

CRIMINOLOGY, LAW & SOCIETY (HBA)

Department of Sociology

Criminology, law & society provides a broad foundation in knowledge of law, crime and criminal justice. It is clearly connected to the legal profession, policing, parole and offers an excellent background for working in government and public policy on criminal behaviour.

Our teaching and research expertise covers diverse topics central to understanding and explaining law, crime and criminal justice. Students develop critical thinking, writing and numeracy skills and learn how to analyze, understand and address real life issues, all in preparation for further education and employment.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AT UTM!

We want to help you maximize your university experience, so we've pulled together information and interesting suggestions to get you started, although there are many more! As you review the chart on the inside pages, note that many of the suggestions need not be restricted to the year they are mentioned. In fact, activities such as joining an academic society, engaging with faculty and seeking opportunities to gain experience can occur in each year of your study at UTM. Read through the chart and create your own plan using **My Program Plan** found at www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans

Programs of Study (POSt)

- Specialist Program ERSPE0727 Criminology, Law and Society (Arts)
- Major Program ERMAJ0727 Criminology, Law and Society (Arts)

Check out...

Examine Indigenous people's traditional and contemporary legal orders and confrontations with non-Indigenous legal systems in SOC358H5. Investigate the intersections between immigration and crime control in SOC330H5. Explore white-collar and corporate crime, and social political and criminal justice responses to such crimes in SOC303H5. The choice is yours!

What can I do with my degree?

The career you choose will depend on your experience and interests. Visit the Career Centre (CC) to explore your career options.

Careers for graduates: Border services officer; Child and youth worker; Corrections officer; Criminal court clerk; Lawyer; Mediator; Paralegal; Police officer; Probation officer; Public policy analyst; Rehabilitation counsellor; Researcher; Teacher.

Workplaces: Community organizations; Correctional services; Courts; Government; Law enforcement; Non-profit organizations; Police services; Prisons; Private sector; Social service agencies.



CRIMINOLOGY, LAW & SOCIETY MAJOR Program Plan

HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM PLAN

Read through each year. Investigate what appeals to you here and in any other Program Plans that apply to you.

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	1 ST YEAR	2 ND YEAR	3 RD YEAR	4 TH OR FINAL YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	<p>Enrol in SOC100H5, SOC109H5, and ISP100H5. Refer to the Program Entry Requirements website periodically.</p> <p>Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the Degree Explorer and the Academic Calendar to plan your degree.</p> <p>Develop foundational academic skills and strategies by enrolling in a utmONE course. Build community and gain academic support through LAUNCH. Use the RGASC for writing help and join one of their Peer Facilitated Study Groups.</p>	<p>Enrol in SOC205H5, SOC221H5 and SOC222H5 to ensure you have the prerequisites for 300- and 400-level courses. Interested in an intensive program of study? Submit a Criminology, Law & Society Specialist Subject POST request after completion of 8.0 credits.</p> <p>Throughout your undergraduate degree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> use the Degree Explorer to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements. contact the Office of the Registrar and the Sociology Academic Counsellor if you have any questions. 	<p>Now you can pursue advanced courses in Criminology, Law & Society. To fulfil the remaining program requirements, please reference your record in Degree Explorer and remember that you are following program requirements as outlined the Academic Calendar the year you joined the program.</p>	<p>Personalize your degree! Investigate emotional dynamics in law and justice in SOC424H5. Explore how disability functions as a basis for exclusion from social, legal, political and economic institutions in SOC429H5. Discover how surveillance has led to a rise in prisons and other state-sponsored punishment in SOC403H5.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and request graduation.</p>
BUILD SKILLS	<p>Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR). Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.</p> <p>Attend the Get Hired Fair through the CC to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p> <p>Attend the Experiential Education Fair.</p>	<p>Develop your writing skills in SOC205H5 and SOC221H5, courses with extra writing support! Learn how to measure concepts such as social characteristics, social attitudes and social actions in SOC222H5.</p> <p>Use the Career & Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNx) to find postings that utilize skills gained in your courses for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities, including the Work-Study program.</p>	<p>Participate in the RGASC's Program for Accessing Research Training (PART) to develop your research skills. Apply for Research Opportunity Program (ROP) courses SOC399H5/SOC399Y5 to engage directly in faculty research. Visit the EEU website for ROP Course Prerequisites.</p>	<p>Seek out opportunities that support your goals and enhance your resume. Advance your problem-solving and writing skills in SOC423H5. Experience the unique opportunity to learn alongside a group of incarcerated students in SOC450H5. Engage in faculty research through ROP courses SOC499H5/SOC499Y5.</p> <p>Enrol in more than one senior seminar to develop your presentation skills.</p>
BUILD A NETWORK	<p>Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the UTM Sociology and Criminology Society (SCS), follow them on IG @utm.scs and attend their events.</p> <p>Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk and ask about the Sociology Liaison Librarian.</p>	<p>Connect with your professors! Ask them a question during office hours. Enquire about their research and career path. Discuss an assignment. Go over lecture material. Read the EEU's Tips On How to Approach a Professor.</p>	<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).</p> <p>Get published! Submit an article to the UTM SCS Journal "The Society" or apply to work as one of their editors. Attend SCS events such as Coffee & Conversations.</p>	<p>Join a professional association. Check out the Canadian Criminal Justice Association (CCJA), an organization whose student members may submit articles for consideration in the Justice Report.</p> <p>Go to the Centre for Interdisciplinary Justice Studies Conference.</p>
BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET	<p>Engage with the many programs offered by the International Education Centre (IEC), whether you are an international or domestic student. Consider joining the Canada Eh? day trips or English Language Conversation Circles to deepen your global mindset.</p> <p>First-year international students can also take advantage of THRIVE'IN, a one-day conference dedicated to helping you start your UTM journey successfully.</p>	<p>Participate in International Education Week and engage in programs like Global and Intercultural Fluency Training Series (GIFTS) to build on your leadership and communication skills in global citizenship. Learn about and prepare for a future UTM Abroad Experience.</p> <p>Take an in-depth look at why genocides occur in SOC206H5 and discover the interdisciplinary field of Indigenous Studies in SOC228H5. Check out Peel Urbanscapes featured by the Peel Social Lab.</p>	<p>Examine the intersections between social inequality and the criminal justice system in Canada and internationally in SOC322H5.</p> <p>Earn credits overseas! Apply to study for a summer term, or year at one of 170+ universities. Speak to the IEC for details about Course Based Exchange, funding and travel safety. Attend Global Learning Week to learn about the various opportunities available to you!</p>	<p>Apply for SOC485H5 to travel abroad and explore historical legacies and contemporary challenges related to genocide. Examine how vigilantism manifests in different geographical, historical and socioeconomic spaces in SOC406H5.</p> <p>Engage in programs like ISTEP and THRIVE to support your transition out of the University!</p>
PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE	<p>Attend the Program Selection & Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.</p> <p>Check out Careers by Major at the CC to see potential career options and consider if further education is required.</p>	<p>Explore careers through the CC's Job Shadow Program.</p> <p>Considering further education? Attend the CC's Graduate & Professional Schools Fair. Talk to professors – they are potential mentors and may write your reference letter for further education.</p>	<p>What's your next step after undergrad?</p> <p>Entering the workforce? Evaluate your career options through a CC Career Counselling appointment. Create a job search strategy — book a CC Employment Strategies appointment.</p> <p>Considerig further education? Research application requirements, prepare for admission tests (LSAT, GMAT) and research funding options (OGS, SSHRC).</p>	<p>Market your skills to employers. Get your resume critiqued at the CC. Attend the CC workshop Now That I'm Graduating What's Next?</p> <p>Thinking about grad school? Check application deadlines and give professors at least 3 weeks to write a letter of reference. To prepare a strong application for further education, attend the CC's Mastering the Personal Statement workshop.</p> <p>Ready to transition from the classroom to the workplace? Check out the Recent Graduate Opportunities Program (RGOP).</p>

*Consult the Academic Calendar for greater detail on course requirements, program notes and degree requirements.

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Skills developed in Criminology, Law & Society

To be competitive in the job market, it is essential that you can explain your skills to an employer. Visit the Career Centre to learn how to articulate and market the following skills:

Communication: develop and write research papers; articulate concepts and ideas; present data using graphs, tables and diagrams; summarize findings; public speaking; and actively listen and engage in discussions

Research & technical: plan and conduct research using appropriate methodologies; collect data ethically; analyze quantitative and qualitative data; and use statistical software packages

Critical thinking & problem-solving: analyze crime, societal concerns and legal structures; evaluate criminological and socio-legal concepts, theories and debates; reflect on historical and contemporary issues; synthesize information; and identify problems and develop solutions

Organizational: identify goals; manage time; multitask; and work independently and collaboratively with others

Get involved

Check out the 100+ student organizations on campus. Here are a few:

- UTM Sociology and Criminology Society (SCS)
- UTM Student Union (UTMSU)
- UTM Athletics Council (UTMAC)

For a listing of clubs on campus visit

Student Groups and Societies Directory

Services that support you

- **Accessibility Services (AS)**
- **Career Centre (CC)**
- **Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)**
- **Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Office (EDIO)**
- **Experiential Education Unit (EEU)**
- **Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)**
- **Indigenous Centre (IC)**
- **International Education Centre (IEC)**
- **Office of the Registrar (OR)**
- **Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Centre (RAWC)**
- **Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre (RGASC)**
- **UTM Library, Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre (HMALC)**

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FUTURE STUDENTS

Admission to UTM

All program areas require an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or equivalent, with six Grade 12 U/M courses, or equivalent, including English. The admission average is calculated with English plus the next best five courses. The approximate average required for admission is mid- to high-70s. More information is available at utm.utoronto.ca/viewbook.

NOTE: During the application process, applicants will select Social Sciences admissions category, but will not officially be admitted to a formal program of study (Specialist, Major, and/or Minor) until after first year.

Sneak Peek

Discover our Indigenous Studies offerings: SOC228H5 Introduction to Indigenous Studies; SOC302H5 Indigenous-Canada Relations; SOC348H5 Indigenous Rights, Resistance, and Resurgence; SOC358H5 Indigenous People: Legal Orders and Law; SOC388H5 Race and Indigeneity; SOC415H5 Senior Seminar in Indigenous Studies; and SOC455H5 Comparative Indigenous Politics.

Our department spearheads the Peel Social Lab (PSL): a lab dedicated to gathering, storing, analyzing and sharing data on the UTM and broader Peel region, which fosters experiential learning opportunities for students. By incorporating data gathering efforts into undergraduate sociology classes, the PSL gives students hands-on experience in research design and analysis conducted on Peel region society. Such work provides students with valuable research skills, while helping students establish contacts within the wider Peel region.

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