

CRIMINOLOGY (CRIM)

CRIM 101 Introduction to Criminology

3 Credits

This course provides an introduction to the exciting, popular, and growing field of criminology. In it, we explore the nature and extent of crime, criminal victimization, a variety of explanations for criminal behaviour (e.g. biological, psychological, and social theories), as well as a number of specific crimes (e.g. violent crime, property crime, victimless crimes, white-collar crime and state crime).

Prerequisites

English Studies 12, English First Peoples 12 or equivalent

Transfer Credits

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CRIM 103 Psychology of Crime & Deviance

3 Credits

This course explores biosocial and psychological explanations of criminal behavior (e.g. neurophysiological, psychodynamic, behavioral, cognitive), as well as developmental theories and situational dynamics. Several types of crimes, including violent (e.g. murder, serial murder, sexual assault), property (e.g. theft, break and enter), and white-collar (e.g. corporate) will be examined. (3,0,0).

Prerequisites

English Studies 12, English First Peoples 12 or equivalent

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CRIM 104 Understanding Crime, Deviance & Society

3 Credits

A variety of types of crime (e.g. violent crimes, sex crimes, white-collar crimes) and deviance (e.g. mental illness, suicide, inter-sexuality) will be explored using traditional, modern, and post-modern sociological perspectives.

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CRIM 131 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System

3 Credits

This course provides an introduction to criminal justice. We ask several key questions, including: What is criminal justice? Is our criminal justice system fair? Is it effective? To answer these questions we critically examine how the police, the courts, and the prison system respond to criminal behaviour. A number of issues of contemporary interest will be explored, including police deviance, racial profiling, murdered/missing Aboriginal women/girls, wrongful convictions, mental health and the criminal justice system and criminal justice reform.

Transfer Credits

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CRIM 135 Introduction to Canadian Law and Legal Institutions: a Criminal Justice Perspective

3 Credits

This course provides a general introduction to the fundamental and competing principles of jurisprudence and to the basic legal institutions of Canada. Class discussion, lectures and assigned readings will allow the student to consider the history of Canadian Law, the development of the Canadian Constitution, the system of Canadian courts and the rules and responsibilities of members of the legal profession. In addition, the course will consider the nature of legal reasoning and application, the doctrine of precedent and stare decisis, principles of statutory interpretation and will also introduce the fields of contract, torts, Aboriginal law, administration law, and family law. Finally, the course will examine the process of law reform in Canada. (3,0,0)

Prerequisites

English Studies 12, English First Peoples 12 or equivalent

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CRIM 198 Community, Crime and Soc Just Practicum Certificate Practicum

3 Credits

This course provides participants with work placements in approved agencies. The sponsors at the agencies share their expertise and allow the participant to experience practical learning in a work place setting. The participants develops transferable employment skills, develops core competencies, agency-specific skills, and has an opportunity to achieve individual learning goals.

Prerequisites

Students must successfully complete the course work for the Community, Crime, and Social Justice Certificate with a minimum GPA of 2.33 in each course. Students must apply directly to the practicum instructor at least 6 months prior to the start date of practicum.

Transfer Credits

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CRIM 210 Law, Youth and Young Offenders

3 Credits

This course introduces students to the study of young offenders and delinquency through a discussion of trends, patterns, and theories of behavior. The course looks at the Youth Criminal Justice Act, its implications for young offenders and the public's growing concern about youth crimes. The main theories of 'delinquency' will be reviewed in conjunction with a review of the programs and services to deal with young offenders. The latter part of the class looks at controversial issues such as sexual abuse and prostitution, substance abuse and delinquency, runaway and homeless youth, and aboriginal youth in the criminal justice system. (3,0,0)

Prerequisites

Any 100 or 200 level CRIM course

Transfer Credits

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CRIM 213 Women and Crime

3 Credits

This course examines women and crime - both as victims and offenders -- and how the criminal justice system has responded to female criminality. We investigate gender and socio-economic differences in criminality and the explanations used to explain these differences. This includes modern, feminist and post-modern perspectives. Topics covered include: substance abuse, sexual assault/victimization, prostitution/sex work, intimate partner abuse, murder; and murdered/missing Aboriginal women. (3,0,0).

Prerequisites

Any 100 or 200 level arts course

Transfer Credits

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CRIM 230 Criminal Law in Canada

3 Credits

This course introduces students to the nature, purpose, scope, sources and basic principles of criminal law in Canada. Topics include such fundamental legal concepts as mens rea, negligence, and strict liability. Students will learn how to read sections of the Criminal Code of Canada to determine the basic elements of a criminal offence-the elements that must be established for an individual to be convicted of a crime. Legal principles relating to specific crimes, such as first degree murder and break and enter, will be covered. Major defences to criminal charges will be discussed with particular attention being given to the defence of not criminally responsible by reason of mental disorder. These topics will be discussed against the larger philosophical background of analysis of the concept of criminal responsibility in Canada. In addition, students will be asked to examine critically the legislative policies expressed in the Criminal Code. Issues of particular concern will be access to justice and changes to the practice of criminal law intended to accommodate First Nations principles of justice. The impact on criminal law of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms will be discussed.

Prerequisites

CRIM 135

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