BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE (HONOURS)

At a Glance

Faculty

kpu.ca/arts (http://kpu.ca/arts/)

Area of Study:

kpu.ca/arts/criminology (http://kpu.ca/arts/criminology/)

Academic Level:

Undergraduate

Credential Granted:

Baccalaureate Degree (Honours)

Start Date:

Fall (September)

Spring (January)

Summer (May)

Intake Type:

- Open

Minimum Credits Required:

132

Curriculum Effective Date:

01-Sep-2015

Intakes for this program have been postponed indefinitely.

Description

The Bachelor of Arts in Community Criminal Justice is currently under review. Intakes have been suspended pending completion of the review. Please check with an Arts Degree Advisor to discuss your academic plan.

The Bachelor of Arts in Community Criminal Justice program is designed to enable students to critically examine and explore the concepts and practices of justice, equality, and fairness that underpin our social and legal institutions. In so doing, students embark on community engagement and on an active and sustained engagement with institutions of civil society that can be productively harnessed to bring about social justice.

By combining theory and practice, students investigate issues of class, race, gender, and socio-economic conditions and examine how they shape our society. This program integrates opportunities to engage in undergraduate research, service learning, and practicum placements that provide students with highly transferable and marketable knowledge and skills.

The Bachelor of Arts in Community Criminal Justice program provides students with the following benefits:

- A broad understanding of crime and social justice issues within community, national, and international contexts.
- Courses unique in Canada that unite practical and professional skills with community building and social justice.
- An understanding of social and legal responses to crime and justice and the inter-relationship of these responses on societal attitudes.
- A solid understanding of, and familiarity with, the research techniques that allow us to accurately document crime, victimization, attitudes, and social and legal change.
- Ability to think critically and respond innovatively to emerging trends in community-based justice and related agencies.
- Opportunities to work in direct partnership with local agencies and faculty on projects or engage in research, working closely with academic supervisors.
- An understanding of, and ability to use, various means to promote social justice, including conflict resolution, restorative justice, community advocacy in a human rights framework, and an ability to deal with the many regulatory regimes that affect people in the justice system.

This unique program ensures that graduates have covered a range of theoretical, scientific, legal, and practical courses. Specific upper-division courses build knowledge and skills in:

- Understanding historical and contemporary perspectives of social justice and injustice
- Developing individual skills and leadership abilities to work effectively with community-based agencies and organizations that promote social justice goals
- Understanding crime in communities and its prevention
- Empirical data collection, analysis, and presentation
- Conflict resolution and mediation
- Restorative justice
- Professional communication skills
- Project planning, management, and evaluation
- Advocacy, human rights, and decision making in regulatory agencies
- Professional ethics

Students who are interested in applying to graduate school or prefer more extensive research experience are encouraged to undertake a structured program leading to an Honours degree. Students may obtain a Bachelor of Arts in Community Criminal Justice Honours degree by completing a further 12 credits of coursework centred on developing, researching, and writing an Honours Thesis.

Note: See the Bachelor of Arts Honours (https://calendar.kpu.ca/programs-az/arts/criminology/criminology-bah/), Major (https://calendar.kpu.ca/programs-az/arts/criminology/criminology-ba/), and Minor in Criminology (https://calendar.kpu.ca/programs-az/arts/criminology/criminology-minor/) for information on an alternate program.

Career Opportunities

The limited success of traditional responses to crime, violence, poverty, homelessness, mental illness, and other social issues has increased calls for different approaches and strategies. New awareness of the burdens and social costs associated with these issues requires communities to rethink and refocus their efforts. KPU's Bachelor of Arts in Community Criminal Justice features a unique focus on community-based solutions to crime and social justice issues. Our innovative program prepares students for career opportunities in community-based work, social

service delivery, legal advocacy, public safety, human rights, and the non-profit sector. The conceptual, critical, and applied skills that students acquire in this program will be attractive to employers in a wide range of settings, including community-based agencies and traditional organizations concerned with the justice field, such as law enforcement, courts, corrections, and customs and border security.

Requirements

Admission Requirements

The Faculty's Admission Requirements, which consist of KPU's undergraduate English Proficiency Requirement (https://calendar.kpu.ca/admissions/english-proficiency-requirements/), apply to this program.

Declaration Requirements

Students intending to graduate with this Faculty of Arts Bachelor's degree must declare the credential by the time they complete 60 credits of undergraduate coursework. At the time of declaration, the student must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- In good academic standing with the University
- Completion of a minimum of 18 credits of undergraduate coursework, including the following with a minimum grade of "C":
  - 3 credits of ENGL at the 1100 level or higher
  - 6 credits at the 1100 level or higher in the Major area

Curricular Requirements

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree must complete all requirements in the Bachelor of Arts framework (https://calendar.kpu.ca/programs-az/arts/ba-degree-framework/) in addition to their major or minor program requirements.

Community Criminal Justice Honours Degree

The Bachelor of Arts in Community Criminal Justice requires that students complete 120 credits of post-secondary studies.

Code	Title	Credits
1000 Level		
CRIM 1100	Introduction to Criminology	3
CRIM 1101	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	3
CRIM 1107	Canadian Legal Systems	3
CRIM 1207	Introduction to Criminal Law	3
CRIM 1208	Methods of Research in Criminology	3
CRIM 1215	Interpersonal and Professional Development in Criminology	3
PSYC 1100	Introduction to Psychology: Basic Processes	3
SOCI 1125	Introduction to Society: Processes and Structures	3
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL 1100	General Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL 1110	Introduction to Moral Philosophy	
PHIL 1145	Critical Thinking	
PHIL 1150	Introduction to Formal Logic	
2000 Level		
CRIM 2103	Quantitative Data Analysis I	3
CRIM 2330	Psychological Explanations of Criminal Behaviour	3
CRIM 2331	Sociological Explanations of Criminal Behaviour	3
CRIM 2341	Canadian Criminal Justice Administration	3
Select one of the following:		3
CRIM 2204	Criminal Justice and Psychology	
CRIM 2205	Crime, Criminal Justice, and the Media	
CRIM 2211	Introduction to Policing	
CRIM 2214	Corrections: Theory and Practice	
CRIM 2249	Youth Justice	
3000 and 4000 Level		
CMNS 3100	Technical Report Writing	3
CRIM 3000	Justice/Injustice	3
CRIM 3104	Qualitative Research Methods	3
CRIM 3800	Service Learning in Criminology and Justice	6
CRIM 4301	Community Advocacy and Human Rights	3
CRIM 4400	Ethics and Professional Development	3
Select at least 6 credits of the following courses in the Justice group:		6
CRIM 3213	Community Corrections	
CRIM 3307	Issues in Conflict Resolution	
CRIM 4240	Indigenous Peoples and Justice	
Select at least 6 credits from two or more of the following groups:		6
Group A: Methods		
CRIM 3115	Crime Mapping	
CRIM 4410	Policy and Program Evaluation	
Group B: Theory		
CRIM 3100	Advanced Theories of Crime and Community	
CRIM 3111	Contemporary Sociological Criminology	
CRIM 3113	Critical Criminology	
CRIM 4112	Contemporary Psychological Criminology	
Group C: Criminal Justice		
CRIM 3118	White-Collar & Corporate Crime	
CRIM 3217	Women, Crime, and Justice	
CRIM 3249	Issues in Youth Justice	
CRIM 4201	Community Safety and Crime Prevention	
CRIM 4235	Marginalized Groups and the Criminal Justice System	
Group D: Law		
CRIM 3302	Procedure and Evidence	
CRIM 3305	Law and Society	
CRIM 3351	Philosophy of Law	
CRIM 3512	Mental Disorder and Canadian Law	
CRIM 4300	Administrative and Regulatory Law	
Select at least 6 credits of the following courses in the Applied category:		6
CRIM 4800	Practicum in Criminology and Justice	
Select an additional 9 credits of CRIM courses		9
Select 12 credits from courses outside criminology in arts, science, or other areas (breadth requirements)		12
Total Credits		**102**

Honours

In addition to the 120 credits required for the Bachelor of Arts in Community Criminal Justice, students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts

in Community Criminal Justice Honours degree must complete the following additional 12 credits of course-work:

Code	Title	Credits
CRIM 5000	Honours Thesis I	3
CRIM 5010	Honours Seminar	3
CRIM 5020	Honours Thesis II	6
Total Credits		**12**

Enrolment in Criminology Honours courses requires the permission of the Criminology Honours committee. In order to be considered for Honours courses, students normally must:

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

Please see kpu.ca/arts/criminology (http://kpu.ca/arts/criminology/) for further information regarding application deadlines and selection criteria.

Students may receive either the Bachelor of Arts in Community Criminal Justice degree or the Bachelor of Arts in Community Criminal Justice Honours degree, but not both.

Credential Awarded

Upon successful completion of the Honours program, students are eligible to receive a **Bachelor of Arts in Community Criminal Justice (Honours)**.

Co-op Requirements
Co-operative Education

The BA in Community Criminology Justice is offered with a Co-operative Education option. Co-operative Education gives a student the opportunity to apply the skills gained during academic study in paid, practical work experience semesters. Degree students in the Co-op option are expected to complete a minimum of three work terms while completing their degree. Work terms generally occur full-time in separate 4 month work semesters. Work semesters alternate with academic study.

Students wishing to enter and participate in the Co-op Option must meet the following requirements:

Declaration/Entrance Requirements

- Declaration into the BA in Community Criminal Justice
- Minimum GPA of 2.7

Program Continuance Requirements

- Completion of COOP 1101 prior to 75 programs credits
- Minimum program GPA of 2.7
- Instructor permission

Co-op Requirements

The Co-operative Education designation requires successful completion of the following courses:

Code	Title	Credits
Required		
COOP 1101	Introduction to Professional and Career Readiness	1
COOP 1150	Co-op Work Semester 1 [1]	9
COOP 2150	Co-op Work Semester 2 [1]	9
COOP 3150	Co-op Work Semester 3 [1]	9
Optional		
COOP 4150	Co-op Work Semester 4	
Total Credits		**28**

Note: COOP courses must be completed in ascending numerical order. Contact the Co-op office for information about the possibility of part-time work terms. COOP courses may be used only to satisfy the Co-op designation and cannot be used to satisfy other curricular requirements of the program.

Additional Requirements

In addition to the requirements stated above, all Co-op students must satisfy the General Co-operative Education Requirements (https://calendar.kpu.ca/academic-regulations/co-operative-education/).

Credential Awarded

Upon successful completion of the Co-operative Education Option in the degree program, students are eligible to receive a **Bachelor of Arts in Community Criminal Justice (Co-operative Education Option)**.