for criminal justice system practices
  - Design and carry out basic research to answer specific sociological questions

- **Evaluate information in multiple forms - oral, written, visual, digital.**
  - Make reasoned, well-supported, and coherent arguments about social phenomena
  - Apply criminological knowledge through experiential learning, interacting and engaging with diverse populations
  - Understand the complexities of engaging with marginalized populations and criminal justice personnel

- **Interrogate forms of power, inequality, and social change and their interaction.**
  - Utilize an interdisciplinary framework to understand deviance, crime, and social context
  - Give and receive feedback constructively and respectfully
  - Understand and practice professionalism appropriate to various settings
  - Build academic and community networks through experiential learning and field placement opportunities

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **Join a student group on campus like the Sociology Undergraduate Student Association (SUSA) or Criminology Undergraduate Student Association (CUSA).**
- **Get involved with SUSA or CUSA events.**
- **Volunteer on or off campus with community organizations like SafeWalk, University of Alberta Protective Services (UAPS), Elizabeth Fry Society (EFS), and YEG Restorative Action Project (YRAP).**
- **Consider the Serving Communities Internship Program (SCiP) connecting nonprofit organizations and students together.**
- **Seek an internship, or summer position posting through campusBRIDGE.**

## CAREER PLANNING

- **Start planning your pathway to a career in the criminal justice system.**
- **Access the Career Centre services and resources on campus to explore career options and develop skills employers are looking for with graduates.**
- **Explore your skills and interests with the Alberta University of Calgary learning and employment information.**
  - **Visit the Careers section of the Sociology department website**
  - **Explore the allied website for more information to be successful upon graduation.**
- **Seek other opportunities at Career Fairs and Employer Information Sessions on campus.**
- **Visit the Career Centre to schedule an advising appointment and coaching.**
- **Start focusing on employment interests or tailoring applications for Grad School.**
- **Book an appointment at the Career Centre to have your resume, cover letter, and LinkedIn profile reviewed.**

## COMPETITIVE FIELD PLACEMENT STREAM

The field placement stream provides students the opportunity to apply their classroom knowledge in a variety of criminal justice settings. Students can pursue their personal interests and career goals by taking two required, field placement (SOC 399 and SOC 499) courses in the degree! The field placement list outlines the possible opportunities, to receive practical experience, in the criminal justice system!

## PLAN AHEAD

- **Take the prerequisites you need with course offerings (e.g., secondary-subject mix) to stay on track!**
- **Follow the academic calendar for the year that you were admitted into the program. A list of course requirements and offerings can be found in the Academic Calendar at:**
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  - **Degree requirements are revised regularly so check the academic requirements (AR) tool and follow the course registration process through beartraks.**
  - **Book a one-on-one session with the Criminology program advisor and field placement coordinator to discuss field placement opportunities, steps, and timelines.**

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- **Community Engagement and Service Learning**
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- **Globalization and Governance**
- **International Learning**
- **Peace and Post-Conflict Studies**

## Apply for Awards

- **University-wide awards**
- **Faculty of Arts awards**
- **Department of Sociology and Criminology program specific awards**

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This is a sample recommendation only for field placement students planning their degree.
Appendix D – List of Field Placement Partners

Alberta Justice and Solicitor General – Ministry responsible for policy for Alberta corrections and other service areas

Addictions Treatment Centre – Drug treatment court support service to address addiction needs of offenders

Crime Analyst – Collection and analysis of criminal intelligence in the Edmonton area; liaison between police agencies

Defence Lawyer’s Office – Provide legal representation of accused individuals

Edmonton Institution for Women – Federal prison for women

Edmonton Maximum Security Institution – Federal maximum security prison for men

Edmonton Police Service – Law enforcement activities in Edmonton

Edmonton Young Offender Centre – Custodial facility for youth

Elizabeth Fry Society – Advocacy for women in conflict with the law

Federal Crown Prosecutor’s Office – Prosecution of federal statutes including drugs and grow-ops

Federal Parole Office – Supervision of offenders on parole and statutory release

John Howard Society – Advocacy and programming for offenders, with a focus on social justice issues

Native Counseling Services – Advocacy and programming for aboriginal clients

Provincial Probation Office – Supervision of adult and youth offenders in the community

Restorative Justice Organizations – Restorative justice measures to repair harm and reduce recidivism

Royal Canadian Mounted Police – Law enforcement activities at various “K” Division detachments

Stan Daniels’ Healing Centre – Aboriginal half way house and custodial facility

University of Alberta Protective Services (UAPS) – Law enforcement on campus

Youth Criminal Defense Office – Provision of legal services and support to youth