CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY

The MA in Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy (CCJP) is a program jointly run by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and the Department of Political Science. As such, the program offers a unique opportunity for students to pursue advanced studies and research in crime and the criminal justice system from both sociological and criminological perspectives as well as from political science and public policy and management perspectives.

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MA Program

Admission Requirements

The program requires a 4-year honours bachelor’s degree in a social science or humanities program with at least 5 credits in criminology and/or public policy. Applicants with an undergraduate major in Sociology, Criminology, or Political Science are preferred. The program requires a minimum of a “B+” average to be considered for admission. Generally, those admitted will have a higher academic average.

Program Requirements

Students enrol in one of three study options:

1. course work
2. major research paper
3. thesis.
These options are detailed below.

**Thesis**

Students are required to complete four (4) core courses and a thesis.

**Course Work and Major Research Paper (MRP)**

Students are required to complete five (5) core courses and three (3) electives for a total of 4.0 credits.

For courses without a semester designation the student should consult the Graduate Program Coordinator.

**Elective Courses**

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With the permission of the graduate coordinator, students may complete an elective course in political science or sociology and anthropology that is not listed as an elective for CCJP or a graduate course in another department.