

# CRIMINOLOGY, LAW & SOCIETY (HBA)

*Department of Sociology*

**Criminology, Law and Society** (CLS) examines relationships between legal systems, criminal behaviour, and social institutions. CLS prepares students for careers in law, policing, corrections, advocacy, and policy by exploring key questions: How do social factors influence crime patterns? What factors shape different experiences in the justice system? Students develop analytical, writing, and research skills by engaging with research on criminal behaviour and legal processes. The curriculum covers Indigenous legal traditions, youth justice, hate crimes, vigilantism, white collar crime, law enforcement strategies, and debates about policing. CLS provides academic foundations for understanding the complex challenges of crime and justice in society.

## 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](http://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...

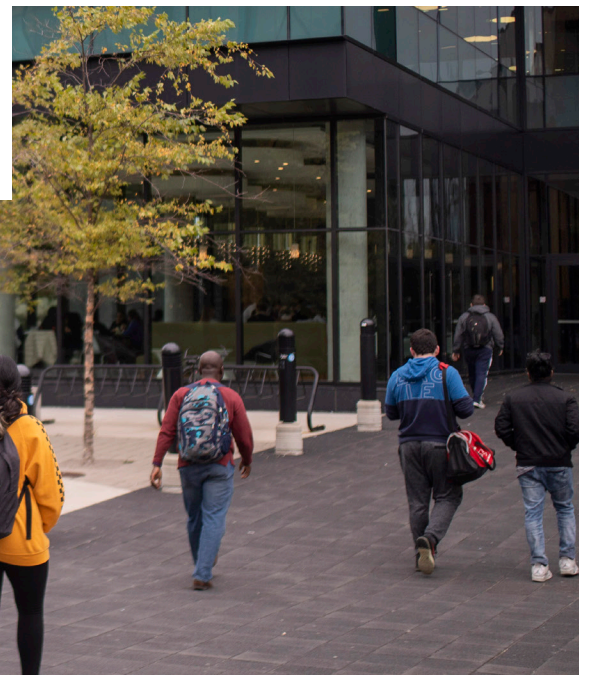
Examine the youth criminal justice system in SOC310H5. Explore white collar and corporate crime in SOC303H5. Learn theories of surveillance and risk in the digital era in SOC405H5.

### 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.



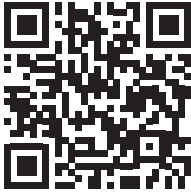
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## MAJOR Program Plan

## 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 <sup>ST</sup> YEAR	2 <sup>ND</sup> YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	<p>Enrol in SOC100H5, SOC109H5, and ISP100H5. Refer to the <b>Program Entry Requirements</b> website periodically.</p> <p>Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the <b>Degree Explorer</b> and the <b>Academic Calendar</b> to plan your degree.</p> <p>Develop academic skills and strategies by enrolling in a <b>utmONE</b> First-Year Foundations Course. Build community and gain academic support through <b>LAUNCH</b>. Use the RGASC for <b>writing help</b> and join one of their <b>Peer Facilitated Study Groups</b>.</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 &amp; Society Specialist Subject POST request after completion of 8.0 credits.</p> <p>Throughout your undergraduate degree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• use the <b>Degree Explorer</b> to ensure you complete your degree and program requirements.</li><li>• contact the <b>Office of the Registrar</b> and the <b>Sociology Academic Counsellor</b> if you have any questions.</li></ul>
BUILD SKILLS	<p>Use the <b>Co-Curricular Record (CCR)</b>. Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.</p> <p>Attend the <b>Get Hired Fair</b> through the CC to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p> <p>Attend the <b>Experiential Education Fair</b>.</p>	<p>Develop your research skills in SOC221H5. Learn how to measure concepts such as social characteristics, social attitudes and social actions in SOC222H5.</p> <p>Use the <b>Career &amp; Co-Curricular Learning Network (CLNx)</b> to find postings that utilize skills gained in your courses for on- and off-campus work and volunteer opportunities, including the <b>Work-Study program</b>.</p>
BUILD A NETWORK	<p>Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the <b>UTM Sociology and Criminology Society (SCS)</b>, follow them on IG @utm.scs and attend their events.</p> <p>Visit the UTM Library <b>Reference Desk</b> 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 <b>Tips On How to Approach a Professor</b>.</p>
BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET	<p>Engage with the many programs offered by the <b>International Education Centre (IEC)</b>, whether you are an international or domestic student. Consider adding the <b>Minor in Global Leadership!</b> This dynamic minor aims to enhance leadership skills and broaden global perspectives.</p> <p>First-year international students can also take advantage of <b>THRIVE-IN</b>, a one-day conference dedicated to helping you start your UTM journey successfully.</p>	<p>Participate in <b>International Education Week</b> and engage in programs like <b>Global and Intercultural Fluency Training Series (GIFTS)</b> to build on your leadership and communication skills in global citizenship.</p> <p>Take an in-depth look at the major theories and controversies in the field of globalization in SOC236H5. Explore student research at Peel Urbanscapes, part of the <b>Peel Social Lab</b>.</p>
PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE	<p>Start by exploring the <b>UTM Career Centre Model</b>—a chance to reflect and choose what’s right for you with guided support. Access <b>MyCareerCentre</b> 24/7 for flexible, interactive career learning at your own pace.</p> <p>Connect with support in-person:</p> <p>Drop-in to an <b>Academic &amp; Career Planning Session</b> to chat with Advisors and Career Counsellors. Visit the Career Corner in the <b>Student Services Hub</b> to chat with a Peer Career Assistant about resources that fit your goals.</p>	<p>Explore your options with the CC’s <b>Job Shadow Program, In the Field</b>, or a one-on-one with a <b>Career Counsellor</b>.</p> <p>Thinking about grad school? Attend the <b>Graduate &amp; Professional School Fair</b>, research application requirements, admission tests, and explore funding options.</p> <p>Getting ready for work? Join workshops, drop-ins, and networking events to build experience and confidently share your skills – Register on <b>CLNx</b>.</p>

3 <sup>RD</sup> YEAR	4 <sup>TH</sup> OR FINAL YEAR
<p>Now you can pursue advanced courses in Criminology, Law &amp; 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 <b>Academic Calendar</b> the year you joined the program.</p>	<p>Seek out opportunities that support your goals and enhance your resume. Enrol in a senior seminar course to develop your communication and presentation skills. Earn credit while building your research skills via the Research Opportunity Program courses, SOC499H5 and SOC499Y5.</p> <p>Earn degree and program credit while gaining valuable workplace experience in SOC480Y5, a full-year course that includes a part-time 200-hour internship.</p> <p>Log on to <b>ACORN</b> and request graduation.</p>
<p>Participate in the RGASC’s <b>Program for Accessing Research Training (PART)</b> to develop your research skills. Apply for <b>Research Opportunity Program (ROP)</b> courses SOC399H5/SOC399Y5 to engage directly in faculty research. Visit the EEU website for <b>ROP Course Prerequisites</b>.</p>	<p>Seek out opportunities that support your goals and enhance your resume. Enrol in a senior seminar course to develop your communication and presentation skills. Earn credit while building your research skills via the Research Opportunity Program courses, SOC499H5 and SOC499Y5.</p>
<p>Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).</p> <p>Get published! Submit an article to the UTM SCS Journal <b>“The Society”</b> or apply to work as one of their editors. Attend <b>SCS events</b> such as Coffee &amp; Conversations.</p>	<p>Join a professional association. Check out the <b>Canadian Criminal Justice Association (CCJA)</b>, an organization whose student members may submit articles for consideration in the Justice Report.</p> <p>Go to the <b>Centre for Interdisciplinary Justice Studies Conference</b>.</p>
<p>Examine the intersections between social inequality and the criminal justice system in Canada and internationally in SOC322H5. Learn how drugs have played a central role in the development of capitalism, colonialism and global inequality in SOC327H5.</p> <p>Earn credits while exploring the world on an <b>Outbound Exchange!</b> With 140+ partner institutions in over 40 countries, there are endless possibilities to gain international experience and global citizenship before you graduate.</p>	<p>Try a <b>UTM Abroad Experience!</b> Travel with a faculty member and peers to exciting international locations, to expand your learning through fieldwork and connections with local community members.</p> <p>Engage in programs like <b>ISTEP</b> and <b>THRIVE-OUT</b> to support your transition out of the University!</p>
<p>Need job search support? Book a coaching appointment with an <b>Employment Strategist</b> for personalized guidance.</p> <p>Ready to take the next step for grad school, visit the Pursue Learning section on <b>MyCareerCentre</b> and drop-in to chat with a <b>Career Counsellor</b> about grad school prep tips.</p> <p>Want to grow your network? Attend the Career Centre Networking Series and Let’s Talk About events — Register on <b>CLNx</b>.</p>	<p>Join the <b>Now That I’m Graduating, What’s Next?</b> session to start building your job search plan. Attend the <b>Sweats to Suits Job Search Conference</b> and discover diverse career pathways.</p> <p>Work with the <b>Employment Strategist</b> team to review your resume and prep for interviews.</p> <p>Still figuring things out? Meet with a <b>Career Counsellor</b> to create a career plan and attend a <b>Career Wellness</b> session to support your well-being along the way.</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)**
- **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](http://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; SOC358H5 Indigenous People: Legal Orders and Law; SOC388H5 Race and Indigeneity; SOC415H5 Senior Seminar in Indigenous Studies; SOC451H5 Settler Colonialism and Health; 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.

### Student Recruitment & Admissions

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