An exciting new option at York University

The Criminology Qualification Year offers a focused first year of study with all the courses you need to gain entry to the Criminology program in your second year.

Honours Criminology (CRIM) is a highly competitive program, and while we are unable to offer you a space in that program at this time, we believe that high-achieving students should have an option to enter this program after successfully completing the Criminology Qualification Year.

We are offering you an exciting new option to gain entry into CRIM through a first year qualification program. The Criminology Qualification Year at York University will allow you entry into Criminology in your second year conditional upon meeting a number of requirements in your first year.

What courses will I take?

CRIMINOLOGY QUALIFICATION YEAR REQUIRED COURSES

• CRIM 1650 Introduction to Criminology with a minimum of a “B” average (total 6 credits)
• General Education requirements (21 credits) as below:
  • 6.00 credits in Natural Science
  • A 9.00 credit approved general education course in Social Sciences or Humanities
  • A 6.00 credit approved general education course in the opposite category to your 9.00 credit choice in Social Sciences or Humanities

What happens after my Qualification Year?

Successful completion of your first year requirements will allow you entry into Criminology in your second year.

What if I’m not successful in my Qualification Year?

Should you not be successful in completing your Qualification Year requirements, the courses you do achieve credit in will allow you to pursue a number of other exciting law-focused programs in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies including: Law & Society, Public Policy and Administration, Political Science, Interdisciplinary Social Science and Sociology.

We will advise you of your options throughout your first year in order to take every step to ensure your success at York University and beyond.
FIRST YEAR MAJOR AND ELECTIVE COURSES

Introduction to Criminology
This course critically investigates processes that define criminality; the relationship between control and consent; the administration of "justice," and the social contexts within which legal contests occur. It introduces students to critical and contemporary approaches as well as mainstream/traditional explanations. Note: Students must achieve a grade of at least B (6.00) in this course in order to be permitted to continue as a major in criminology, or to pursue additional criminology courses at the 2000, 3000 and 4000 levels.

Law and Morality in Literature and Culture (HUMA Credit)
This course examines aspects of the relationships between law and morality in literary, filmic and philosophical works from Ancient Greece to the Modern World and in several modern court cases.

Introduction to Social Science (SOSC Credit)
The course considers the distinctive characteristics of modern society including the impact of modernization on the family, religion, economic behaviour, politics and belief systems. It introduces many of the major concepts social scientists use in analyzing how society works.

Gender and the Law (SOSC Credit)
This course explores the role of gender within the context of the legal system. Current issues that highlight the relationship between gender and law are examined by analyzing both legislation and case law. Topics include: divorce, rape and equal pay.

Modes of Reasoning: Reasoning about Social Issues (SOSC Credit)
This is a skills-based course focusing on critical thinking, research-based writing, and qualitative and quantitative analysis. The particular focus will be on different positions taken within the social sciences on issues such as abortion, euthanasia, pornography, immigration etc.

Modes of Reasoning: Reasoning about Morality and Values (HUMA Credit)
This is a skills-based course focusing on critical thinking, critical writing, and logical and linguistic analysis. The course uses examples drawn from areas in the humanities where value judgements are made. Different sections will stress different topics in ethics, aesthetics, religion or law.

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We are very pleased to offer you this exciting new option at York University and look forward to seeing you in September!