

# Criminology: Bachelor of Arts Honours, Major, and Minor

Faculty of Social Sciences	
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Selective entry	Open access
PROGRAM TYPE	CREDENTIAL GRANTED
Undergraduate	Baccalaureate Degree
OFFERED AT	FORMAT
Langley Richmond Surrey	Full-time Part-time
HOW TO APPLY	
www.kwantlen.ca/admission	

## DESCRIPTION

The Bachelor of Arts, Major in Criminology program provides students with a broad, liberal education in social science, criminal justice, and law. Students learn scientific research methods, legal and philosophical approaches to aid in understanding crime and related social problems, and social responses to crime. The BA degree program builds on the central core of method and theory established in two year programs and affords students opportunities to hone abstract, logical thinking, and critical understanding of the issues, arguments, and debates that shape the discipline's character and aims. Contemporary criminology courses developed especially for this degree expose students to cutting-edge theory and research. This program also provides students with highly transferable and marketable knowledge and skills.

Students who are interested in applying to graduate school, or who prefer a more extensive research experience, are encouraged to undertake a structured program leading to a Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Major in Criminology degree.

**Note:** See Bachelor of Arts in Community Criminal Justice for information on an alternate program.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Bachelor of Arts, Major in Criminology provides a wide range of opportunities to students. Graduates of criminology programs find employment in every aspect of the criminal justice system, including law, law enforcement, corrections, crime prevention, and public and private justice administration. Many graduates pursue careers within the public and private sectors in occupations where familiarity with justice and the law is valued by employers; examples include customs and border security, regulatory and other public agencies, insurance and other private companies. Labour market predictions for criminal justice and related areas are very favourable, as demographic trends and public safety and security concerns have increased demand for criminal justice professionals. The conceptual, critical, and applied skills that

students acquire in this program will be attractive to employers in a wide range of settings.

Criminology programs also offer excellent educational preparation for those who intend to major in law, social work, psychology, sociology, or philosophy. Students who wish to do graduate work in criminology are encouraged to take both CRIM 3104 and CRIM 4410 (both are required for entry into the Honours degree option for the Bachelor of Arts, Major in Criminology).

## PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to Kwantlen's General university admission requirements, including the undergraduate-level English Proficiency Requirement, the following program admission requirements apply:

### Year One Admission:

- Grade of 'B' in English 12 (or equivalent)
- Grade of 'C' in either Principles of Math 11 (or equivalent) or Applications of Math 12 (or equivalent).

### Year Three Admission:

- 60 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 (including all 1100- and 2000-level major/minor program requirements).
- Grade of 'C' in all required 1000- and 2000-level courses, including the English writing requirement (ENGL 1100 and one of either ENGL 1202 or 1204, or equivalent).
- Two Quantitative courses.
- 12 credits of breadth courses
- Grade of 'C' in either Principles of Math 11 (or equivalent) or Applications of Math 12 (or equivalent).
- Second language at the Grade 11 level or 6 credits of post-secondary language courses in the same language. Note: Students need only achieve a passing grade to fulfill this requirement. Beginner's or Introductory Language 11 courses are ineligible to meet this requirement. Students who can demonstrate competency in a second language may request an assessment to have this requirement waived.

## Honours Admission:

In order to be considered for admission into the honours program, students normally:

- have completed 90 credits or more at the time of application;
- must achieve a CGPA of 3.5; and
- have completed CRIM 3104 and CRIM 4410.

Students with a CGPA less than 3.5 (but not below 3.0) may be granted admission with special permission. Interested students can obtain an application from the Criminology Programs Degree Coordinator.

## Qualifying Year

Students who do not qualify upon initial application to Kwantlen may be eligible for entry to the Qualifying Year. Students who possess at least a 'C' in English 12 (or equivalent) and a passing grade in Principles of Math 11 (or equivalent) or Applications of Math 12 will be able to apply for entry to the BA Qualifying Year. Students will be admitted to the BA program in the second year provided they have successfully completed appropriate qualifying courses. Other applicants who do not qualify are encouraged to consult an Educational Advisor for the appropriate qualifying courses that satisfy the application criteria.

## CONTINUANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 60 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 (including all 1100- and 2000-level major/minor program requirements).
- Grade of 'C' in all required 1000- and 2000-level courses, including the English writing requirement (ENGL 1100 and one of either ENGL 1202 or 1204, or equivalent).
- Two Quantitative courses.
- 12 credits of breadth courses
- Second language at the Grade 11 level or 6 credits of post-secondary language courses in the same language. Note: Students need only achieve a passing grade to fulfill this requirement. Beginner's or Introductory Language 11 courses are ineligible to meet this requirement. Students who can demonstrate competency in a second language may request an assessment to have this requirement waived.

## CONTENT

During the first two years, the Bachelor of Arts, Major and Minor in Criminology will provide students with a broad foundation in the liberal arts tradition. Specifically, courses will expose students to the theoretical and methodological bases of psychology, sociology, history, political science, and the natural sciences. The third and fourth years of the program include courses falling into four main groupings:

- Theory and Methods
- Criminal Justice
- Law, Advocacy, and Conflict Resolution
- Additional Courses

Knowledge and skill mastery will develop as students approach issues and utilize skills across the various streams. The relationships between definitions of crime, criminological theories and research, and the criminal justice system are critically examined throughout the curriculum. Their complex relationships to political, social, and economic conditions are stressed. Problem solving and skill development will be an integral part of all courses.

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree must complete all requirements in the Bachelor of Arts framework in addition to their major or minor program requirements.

## Criminology Honours

The following are the requirements for the Criminology Honours program.

**In addition to the 120 credits required by the Bachelor of Arts, Major in Criminology degree (below), honours students will need to complete the following additional 12 credits of course work:**

CRIM 5000	Honours Thesis I	3 credits
CRIM 5010	Honours Seminar	3 credits
CRIM 5020	Honours Thesis II	6 credits

## Criminology Major

The following are requirements for the Criminology Major:

### 1000 LEVEL

#### Required courses:

CRIM 1100	Introduction to Criminology	3 credits
CRIM 1101	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	3 credits
CRIM 1107	Canadian Legal Systems	3 credits
CRIM 1207	Introduction to Criminal Law	3 credits
CRIM 1208	Methods of Research in Criminology	3 credits
CRIM 1215	Interpersonal and Professional Development	3 credits
PSYC 1100	Introduction to Psychology: Basic Processes	3 credits
SOCI 1125	Introduction to Society: Processes and Structures	3 credits

#### Plus one of:

PHIL 1100	Introduction to Philosophy	3 credits
PHIL 1110	Confronting Moral Issues: Introduction to Ethics	3 credits
PHIL 1145	Critical Thinking	3 credits
PHIL 1150	Introduction to Formal Logic	3 credits

### 2000 LEVEL

#### Required courses:

CRIM 2103	Quantitative Data Analysis I*	3 credits
CRIM 2330	Psychological Explanations of Criminal Behaviour	3 credits
CRIM 2331	Sociological Explanations of Criminal Behaviour	3 credits
CRIM 2341	Canadian Criminal Justice Administration	3 credits

#### Plus one of:

CRIM 2204	Criminal Justice and Psychology	3 credits
CRIM 2205	Crime, Criminal Justice, and the Media	3 credits
CRIM 2211	Introduction to Policing	3 credits
CRIM 2213	Women, Girls and Crime	3 credits
CRIM 2214	Corrections: Theory and Practice	3 credits
CRIM 2249	Youth Justice	3 credits

\* Students who commenced their studies at Kwantlen prior to September 2005 may complete either PSYC 2300 or SOCI 2365 in place of CRIM 2103.

### 3000 AND 4000 LEVEL

Students will complete a minimum of ten upper-division criminology courses.

#### Required course:

CRIM 3302	Procedure and Evidence	3 credits
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**Plus one of:**

CRIM 3103	Quantitative Data Analysis II	3 credits
CRIM 3104	Qualitative Research Methods	3 credits

**Students must complete at least TWO courses drawn from Group 1 below.****Group 1. Theory and Methods:**

CRIM 3100	Advanced Theories of Crime and Community	3 credits
CRIM 3103	Quantitative Data Analysis II	3 credits
CRIM 3104	Qualitative Research Methods	3 credits
CRIM 3111	Contemporary Sociological Criminology	3 credits
CRIM 3113	Critical Criminology	3 credits
CRIM 4112	Contemporary Psychological Criminology	3 credits

**Students must complete at least ONE course from each of groups 2 and 3.****Group 2. Criminal Justice:**

CRIM 3118	White-Collar and Corporate Crime	3 credits
CRIM 3213	Community Corrections	3 credits
CRIM 3249	Issues in Youth Justice	3 credits
CRIM 4201	Community Safety and Crime Prevention	3 credits
CRIM 4235	Minorities and the Criminal Justice System	3 credits
CRIM 4410	Policy and Program Evaluation	3 credits

**Group 3. Law, Advocacy, and Conflict Resolution:**

CRIM 3305	Law and Society	3 credits
CRIM 3307	Issues in Conflict Resolution	3 credits
CRIM 3351	Philosophy of Law	3 credits
CRIM 4300	Administrative and Regulatory Law	3 credits
CRIM 4301	Community Advocacy and Human Rights	3 credits

**Students may complete a maximum of TWO courses from group 4 to meet criminology requirements.**

Note: If more than two are taken, you can count them towards upper-level electives.

**Group 4. Additional Courses:**

CRIM 3115	Crime Mapping	3 credits
CRIM 3512	Mental Disorder and Canadian Law	3 credits
CRIM 4150	Directed Studies	3 credits
CRIM 4400	Ethics and Professional Development	3 credits

CRIM 4900	Special Topics*	3 credits
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\* Note: The area of study for CRIM 4900 will be established in advance by the department. Please note that you will be allowed to take multiple offerings of CRIM 4900, as long as the course deals with a different topic each time.

**Criminology Minor**

The following are requirements for the Criminology Minor:

**1000 LEVEL**

The 1000 courses in criminology provide the foundation for further undergraduate study in criminology. Required 1000-level courses in psychology and sociology introduce students to key concepts and issues that reflect the multidisciplinary subject matter of criminology.

**Students are required to take all of the following courses:**

CRIM 1100	Introduction to Criminology	3 credits
CRIM 1101	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	3 credits
CRIM 1107	Canadian Legal Systems	3 credits
PSYC 1100	Introduction to Psychology: Basic Processes	3 credits
SOCI 1125	Introduction to Society: Processes and Structures	3 credits

**2000 LEVEL**

2000-level courses are built on the multidisciplinary foundations developed in the 1000 level. Students begin to synthesize material from sociology, psychology, law, and criminal justice to understand aspects of criminality and criminalization.

**Students are required to take all of the following courses:**

CRIM 2330	Psychological Explanations of Criminal Behaviour	3 credits
CRIM 2331	Sociological Explanations of Criminal Behaviour	3 credits
CRIM 2341	Canadian Criminal Justice Administration	3 credits

**Note:** Students in the Minor program are not required to complete a 2000-level statistics course as required in the Major. Those specifically interested in upper-division research courses may wish to incorporate a 2000-level statistics course within the Faculty of Social Sciences into their lower-division courses.

**Students may elect to take any of the courses listed below as part of their BA degree:**

CRIM 1207	Introduction to Criminal Law	3 credits
CRIM 2204	Criminal Justice and Psychology	3 credits
CRIM 2211	Introduction to Policing	3 credits
CRIM 2213	Women, Girls and Crime	3 credits
CRIM 2214	Corrections: Theory and Practice	3 credits
CRIM 2249	Youth Justice	3 credits

## 3000 AND 4000 LEVEL

Criminology courses at the 3000 and 4000 level build on the foundational skills and knowledge of law, social science theory and research, and criminal justice developed in the 1000 and 2000 levels. Students will apply these skills and concepts to emerging issues in criminological theory, research, and criminal justice policy. These upper-level courses will generally be accessible to students who have completed CRIM 2330, 2331, and 2341.

**Students are required to complete fifteen credits at the 3000 or 4000 level. This must include at least one course from each of the three core areas.**

### 1. Theory and Methods

CRIM 3100	Advanced Theories of Crime and Community	3 credits
CRIM 3103	Quantitative Data Analysis II	3 credits
CRIM 3104	Qualitative Research Methods	3 credits
CRIM 3111	Contemporary Sociological Criminology	3 credits
CRIM 3113	Critical Criminology	3 credits
CRIM 4112	Contemporary Psychological Criminology	3 credits

### 2. Criminal Justice

CRIM 3118	White-Collar and Corporate Crime	3 credits
CRIM 3213	Community Corrections	3 credits
CRIM 3249	Issues in Youth Justice	3 credits
CRIM 4201	Community Safety and Crime Prevention	3 credits
CRIM 4235	Minorities and the Criminal Justice System	3 credits
CRIM 4410	Policy and Program Evaluation	3 credits

### 3. Law, Advocacy, and Conflict Resolution

CRIM 3302	Procedure and Evidence	3 credits
CRIM 3305	Law and Society	3 credits
CRIM 3307	Issues in Conflict Resolution	3 credits
CRIM 3351	Philosophy of Law	3 credits
CRIM 4300	Administrative and Regulatory Law	3 credits
CRIM 4301	Community Advocacy and Human Rights	3 credits

### 4. Additional Courses \*

CRIM 3115	Crime Mapping	3 credits
CRIM 3512	Mental Disorder and Canadian Law	3 credits
CRIM 4150	Directed Studies	3 credits
CRIM 4400	Ethics and Professional Development	3 credits

CRIM 4900 Special Topics: The area of study for CRIM 4900 will be established in advance by the department. Please email [crimprograms@kwantlen.ca](mailto:crimprograms@kwantlen.ca) for proposed offerings. 3 credits

\* **Note:** Students may not take more than one of CRIM 3115, 3512, 4150, 4400, and 4900 towards the minor requirement. Students who complete more than one of these may use the additional course(s) as part of their electives.

## GRADUATION

Upon successful completion of the honours program, students are eligible to receive a **Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Major in Criminology**.

Upon successful completion of the major program, students are eligible to receive a **Bachelor of Arts, Major in Criminology**.

Upon successful completion of the minor program, students are eligible to receive a **Minor in Criminology** as part of a Bachelor of Arts program.