

## CHOOSE YOUR PATH: Which Criminology Program is right for you?

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First Year requirements are standardized across Criminology major programs. No matter which major option you choose, everyone takes the same major requirements in first year. Beginning in second year, students start to tailor their program to their own interests and goals. This includes choosing different course options, or possibly concentrations and/or minors.

### FOUR PATHS TO GRADUATION:

Major in Criminology &  
Criminal Justice (CCJ)

Major in CCJ,  
Concentration in Law

Major in CCJ,  
Concentration in Mind  
& Behaviour

Major in CCJ,  
Concentration in  
Sociology

Each option above is available as a BA Honours (20 credits) or a BA (15 credits) degree. Double/Combined Honours is currently not an available option. Each allows for addition of at least one minor. Not Majoring in Criminology? Then consider the Minor in CCJ! See page two/reverse for detailed program descriptions.

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### WHAT SHOULD I CHOOSE?

Some questions to ask yourself:

- Which area interests me the most?
- Which courses do I perform best in academically?
- Do I want to pursue graduate studies in a particular field?
- What are my career goals?

### TIPS

- There is no wrong answer.
- Can't decide between two? Choose a concentration and a minor.
- You are not locked in! You can change again later if it doesn't work out. Just seek advising to ensure the smoothest path to graduation.
- Typically, students achieve better grades in courses that interest them.

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### HOW DO I CHOOSE?

Investigate your options. If making a change later in the degree, ensure you are aware of the potential impacts a change may have on your timeline to graduation. Consult an Advisor for these answers.

1) Log in to Carleton Central. Select "Student Online Applications" from the main menu.

3) Complete the fields as instructed. Be careful to select the right item from the list.

2) Select the online form "Change Program Elements".

This form is used to change program elements such as a major, concentration, or minor, or between Honours (20 credits) and the BA (15 credits).

For example, if you select "Law" from the drop down, this will change your major from Criminology to Law. Instead select the option "Criminology and Criminal Justice: Law" to maintain the CCJ Major with the concentration in Law.

**How-to Video:** <https://carleton.ca/registrar/program-elements/>

These requests take a few days to process. Check Carleton Central to view the status of your application. Please contact us to set up advising appointments at **613-520-2588** or [criminology@carleton.ca](mailto:criminology@carleton.ca)

## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS:**

### **Major in Criminology and Criminal Justice (CCJ)**

Recognizing the growth and change in the field of criminology over the last decade, this option offers the greatest flexibility of choice. It has enough elective credit space available to select two minors, instead of just one. It allows for greater choice within the major itself, with more selection options built into the requirements. This allows students to tailor the multidisciplinary nature of Criminology to their specific areas of interests, rather than limiting focus in predefined areas.

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### **Major in CCJ, Concentration in Law**

Combines all the benefits and courses of a criminology major with a tailored set of Law courses that complement criminological studies. Courses from the Department of Law and Legal Studies focus on the complex nature of the interaction between law and other social fields to foster inquiry into and understanding of the dynamics of law, including its rules, agents, institutions, and power structures.

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### **Major in CCJ, Concentration in Mind & Behaviour**

The Concentration in Mind & Behaviour offers a blend of courses that explore historical and contemporary conceptualizations of individual pathology, agency, and responsibility, recognizing these concepts as foundational elements shaping the ideology of 'criminal justice'. Exploring criminological studies from multidisciplinary perspectives, the Mind & Behaviour concentration encourages students to think critically about the connections between individualization and punishment.

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### **Major in CCJ, Concentration in Sociology**

The CCJ Concentration in Sociology provides a robust, critical engagement with practices of criminalization and social control from intersectional and critical perspectives. With an emphasis on social justice approaches to understanding a range of social problems, the Concentration in Sociology provides a range of courses that explore the sociological forces shaping processes of criminalization as well as our understanding of justice.

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### **Minor in Criminology and Criminal Justice**

Learn about criminal justice policy and institutions (e.g., crime prevention, surveillance, policing, criminal courts, corrections), criminological theories, contemporary issues in criminalization and punishment, and restorative and transformative justice initiatives. You can orient your Minor towards either legal or sociological perspectives on crime and punishment and interact while gaining critical thinking and communication skills, as well as developing a professional and ethical awareness that is appropriate for a variety of career choices.