

Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy: MA

The CCJP program is jointly run by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and the Department of Political Science. The program distinguishes itself from other Master of Arts (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.

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Program Options

- Course work
- Major Research Paper
- Thesis

Students can complete the program by course work, 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 4.00 credits (6 courses plus the MRP) and the thesis option will require 2.0 credits (4 courses plus the thesis). The core courses cover: Research Methods in Criminal Justice, Criminological Theory, Governing Criminal Justice, Courts and a Professional Seminar in CCJP.

Admission Requirements

A four-year undergraduate degree (or equivalent) with a minimum "B+" average. Generally, those admitted will have a higher academic average. 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, if part of a major in another social science or humanities program.

Application Deadline:

January 15, 2025

Entry: Fall

It can take up to five days to receive access to WebAdvisor after applying through the OUAC system. Therefore, students should begin their application no later than January 1.



"The Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy program at Guelph is one of only a few of its kind in Ontario. I was drawn to the interdisciplinary focus of the program, as the courses span across the fields of criminology, sociology, and political science, while also incorporating content on research methods and knowledge mobilization."

– Jamie Armstrong, CCJP MA 2023

Training

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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:

- Violence
- Youth
- Cyber-Crime
- Deviance
- Policing
- Gender and Crime
- Criminal Justice Administration
- Corrections and Penology
- The Sociology and Politics of Law

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Working with vulnerable groups or populations
- Policy Advisors
- Positions in NGOs
- College Lecturer
- Police, Probation, Corrections Officer
- Data Analyst

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