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Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Programs

Diploma in Criminology

Location Offered:

Nanaimo

Credential:

Diploma

Program Length:

2 Years

The Program

Criminology is an interdisciplinary science that focuses on law and its interpretation by the courts, patterns in crime, the explanation of deviant and criminal behaviour, and society's reaction to law-breaking. The program introduces students to criminal law, the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, and case-law decisions made by the courts. Students will examine in separate courses the three main components of the criminal justice system—police, courts and corrections—that form an organized response to crime. The program addresses the trends and correlates of crime, including the influences of age, ethnicity, gender, and social class. The major explanations for crime try to account for these patterns by looking at historical, individual and social causes. The criminological focus is broadened with courses from other disciplines in the Social Sciences and Humanities.

The program aims to provide students with conceptual, critical and applied skills to work in fields where a legal/justice focus is beneficial. The curriculum emphasizes development of professional and applied skills through training in professional ethics, conflict mediation, use of information technology for researching relevant topics, writing, presenting data, and working in small groups on specific tasks. Although the core of the curriculum is centered on justice-related issues, students will find the program applies equally to areas in the private sector where research competence, project management, legal analysis and communication skills are essential.

Students who successfully complete the first two years of the program with a minimum program cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 may apply to receive a Diploma.

Program Outline

Year 1	Credits
CRIM 101 - (Intro to Criminology) <i>or</i> <i>three credits from INTR 102 (Intro to Criminology and Sociology)</i>	3
CRIM 103 - (Psycho-social Explanations of Criminality) <i>or three credits from</i> INTR 104 - (Criminological Theory and the Lived Experience) <i>or</i> PSYC 103 - (Psychological Explanations of Criminal and Deviant Behaviour)	3
CRIM 131 - (Intro to the Criminal Justice System)	3
CRIM 135 - (Intro to Canadian Law and Legal Institutions: a Criminal Justice Perspective)	3
Select at least <i>one</i> course from the following list:	
PHIL 100 - (Rhetoric and Reasoning)	3
PHIL 111 - (Intro to Philosophy: Theory of Knowledge)	
PHIL 112 - (Intro to Philosophy: Ethics)	
PSYC 111 - (Contemporary Psychology I)	3
PSYC 112 - (Contemporary Psychology II)	3
SOCI 111 - (Intro to Sociology) <i>or</i> <i>three credits from INTR 102 (Intro to Criminology and Sociology)</i>	3
Degree English Requirements*	6
Total Credits	30

* *Students who achieve a grade of “B+” or better in one of ENGL 115, 125, or 135 do not have to take additional English credits; an elective should be taken in its place.*

Year 2	Credits
CRIM 204 - (Deviance, Crime and Social Control)	3
Select <i>one</i> of the following Research Methods courses: CRIM 220 - (Research Methods in Criminology) <i>or</i> , SOCI 250 - (Introduction to Social Research) <i>or</i> , SSID 250 - (Introduction to Social Research) <i>or</i> , PSYC 204 - (Research Methods)	3
CRIM 230 - (Criminal Law)	3
Select at least <i>one</i> course from the following list:	
CRIM 200 - (Aboriginal Issues in the Canadian Criminal Justice System)	
CRIM 210 - (Law, Youth and Young Offenders)	
CRIM 213 - (Gender, Crime and Justice)	3
CRIM 241 - (Intro to Corrections)	
CRIM 251 - (Intro to Policing)	
CRIM 290 - (Alternative Conflict Resolution in Criminal Justice Systems)	
CRIM 299 - (Current Topics in Criminology)	
Select <i>one</i> of the following statistics courses: MATH 161 - (Intro to Statistics for Social Sciences) <i>or</i> , MATH 181 - (Introduction to Statistics) <i>or</i> , MATH 211 - (Statistics I) QUME 232 - (Business Statistics I)	3
POLI 151 - (Law and Politics in Canada)	3
<i>Four</i> electives chosen from any 100/200/300/400-level courses	12
Total Credits	30

Admission Requirements

- General admission requirements apply.
- English 12 with minimum “C” or equivalent.

- One of Principles of Mathematics 11, Applications of Mathematics 11, or Foundations of Mathematics 11 with minimum “C”, or equivalent.

Notes on Admission

- Aboriginal students can apply for reserve seats by submitting the Access Initiative for Aboriginal Students form.
- Admission rankings are determined by the overall GPA of English 12 and Mathematics 11.
- Enrolment in this program is limited. Students who meet or exceed the minimum admission requirements may not necessarily be admitted to the program.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the Diploma program have accessed careers in provincial corrections or probation, federal parole or corrections, policing, customs and immigration, court-related occupations, or working with youth in correctional/therapeutic settings.

Start Date and Application Deadline

The program starts in September. Applications will be accepted from October 2 to March 31, however, applicants are encouraged to apply by the early consideration deadline of January 31. The program may fill quickly and early applicants will be given priority. Admission is limited and applicants who meet or exceed the minimum admission requirements may not necessarily be offered admission to the program. For further information regarding application deadlines and program contacts check the Program Availability List.

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