



Faculty

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Program

- Two-year Diploma (68 seats) is “canned” (admission by application)
- Bachelor of Arts, Crim Major (34 seats, admission by application)
- Minor under development to expand program offerings for non-Crim students.

Enrollment

1. There are 8100 FTE students at VIU.
2. Overall, VIU saw an increase in students over last year (7.3%).
3. Number of first year applicants for Criminology in 2008-09 were down to 44 from > 120 in peak years (2004-05).
4. First year classes filled by non-Crim students; second year attrition led to cancelling two classes. Two other introductory classes were added to accommodate first year students.

Institutional Developments

1. Transition to university status underway. By statute, we are a teaching institute with no provincial money allocated to research.
2. Enrolment expected to increase in 2009-10 because of new status, especially in International Education.
3. Faculty of Social Sciences by-laws created (subject to Senate approval).

Articulation Issues

1. VIU Registration has streamlined process for course articulation requests. Requests are sent to Chair for evaluation who consults with faculty.
2. Students can use up to 9 credits from other institutions for 3rd & 4th year courses (e.g., online or distance education).
3. SFU’s STAT 100 (Chance and Data Analysis) is required for their BA-Crim but has no credit at VIU (as evaluated by our Math Dept). Students must take our MATH 161 (Statistics for the Social Sciences) which transfer as SFU’s STAT 203 (Introduction to Statistics for Social Sciences).
4. Registration gives no credit for Humber College two year Police Foundations course (no equivalency). We did grant 9 credits in a Prior Learning Assessment for a retired RCMP Staff Sergeant.
5. Block transfer credit credentials must match those of VIU students.
 - a. Students applying to BA-Crim must have C- or better in required courses (e.g., criminology, sociology, political science, math and psychology).
 - b. Will be accepted if they agree to re-take a missing course within the first year.

Employment for Graduates

1. Criminology students raised money and co-hosted their own career fair with the Business Faculty last fall. Many are being hired during or shortly after their Field Placement (CRIM 475) by the sponsoring agencies.