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...
Discover law and social theory in SOC325H5. Examine the intersection between immigration and crime control in SOC330H5. Explore the linkages between politics, crime, violence and democracy in SOC351H5. 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. Visit www.utm.utoronto.ca/program-plans to create your own plan using My Program Plan. Update your plan yearly.

1ST YEAR
- Enrol in SOC100H5; upon successful completion, you may take SOC200H5 and other selected 200-level courses. Refer to Department Academic Advising Notice.
- Choose a program of study (Subject POS) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the Degree Explorer Planner and the Academic Calendar to plan your degree.
- Start strong and get informed with utmONE and LAUNCH through the Centre for Student Engagement (CSE). Use the RGASC for writing help and join one of their Peer Facilitated Study Groups.

2ND YEAR
- Enrol in SOC205H5, SOC209H5, SOC221H5 and SOC222H5 to ensure you have the pre-requisites for 300- and 400-level courses.
- Throughout your undergraduate degree:
  - 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.
- Develop your writing skills in SOC205H5 and SOC221H5, courses with extra writing support.
- Use the Career Learning Network (CLN) to find postings that utilize skills gained in your courses on- and off-campus, work and volunteer opportunities, Working-Study program.

3RD YEAR
- Now you can pursue advanced courses in criminology, law and society. To fulfill program requirements, successfully complete 4.5 additional SOC credits, of which 2.0 must be at the 300/400 level.
- Of those 4.5 credits, 3.0 must be from Group A, and 1.5 credits from Group A or B. View the Academic Calendar for Group A and B course options.

- Participate in the RGASC’s Program for Accessing Research Training (P.A.R.T.) 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.

- Establish a professional presence on social media (e.g., LinkedIn).
- 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.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR
- Personalize your degree. Investigate how disability functions a basis for exclusion from social, legal, political and economic institutions in SOC425H5. Discover theories of surveillance and risk in the digital era in SOC448H5. Consider a work-based experience through an internship in SOC480Y5. Contact the Sociology Program Officer for details.
- Enhance your resume! Advance your research and communication skills in SOC401H5. Pursue your own research project supervised by a Criminology, Law & Society faculty member in SOC440H5. Engage in faculty research through ROP courses SOC499H5/SOC499Y5.
- Contact the Sociology Program Officer for details on experiential learning opportunities.

BUILD SKILLS
- Use the Co-Curricular Record (CCR). Search for opportunities beyond the classroom, and keep track of your accomplishments.
- Attend the Get Experience Fair through the CC to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.

BUILD A NETWORK
- Networking simply means talking to people and developing relationships with them. Start by joining the UTM Sociology and Criminology Society (SCS) and attend their Meet Your Prof event. Follow the Sociology department on twitter @UTMsoc.
- Visit the UTM Library Reference Desk and ask about the Sociology Liaison Librarian.
- Pay attention to the multicultural nature of the campus and region. Attend events hosted by the International Education Centre (IEC). Student Groups and others representing diverse cultural perspectives. Reflect on your experiences using the Experiential Education Unit (EEU) Tips on Reflection.
- Check out Peel Urbanscapes featured by the Peel Social Lab (PSL).

BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET
- Attend the Program Selection & Career Options workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.
- Check out Careers by Major at the CC to see potential career options and consider if further education is required.

PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE
- Explore careers through the CC’s Extern Job Shadowing Program.
- Considering further education? Attend the CC’s Graduate and Professional Schools Fair. Talk to professors – they are potential mentors and may write your reference letter for further education.
- Considering further education? Research application requirements, prepare for admission tests (LSAT, GMAT) and research funding options (OGS, SSHRC).

*Consult the Academic Calendar for greater detail on course requirements, program notes and degree requirements.
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 www.utm.utoronto.ca/clubs.

Services that support you

- Accessibility Services (AS)
- Career Centre (CC)
- Centre for Student Engagement (CSE)
- 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)

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 the sociology of genocide in SOC206H5. Explore crime by organizations, crime within organizations, and “organized” crime in SOC208H5. Find out how gender impacts crime and criminalization in SOC219H5.

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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