

# Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy: MA Program

The CCJP MA program is a collaborative program between the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and the Department of Political Science. The program distinguishes itself from other MA programs in Criminology by having a strong emphasis on criminal justice and governance, while still providing students with the necessary background for continued studies in Criminology, Sociology or Political Science.

In addition to providing the appropriate background for continued graduate studies in Criminology, Sociology or Political Science, the program has a number of other benefits. First, the program provides students with the background necessary to enter into employment or advance their careers in the criminal justice system, either in a policy or administrative capacity for government or non-governmental organizations, or as front-line service providers (police officers, probation officers and corrections officers). Students might also find employment as instructors at colleges that offer criminal justice programs. Second, the program equips students with general tools in critical thinking, communication and methodology, which would be useful for employment or educational opportunities beyond the criminal justice field. Finally, the program aims to develop citizens and professionals who will be able to make and express thoughtful judgments on a range of important issues raised in the context of criminology and criminal justice policy and governance.

## Admission Requirements

Only students with a four-year undergraduate degree will be admitted into the program. The expectation is that the undergraduate degree will be in Sociology, Criminology or Political Science. However, students with at least five courses in Criminology and/or Public Policy may be admitted as long as these were part of a major in another social science or humanities program. Students with undergraduate averages below a "B" will not qualify for admittance to the program. We anticipate that only students with averages of "B+" or higher will be considered for admission to the program.



## Courses and Requirements

Students will have the option of completing the program by course-work only, or by writing a thesis or major research paper (MRP). The course-work option will require 4.0 credits (8 courses), the MRP option will require 4.0 credits (6 courses plus the MRP) and the thesis option will require 2.0 credits (4 courses) plus the thesis. Core courses offered are:

*Research Methods in Criminal Justice, Criminological Theory, Governing Criminal Justice, Courts* and a Pro-Seminar in CCJP.

## Application Information

The application deadline is February 1st and September is the only entry point for the program. Complete information on how to submit your application can be found at the Graduate Studies website:

[www.uoguelph.ca/GraduateStudies](http://www.uoguelph.ca/GraduateStudies)



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