

# 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](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...

Explore how the criminal justice system impacts social inequality in terms of race, class and gender in SOC322H5. Investigate the role of punishment and the nature of social control in SOC371H5. 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 <sup>ST</sup> YEAR	2 <sup>ND</sup> YEAR	3 <sup>RD</sup> YEAR	4 <sup>TH</sup> OR FINAL YEAR
PLAN YOUR ACADEMICS*	<p>Enrol in SOC100H5; upon successful completion you may enrol in select 200-level courses; SOC209H5 is recommended.</p> <p>Choose a program of study (Subject POST) once you complete 4.0 credits. Use the <b>Degree Explorer Planner</b> and the <b>Academic Calendar</b> to plan your degree.</p> <p>Start strong and get informed with <b>utmONE</b> and <b>LAUNCH</b> through the Centre for Student Engagement (CSE). Use the RGASC for <b>writing help</b> and join one of their <b>Peer Facilitated Study Groups</b>.</p>	<p>Enrol in SOC205H5, 209H5, 221H5 and SOC222H5 to ensure you have the pre-requisites for 300- and 400-level courses</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>	<p>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 <b>Academic Calendar</b> for Group A and B course options.</p>	<p>Delve into your favourite topics! Consider our new research seminar, SOC440H5, where you can undertake an independent research project supervised by a faculty member in criminology, law and society. Apply for SOC450H5 Walls to Bridges: Carceral Seminar, which matches a group of UTM students with a group of incarcerated students to study together as peers in an off-campus setting. Explore a work-based experience through an internship in SOC480Y5. Contact the <b>Sociology Program Officer</b> for details.</p> <p>Log on to ACORN and request graduation.</p>
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 Experience Fair</b> through the CC to learn about on- and off-campus opportunities.</p>	<p>Use the <b>Career Learning Network (CLN)</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> <p>Develop your writing skills in SOC205H5 and SOC221H5, courses with extra writing support!</p>	<p>Want to engage in faculty research? Apply for <b>Research Opportunity Program (ROP)</b> courses SOC399Y and SOC499Y. Visit the EEU website for <b>ROP Course Prerequisites</b>. Attend the RGASC's <b>Program for Accessing Research Training (P.A.R.T.)</b> to develop your research skills.</p>	<p>Seek out opportunities that support your goals. Advance your problem-solving and writing skills in SOC423H5. Want to improve your presentation skills? Enrol in more than one senior seminar!</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> and attend their <b>Meet Your Prof</b> event. Follow the Sociology department on twitter @UTMsoc.</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>	<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>
BUILD A GLOBAL MINDSET	<p>Pay attention to the multicultural nature of the campus and region. Attend events hosted by the <b>International Education Centre (IEC)</b>, <b>Student Groups</b> and others representing diverse cultural perspectives. Reflect on your experiences using the Experiential Education Unit (EEU) <b>Tips on Reflection</b>.</p>	<p>Check out <b>Peel Urbanscapes</b> featured by the <b>Peel Social Lab (PSL)</b>.</p> <p>Interested in deepening your global perspective? Register for the <b>Global Citizenship Certificate</b> offered by the IEC.</p>	<p>Apply for SOC382H5 to explore genocide and memory, and travel to Germany and Poland for the fall study break. Speak to the <b>IEC</b> for details on the application process and funding options</p> <p>Earn credits and study abroad for a summer, term or year. Choose from over 120 universities, including preferred partners in Australia, Hong Kong, the Netherlands, Scotland, Singapore and South Korea. Speak to the <b>IEC</b> for details about <b>Course-Based Exchange</b> and funding options.</p> <p>You can also check out U of T's <b>Summer Abroad Program</b> with criminology courses in England and Italy, for example.</p>	<p>Explore why genocides occur around the world in SOC432H5.</p>
PLAN FOR YOUR FUTURE	<p>Attend the <b>Program Selection &amp; Career Options</b> workshop offered by the Office of the Registrar and the CC.</p> <p>Check out <b>Careers by Major</b> at the CC to see potential career options and consider if further education is required.</p>	<p>Explore careers through the CC's <b>Extern Job Shadowing Program</b>.</p> <p>Considering <b>further education</b>? Attend the CC's <b>Graduate and Professional Schools Fair</b>. 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 <b>Career Counselling appointment</b>. Create a job search strategy — book a CC <b>Employment Strategies appointment</b>.</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 <b>resume critiqued</b> at the CC. Attend the CC workshop <b>Now That I'm Graduating What's Next?</b></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 <b>Mastering the Personal Statement workshop</b>.</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 [www.utm.utoronto.ca/clubs](http://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)

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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

How does gender impact crime? Find out in SOC219H5! Topics may include gender and court outcomes and women's prisons. Discover how race, gender and social inequalities shape legal institutions, the law, and the broader social context in SOC216H5.

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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