

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 or
3. thesis.

These options are detailed below.

Thesis

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

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
CCJP*6100	Governing Criminal Justice	0.50
CCJP*6200	Professional Seminar in CCJP	0.25
CCJP*6300	Research Methods in Criminal Justice	0.75
SOC*6350	Society, Crime and Control	0.50
Thesis		
Complete a Thesis		

Course Work and Major Research Paper (MRP)

Students are required to complete five (5) core courses, one (1) elective and the MRP.

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
CCJP*6000	Courts	0.50
CCJP*6100	Governing Criminal Justice	0.50
CCJP*6200	Professional Seminar in CCJP	0.25
CCJP*6300	Research Methods in Criminal Justice	0.75
SOC*6350	Society, Crime and Control	0.50
Electives ¹		
Select one Elective		0.50
Major Research Paper ²		
CCJP*6660	Major Research Paper	1.00

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Select from the list of electives in the courses section.

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Completed under the supervision of a faculty supervisor.

Course Work

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

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Core Courses		
CCJP*6000	Courts	0.50
CCJP*6100	Governing Criminal Justice	0.50
CCJP*6200	Professional Seminar in CCJP	0.25
CCJP*6300	Research Methods in Criminal Justice	0.75
SOC*6350	Society, Crime and Control	0.50
Electives ³		
Select three Electives		1.50

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Select from the list of electives in the courses section.

Courses

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

CCJP*6000 Courts Winter Only [0.50]

This course examines courts from a variety of political, social, and socio-legal perspectives depending on the interest of the instructor(s). Particular attention will be paid to the role of courts in shaping criminal justice policy through such means as constitutional decisions and sentencing decisions.

Offering(s): Annually

Restriction(s): Restricted to Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy MA students.

Department(s): Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Department of Political Science

Location(s): Guelph

CCJP*6100 Governing Criminal Justice Fall Only [0.50]

This course analyzes criminal justice policy and governance of the criminal justice system from applied and theoretical perspectives. Particular attention is paid to the interplay between criminal justice policy and management and the larger political process.

Offering(s): Annually

Restriction(s): Restricted to Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy MA students.

Department(s): Department of Political Science

Location(s): Guelph

CCJP*6200 Professional Seminar in CCJP Fall and Winter [0.25]

This course introduces students to graduate studies in the program; to the professions of sociology, political science and criminology; and to professional life in occupations related to criminal justice. It includes information on the following: the program and how it relates to criminology, sociology and political science; library and computer research; research in the field; challenges facing criminal justice professionals; applying for further graduate study and research funding; and skill development.

Offering(s): Annually

Restriction(s): Restricted to Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy MA students.

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Location(s): Guelph

CCJP*6300 Research Methods in Criminal Justice Fall Only [0.75]

This course introduces students to the primary methods, data sources and statistical methods used in criminal justice and criminology research. Particular attention will be paid to the role research and methods and statistics play in shaping criminal justice/criminological theory, research and policy.

Offering(s): Annually

Restriction(s): Restricted to Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy MA students.

Department(s): Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Location(s): Guelph

CCJP*6660 Major Research Paper Summer, Fall, and Winter [1.00]

The major paper is an extensive research paper for those who do not elect to complete a thesis. It may be taken over two semesters.

Offering(s): Annually

Restriction(s): Restricted to Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy MA coursework/MRP students.

Department(s): Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Department of Political Science

Location(s): Guelph

Code	Title	Credits
SOC*6350	Society, Crime and Control	0.50

Elective Courses

Code	Title	Credits
SOC*6070	Sociological Theory	0.50
SOC*6130	Quantitative Research Methods	0.50
SOC*6140	Qualitative Research Methods	0.50
SOC*6270	Diversity and Social Equality	0.50
POLS*6400	Citizenship and Social Policy	0.50
POLS*6630	Approaches to Public Policy Analysis	0.50
POLS*6640	Canadian Public Administration: Public Sector Management	0.50
POLS*6950	Specialized Topics in Political Studies	0.50
SOC*6600	Reading Course	0.50

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.