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10.1 Degrees offered

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Criminology and Justice - BA (Hons)

- Comprehensive program
- Correctional Studies specialization
- Police Studies specialization

The Faculty of Criminology, Justice and Policy Studies offer a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree program in Criminology and Justice. The specializations within the program are designed to provide students with a broad range of skills required in a variety of fields, including criminal justice, policing and corrections, social policy, social services, evaluation research, law, and human rights. Through the application of theory and hands-on activities, students develop the knowledge, holistic thinking, teamwork and interpersonal skills that are essential for success in the 21st century.

The Criminology and Justice Bridge program enables community college graduates to apply their Police Foundations, Correctional Worker, or Law and Security diploma toward a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Criminology and Justice.

The faculty's research covers a broad range of topics in criminology, justice and policy studies including: violence, inequality and crime, hate crime, human rights, and young offenders. Dr. Shahid Alvi is the editor of Critical Criminology, the official journal of the Division on Critical Criminology of the American Society of Criminology.

A Master of Arts (MA) program in Criminology is planned to start in the 2007-2008 academic year. Section 17 of this calendar provides information about the graduate programs offered at UOIT.

10.2 Program information - Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Criminology and Justice

10.2.1 General information

The Faculty of Criminology, Justice and Policy Studies offers a four-year Criminology and Justice program designed to educate the professional with a broad range of skills required in a variety of fields from criminal justice to law and human rights. Students learn to build an integrated approach to justice services through examination of each of the justice system's components, including the victim. Graduates will be skilled in taking leadership roles and more collaborative approaches within their own field and within the related infrastructures of society.

The first year of study is common to all Criminology and Justice students. Beginning in year two, students will have the opportunity to continue with the Comprehensive program or to specialize in either Police Studies or Correctional Studies.

10.2.2 Admission requirements

Current Ontario secondary school students must complete the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) with a minimum overall average of 70 percent on six 4U or 4M credits including English (ENG4U). All other applicants should refer to section 4.5 of this calendar for the requirements for their specific category of admission.

10.2.3 Field work practicum

The course of study includes a required full semester practicum in the fourth year. The practicum gives students an opportunity to gain experience in work settings appropriate for their degree program. Placements are made in consultation with faculty and in keeping with students' learning goals. The course includes seminars, one hundred hours of practical experience and journals of the field experience.

10.2.4 Careers

Public demand for increased protective services is growing and this, together with current retirements, is creating opportunities in justice-related professions.

Employers, including police services, corrections, customs, immigration, private business, victims' agencies, private security, and government services, have confirmed their need for graduates of this program.

10.2.5 Degree requirements

To be eligible for the BA (Hons) degree in Criminology and Justice, students must successfully complete 120 credit hours, including all courses outlined below. For course descriptions, see section 16.

YEAR 1

Semester 1 (15 credit hours)

PHIL 1000U Philosophy: Social and Political Issues

POSC 1000U Political Science

SSCI 1000U Introduction to Criminal Justice

SSCI 1010U Introduction to Canadian Legal System

SSCI 1900U Computing for the Social Sciences

Semester 2 (15 credit hours)

PHIL 1010U Ethical Reasoning and Critical Thinking

PSYC 1000U Introductory Psychology

SOCI 1000U Introductory Sociology

SSCI 1200U Introduction to Social Policy

Elective

YEAR 2

Semester 1 (15 credit hours)

One of: SSCI 2020U Issues in Diversity or

SSCI 2021U Issues in the Family

One of: SSCI 2050U Rights and Freedoms in the Justice System or

SSCI 2830U Justice Theory and Policy

SSCI 2820U Psychological Explanations of Criminal Behaviour

SSCI 2900U Research Methods

Elective

Semester 2 (15 credit hours)

SSCI 2810U Sociological Theories of Crime

SSCI 2910U Quantitative Methods

SSCI 2920U Qualitative and Case Study Research Methods

One of: SSCI 2010U Criminal Law or

SSCI 2011U Customs and Immigration Law

Elective

YEAR 3

Semester 1 (15 credit hours)

One of: SSCI 3025U Victimology or

SSCI 3023U Domestic Violence

SSCI 3050U Policing

SSCI 3060U Corrections

One of: SSCI 3920U Advanced Qualitative Methods or

SSCI 3910U Advanced Quantitative Methods or

SSCI 2930U Geographic Information System

Elective

Semester 2 (15 credit hours)

One of: SSCI 3010U Social Justice and Conflict or
 SSCI 3052U Policing Diverse Communities or
 SSCI 3028U Women in the Criminal Justice System or
 SSCI 3040U Restorative Justice

One of: SSCI 3026U Issues in Organized Crime or
 SSCI 3020U Corporate Crime or
 SSCI 3021U Cybercrime or
 SSCI 3055U Security and Intelligence Policing or SSCI 3030U Crime in Sport

One of: SSCI 3027U Youth Crime or
 SSCI 3024U Criminal Gangs or SSCI 3051U Community Policing or
 SSCI 3061U Community Corrections

One of: SSCI 3200U Public Administration or
 SSCI 3053U Prosecution and Sentencing

Elective

YEAR 4

Semester 1 (15 credit hours)

One of: SSCI 4000U Advanced Justice Studies or
 SSCI 4005U Independent Study

One of: SSCI 4031U Alternative Methods in Justice or
 SSCI 4101U Honours Thesis I

SSCI 4098U Criminology and Justice Field Work Practicum

Elective

Elective

Semester 2 (15 credit hours)

One of: SSCI 4010U Policy Analysis in Justice Studies or
 SSCI 4005U Independent Study

SSCI 4020U Leadership and Administration

SSCI 4032U Theory and Practice of Mediation

One of: SSCI 4099U Criminology and Justice Integrating Project or
 SSCI 4102U Honours Thesis II

Elective

10.2.6 Program details - Police Studies specialization**YEAR 1**

Year 1 is the same as the main Criminology and Justice major.

YEAR 2

Year 2 is the same as the main Criminology and Justice major with the exception that SSCI 2010U Criminal Law is required.

YEAR 3

Semester 1 (15 credit hours)

One of: SSCI 3025U Victimology or
 SSCI 3023U Domestic Violence

SSCI 3050U Policing

SSCI 3060U Corrections

One of: SSCI 3920U Advanced Qualitative Methods or
 SSCI 3910U Advanced Quantitative Methods or
 SSCI 2930U Geographic Information Systems

Elective

Semester 2 (15 credit hours)

- One of: SSCI 3010U Social Justice and Conflict or
 SSCI 3052U Policing Diverse Communities or
 SSCI 3028U Women in the Criminal Justice System or
 SSCI 3040U Restorative Justice
- One of: SSCI 3022U Hate Crime or
 SSCI 3045U Terrorism or
 SSCI 3029U Understanding Recidivist Criminals
- One of: SSCI 3026U Issues in Organized Crime or
 SSCI 3020U Corporate Crime or
 SSCI 3021U Cybercrime or
 SSCI 3055U Security and Intelligence Policing or
 SSCI 3030U Crime in Sport
- SSCI 3053U Prosecution and Sentencing
- One of: SSCI 3027U Youth Crime or
 SSCI 3024U Criminal Gangs or
 SSCI 3051U Community Policing

YEAR 4

Semester 1 (15 credit hours)

- One of: SSCI 4000U Advanced Justice Studies or
 SSCI 4005U Independent Study
- One of: SSCI 4031U Alternative Methods in Justice or
 SSCI 4101U Honours Thesis I
- SSCI 4053U Police Management and Leadership
 SSCI 4098U Criminology and Justice Field Work Practicum
 Elective

Semester 2 (15 credit hours)

- SSCI 4032U Theory and Practice of Mediation
 SSCI 4050U Seminar on Police Ethics and Misconduct
- One of: SSCI 4052U International Perspectives on Policing or
 SSCI 4005U Independent Study
- SSCI 4054U Crime Scene Investigation
- One of: SSCI 4099U Criminology and Justice Integrating Project or
 SSCI 4102U Honours Thesis II

10.2.7 Program details - Correctional Studies specialization**YEAR 1**

Year 1 is the same as the main Criminology and Justice major.

YEAR 2

Year 2 is the same as the main Criminology and Justice major with the exception that SSCI 2010U Criminal Law is required.

YEAR 3

Semester 1 (15 credit hours)

One of: SSCI 3025U Victimology or
SSCI 3023U Domestic Violence
SSCI 3050U Policing
SSCI 3060U Corrections
One of: SSCI 3920U Advanced Qualitative Methods or
SSCI 3910U Advanced Quantitative Methods or
SSCI 2930U Geographic Information Systems
Elective

Semester 2 (15 credit hours)

One of: SSCI 3010U Social Justice and Conflict or
SSCI 3052U Policing Diverse Communities or
SSCI 3028U Women in the Criminal Justice System or
SSCI 3040U Restorative Justice
One of: SSCI 3022U Hate Crime or
SSCI 3045U Terrorism or
SSCI 3029U Understanding Recidivist Criminals
SSCI 3062U The Prison Experience
SSCI 3053U Prosecution and Sentencing
One of: SSCI 3027U Youth Crime or
SSCI 3024U Criminal Gangs or
SSCI 3061U Community Corrections

YEAR 4

Semester 1 (15 credit hours)

One of: SSCI 4000U Advanced Justice Studies or
SSCI 4005U Independent Study
One of: SSCI 4031U Alternative Methods in Justice or
SSCI 4101U Honours Thesis I
SSCI 4063U Corrections Management and Leadership
SSCI 4900U Field Work Practicum
Elective

Semester 2 (15 credit hours)

SSCI 4032U Theory and Practice of Mediation
SSCI 4060U Seminar on Correctional Ethics and Misconduct
One of: SSCI 4062U International Perspectives on Corrections or
SSCI 4005U Independent Study
One of: SSCI 4099U Criminology and Justice Integrating Project or
SSCI 4102U Honours Thesis II
Elective

10.3 Honours Thesis and Independent Study courses

Honours Thesis I & II – SSCI 4101U & SSCI 4102U

In order to be considered for the Honours Thesis I students must apply during their sixth semester to begin their Honours Thesis I in semester seven. The course application must include a detailed statement on intent outlining the methodology, theoretical significance and the projected time lines for completion of the project. To proceed with Honours Thesis II student must have successfully completed Honours Thesis I with a minimum A- and prepare a written statement outlining the projected timelines for completion of the project. Please note, only a limited number of applicants will be admitted to the Honours Thesis. Instructor and dean's consent required.

Independent Study – SSCI 4005U

In order to be considered for the Independent Study students must apply in the semester prior to the commencement of the study. Applications must include a letter of intent detailing the course plan and including a preliminary reading list, a suggested method of evaluation, and a suggested time lines for completing the project. Please note, only a limited number of applicants will be admitted to the Independent Study. Instructor and dean's consent required.

10.4 Program information - Criminology and Justice Bridge program

10.4.1 General information

The University of Ontario Institute of Technology's Criminology and Justice Bridge program provides college graduates with the opportunity to apply their Police Foundations, Correctional Worker, or Law and Security diploma toward a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Criminology and Justice.

Students enrolled in the Criminology and Justice Bridge program will complete four bridge courses that will position them to apply directly into third year of the Criminology and Justice degree program at the UOIT.

After completing the Criminology and Justice Bridge program with a B average (70 percent) or better, with no individual course grade below a C (60 percent), students can apply to enter year three of the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Criminology and Justice.

10.4.2 Admission requirements

To qualify for the Criminology and Justice Bridge program, students must have the following:

A minimum of a two-year college diploma in Police Foundations, Correctional Worker, or Law and Security.

10.4.3 Bridge completion requirements

The Criminology and Justice Bridge program consists of the following four courses:

SSCI 2810U Sociological Theories of Crime

SSCI 2820U Psychological Explanations of Criminal Behaviour

SSCI 2900U Research Methods

SSCI 2910U Quantitative Methods

After completing these courses with the required average, students are eligible to enter the third year of the Criminology and Justice program and enrol in either the Comprehensive Stream or the Police Studies or Correctional Studies specializations. Please refer to years three and four in sections 10.2.5 – 10.2.7 for the relevant program maps and degree requirements.