

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CJ)

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## DEGREES/PROGRAMS OFFERED

3-Year BA  
4-Year BA  
Honours BA  
Minor  
MA - Details are available in the *Graduate Studies Academic Calendar*.

## INTRODUCTION

The Criminal Justice program examines topics including law, crime, offenders, victims, the criminal justice system and other forms of social sanctions and regulatory controls as it relates to justice. Our students learn about historical and contemporary explanations of crime and justice and become familiar with research literature on criminal justice agencies such as police, courts, and corrections. Students are challenged to think critically about key issues confronting the criminal justice system, the strengths and limits of possible reforms and thinking about abolition, as well as the ethical dilemmas facing criminal justice systems.

Graduates may find career opportunities in a variety of government agencies such as provincial and federal departments of justice, law enforcement; institutional, community or youth corrections; probation or parole; court systems, paralegal, victim services, civil service; policy analyst. Career opportunities are also available in non-governmental agencies which could include activist agencies, legal help centres, social welfare programming, rehabilitation counseling, and evaluation and research. The program also provides a strong background for those who wish to pursue graduate studies or law school.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR A 3-YEAR BA IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

<b>ADMISSION REQUIREMENT</b>	Students are advised but not required to consult with a member of the Department in planning their course of study.
<b>GRADUATION REQUIREMENT</b>	90 credit hours.
<b>RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT</b>	
Degree:	Minimum 30 credit hours
Major:	Minimum 18 credit hours
<b>GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT</b>	
Humanities:	12 credit hours in Humanities
Science:	6 credit hours in Science
Writing:	3 credit hours in Academic Writing
Indigenous:	3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses
Maximum Introductory Courses:	Students may take a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level. As a result, students must take a minimum of 48 credit hours at the 2000-level or above in order to not exceed the maximum number of introductory courses.
Distribution:	Minimum 3 credit hours from each of five (5) different subjects
<b>MAJOR REQUIREMENT</b>	
Single Major:	Minimum 36 credit hours
Double Major:	Minimum 36 credit hours in Criminal Justice and a specified number of credit hours in a second Major. Courses credited to the Criminal Justice Major may also be counted in the second major if they meet the requirements of the second major. Students are advised to consult with a major advisor in the appropriate department with respect to course requirements in the second Major.
Combined Major	Minimum 48 credit hours from two different majors with not less than 18 credit hours from each major subject

## 1000-level Course Requirement

All students are required to complete a total of 6 credit hours selected from the 1000-level offerings in Political Science, Sociology, and/or Psychology as part of their undergraduate CJ degree.

## Required Courses

CJ-1002(3) Introduction to Criminal Justice	CJ-2115(3) Qualitative Methods and Research Design in Criminal Justice *
CJ-2100(3) Foundations of Criminal Justice	CJ-2130(3) Criminal Law
CJ-2114(3) Quantitative Methods and Research Design in Criminal Justice *	CJ-3205(3) Professional Ethics in Criminal Justice

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Plus an **additional** 12 credit hours from Criminal Justice courses. The remaining 6 credit hours must be taken from Interdisciplinary Electives.

\*CJ-2114(3) or CJ-2115(3) can be taken instead of CJ-2101 for students who declared a CJ major prior to 25/26.

Note: Students may satisfy the Quantitative Methods and Research Design in Criminal Justice (CJ-2114), and Qualitative Methods and Research Design in Criminal Justice (CJ-2115) requirements by instead taking Sociology **SOC-2125(3) & SOC-2126(3)**; or Psychology **PSYC-2101(3) & PSYC-2102(3)**.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR A 4 YEAR BA IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

<b>ADMISSION REQUIREMENT</b>	Students are advised, but not required to consult with a member of the Department in planning their course of study.
<b>GRADUATION REQUIREMENT</b>	120 credit hours
<b>RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT</b>	
Degree:	Minimum 60 credit hours
Major:	Minimum 30 credit hours
Double Major:	Minimum 30 credit hours in each Major
Combined Major:	Minimum 15 credit hours in each Major
<b>GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT</b>	
Humanities:	12 credit hours in Humanities
Science:	6 credit hours in Science
Social Sciences:	12 credit hours in Social Sciences
Writing:	3 credit hours in Academic Writing
Indigenous:	3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses
Maximum Introductory Courses:	Students may take a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level.
Distribution:	Minimum 3 credit hours from each of five (5) different subjects
<b>MAJOR REQUIREMENT</b>	
Single Major:	Minimum 48 credit hours / maximum 66 credit hours.
Double Major:	Minimum 48 credit hours in each Major subject; a minimum of 48 credit hours in Criminal Justice. Courses that are credited to the Criminal Justice Major may also be counted in the second Major if they meet the requirements of the second Major. Students are advised to consult with a Major advisor in the appropriate department with respect to course requirements in the second Major.
Combined Major:	Maximum total of elective and major courses is 84 credit hours combined. Minimum 60 credit hours from two Major subjects with not less than 24 credit hours from each major subject.

### 1000-level Course Requirement

All students are required to complete a total of 6 credit hours selected from the 1000-level offerings in Political Science, Sociology, and/or Psychology as part of their undergraduate CJ degree.

### Required Courses – 24 credit hours

CJ-1002(3) Introduction to Criminal Justice	CJ-2120(3) Policing in Canada
CJ-2100(3) Foundations of Criminal Justice	CJ-2130(3) Criminal Law
CJ-2114(3) Quantitative Methods and Research Design in Criminal Justice *	CJ-2203(3) Institutional Corrections
CJ-2115(3) Qualitative Methods and Research Design in Criminal Justice *	CJ-3205(3) Professional Ethics in Criminal Justice

Plus an **additional 18** credit hours of non-required Criminal Justice courses. The **remaining 6** credit hours must be taken from Interdisciplinary Electives.

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Note: Students may satisfy the Quantitative Methods and Research Design in Criminal Justice (CJ-2114) and Qualitative Methods and Research Design in Criminal Justice (CJ-2115) requirements by instead taking Sociology **SOC-2125(3) & SOC-2126(3)**; or Psychology **PSYC-2101(3) & PSYC-2102(3)**.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR AN HONOURS BA IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENT

Entry into the program after completing a minimum of 30 credit hours.

Students must consult with and have the approval of the Departmental Honours Chair or Department Chair to be admitted into the program and to register for Honours courses.

Entry into the program, continuing in the program, and graduation require a minimum GPA of 3.0 (B) in Honours subject courses and 2.5 (C+) in Non-Honours subject courses.

The minimum GPA 2.5 GPA (C+) in all Non-Honours subjects will be calculated as for the general degree (i.e., F grades are not included. In the case of repeated courses, only the highest grade will be used).

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENT** Minimum 120 credit hours

**RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT**

Degree: Minimum 60 credit hours  
Honours: Minimum 30 credit hours, including a minimum of 18 credit hours at the upper level (3000-4000) of which a minimum 9 must be taken at the 4000 level

**GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENT**

Humanities: 12 credit hours in Humanities  
Science: 6 credit hours in Science  
Writing: 3 credit hours in Academic Writing  
Indigenous: 3 credit hours in designated Indigenous requirement courses  
Maximum Introductory Courses: Students may take a maximum of 42 credit hours at the 1000 level. Of these, a maximum of 6 credit hours may be below the 1000 level.  
Distribution: Minimum 3 credit hours from each of five (5) different subjects

**HONOURS REQUIREMENT**

Single Honours: Minimum 54 credit hours / Maximum 78 credit hours in the Honours subject  
Minimum 30 credit hours at the upper level (3000-4000)  
Minimum 18 credit hours in 4000-level Honours courses  
Double Honours: Minimum 36 credit hours in each Honours subject. Minimum 24 credit hours at the upper level (3000/4000) in the Criminal Justice component of the double Honours of which a minimum of 18 credit hours must be at the 4000 level. For the requirements of the other Honours subject, consult the department involved.

**1000-level Course Requirement**

All students are required to complete a total of 6 credit hours selected from the 1000-level offerings in Political Science, Sociology, and/or Psychology as part of their undergraduate CJ degree.

**Required pre-requisites necessary to complete the Honours degree**

CJ-1002(3) Introduction to Criminal Justice  
CJ-2100(3) Foundations of Criminal Justice  
CJ-2114(3) Quantitative Methods and Research Design in Criminal Justice \*  
CJ-2115(3) Qualitative Methods and Research Design in Criminal Justice \*  
CJ-2130(3) Criminal Law  
CJ-3205(3) Professional Ethics in Criminal Justice

**Required 4000 level courses Honours:**

CJ-4116(3) Program and Policy Evaluation  
CJ-4122(3) Capstone Seminar in Criminal Justice  
CJ-4123(3) Honours Thesis in Criminal Justice  
CJ-4130(3) Advanced Criminal Law

**Elective courses at the 4000 Level**

CJ-4102(3) Advances in Qualitative and Visual Methods  
CJ-4105(3) Seminar in Youth and Criminal Justice  
CJ-4200(3) Gangs, Crime, & the Inner-City  
CJ-4300(3) Critical Criminal Justice Theory  
CJ-4400(3) Selected Topics in Criminal Justice  
CJ-4401(3) Criminal Justice Directed Readings  
CJ-4500(3) Colonialism and Criminal Justice in Canada  
CJ-4654(3) Wrongful Convictions  
CJ-4800(6) Research Field Practicum

**Elective Courses at the 3000 Level**

CJ-3107(3) Crime, Media and Popular Culture  
CJ-3117(3) Crime Careers  
CJ-3121(3) Race and the Criminal Justice System  
CJ-3122(3) Criminal Intelligence Analysis  
CJ-3130(3) Criminal Procedure  
CJ-3184(3) Surveillance, Information & Criminal Justice  
CJ-3201(3) Comparative Crime and Criminal Justice  
CJ-3204(3) Crime Prevention  
CJ-3223(3) Green Criminology  
CJ-3233(3) Green Justice  
CJ-3400(3) Selected Topics in Criminal Justice \*\*  
CJ-3444(3) Gender and the Criminal Justice System  
CJ-3470(3) Forensic Psychology  
CJ-3500(3) Interpersonal Violence  
CJ-3800(6) Criminal Justice Field Placement

\*CJ-2114(3) or CJ-2115(3) can be taken instead of CJ-2101 for students who declared a CJ major prior to 25/26.

Note: Students may satisfy the Quantitative Methods and Research Design in Criminal Justice (CJ-2114), and Qualitative Methods and Research Design in Criminal Justice (CJ-2115) requirements by instead taking Sociology **SOC-2125(3) & SOC-2126(3)**; or Psychology **PSYC-2101(3) & PSYC-2102(3)**.

\*\* This course can be taken more than once if it is a different topic  
**Interdisciplinary Electives \* (maximum 6 credit hours)**

Psychology *	
PSYC-4100(6)	Intermediate Research Design and Data Analysis
Political Science *	
POL-4215(6)	Seminar in Political Thought
Sociology *	
SOC-4116(3)	Seminar on Quantitative Methods
SOC-4126(3)	Seminar on Qualitative Methods

\* Must have prerequisites for these courses, or permission of department/instructor.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR A MINOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Degree:	Students completing any undergraduate degree program are eligible to complete the Minor. A minor is declared at time of Graduation and students must contact the Department Chair for documentation. To get permission to register for Criminal Justice courses as a CJ minor, contact the Department Chair.
Requirements:	18 credit hours in total, at least 15 credit hours of which are above the first-year level, and at least 12 credit hours of which are taken at The University of Winnipeg.
Required courses:	9 credit hours, the prerequisite is a grade of "C" or better in the following CJ-1002(3) Introduction to Criminal Justice, CJ-2100(3) Foundations of Criminal Justice, and CJ-2130(3) Criminal Law. 9 credit hours in Criminal Justice courses at or above the 2000 level
Restriction:	Students majoring in Criminal Justice cannot also complete a minor in this area of study.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Prerequisites

CJ-1002(3) Introduction to Criminal Justice is the prerequisite for registration in all Criminal Justice courses at the 2000 level and higher.

CJ-2100(3) Foundations of Criminal Justice, CJ-2130(3) Criminal Law and CJ-2114(3) Quantitative Methods and Research Design in Criminal Justice, and CJ-2115(3) Qualitative Methods and Research Design in Criminal Justice is a prerequisite for some 3000 level courses.

Students wishing to take 3000 level courses should check the calendar to ensure they have the appropriate prerequisites.

**Course Offerings:** 2000-and 3000-level courses may be lecture, seminar or laboratory format, or some combination of these, depending on the orientation of the Instructor and the course enrolment. Usually they are lecture format.

**4000-Level Courses:** Permission of the Department is required for each 4000-level course. Minimum 3.0 GPA (B) in Criminal Justice courses. Students must consult with the Criminal Justice Honours Chair or Department Chair to receive program approval.

## COURSE LISTINGS

The Criminal Justice curriculum is arranged so that students receive excellent academic training and achieve in-depth knowledge of numerous topics including police, courts and corrections, theory, and methods. The first two years of the program are organized around these core areas. Third year offerings are integrated with other Departments and provide flexibility for students who wish to specialize in courses related to policing, courts or corrections, criminology, sociology, psychology, or other disciplines.

### Core Courses:

CJ-1002(3) Introduction to Criminal Justice  
 CJ-2100(3) Foundations of Criminal Justice  
 CJ-2114(3) Quantitative Methods and Research Design in Criminal Justice  
 CJ-2115(3) Qualitative Methods and Research Design in Criminal Justice  
 CJ-2130(3) Criminal Law  
 CJ-3205(3) Professional Ethics in Criminal Justice

CJ-3121(3) Race and the Criminal Justice System  
 CJ-3122(3) Criminal Intelligence Analysis  
 CJ-3130(3) Criminal Procedure  
 CJ-3184(3) Surveillance, Information and Criminal Justice  
 CJ-3201(3) Comparative Crime and Criminal Justice  
 CJ-3204(3) Crime Prevention  
 CJ-3223(3) Green Criminology  
 CJ-3233(3) Green Justice  
 CJ-3400(3) Selected Topics in Criminal Justice  
 CJ-3444(3) Gender and the Criminal Justice System  
 CJ-3470(3) Forensic Psychology  
 CJ-3500(3) Interpersonal Violence  
 CJ-3800(6) Criminal Justice Field Placement  
 CJ-4102(3) Advances in Qualitative and Visual Methods  
 CJ-4105(3) Seminar in Youth and the Criminal Justice System  
 CJ-4116(3) Program and Policy Evaluation  
 CJ-4122(3) Capstone Seminar in Criminal Justice  
 CJ-4123(3) Honours Thesis in Criminal Justice

### Criminal Justice Electives:

CJ-2120(3) Policing in Canada  
 CJ-2125(3) Victimology  
 CJ-2203(3) Institutional Corrections  
 CJ-2204(3) Community Corrections  
 CJ-2222(3) Criminal Justice Field School  
 CJ-3107(3) Crime, Media and Popular Culture  
 CJ-3117(3) Crime Careers

CJ-4130(3) Advanced Criminal Law  
CJ-4200(3) Gangs, Crime and the Inner City  
CJ-4300(3) Critical Criminal Justice Theory  
CJ-4400(3) Selected Topics in Criminal Justice  
CJ-4401(3) Criminal Justice Directed Readings  
CJ-4500(3) Colonialism and Criminal Justice in Canada

#### **Interdisciplinary Electives:**

##### **Anthropology**

ANTH-2100(3) Method and Theory in Cultural Anthropology  
ANTH-2103(3) Ethnography of Indigenous Peoples in Canada and the U.S.  
ANTH-2304(3) Introduction to Forensic Anthropology

##### **Conflict Resolution Studies**

CRS-2221(3) Restorative Justice  
CRS-2231(3) Nonviolent Social Change  
CRS-2421(3) Legal Systems and Alt. Dispute Resolution  
CRS-2443/IDS-2443(3) Conflict and Development Issues in Indigenous Communities  
CRS-3242(3) Women and Peacemaking  
CRS-3332(3) Trauma and Violence

##### **Disability Studies**

DIS-2200(3) Disabilities and Sexualities

##### **English**

ENGL-3180(3)(6) Making Peace and War in Literature and Culture

##### **Environmental Studies and Sciences**

ENV-3035(3) Law and the Environment

##### **Geography**

GEOG-3415(3) Contested Space  
GEOG-3445(3) Power, Knowledge, Geography

##### **History**

HIST-2610(3) Indigenous Peoples of Canada to 1815  
HIST-2611(3) Indigenous Peoples of Canada since 1815  
HIST-3170(3) History of Law in Islamic Society  
HIST-3224(3) Crime and Conflict in Pre-Modern Europe

##### **Human Rights**

HR-2100(3) Concepts and Conventions in Human Rights  
HR-2200(3) History of Human Rights in Canada

##### **Indigenous Studies**

IS-2020/POL-2020/UIC-2020(3) Colonization and Indigenous Peoples in Canada  
IS-2240/PHIL-2240(3) Indigenous Justice Issues

##### **International Development Studies**

IDS-2443/CRS-2443(3) Conflict and Development Issues in Indigenous Communities  
IDS-3210/UIC-3210(3) Community Organizing for Social Justice

##### **Philosophy**

PHIL-2200(6) Social and Political Philosophy

CJ-4654(3) Wrongful Convictions  
CJ-4800(6) Research Field Practicum

#### **Experimental Courses: No offerings at this time.**

PHIL-2207(3) Philosophy of Law  
PHIL-2240/IS-2240(3) Indigenous Justice Issues

##### **Political Science**

POL-2020/IS-2020/UIC-2020(3) Colonization and Indigenous Peoples in Canada  
POL-2400(6) Canadian Politics  
POL-2410(6) Human Rights & Civil Liberties in Canada  
POL-3135(3) Global Security  
POL-3300(3) Public Policy Process  
POL-3320(3) Women and the Law  
POL-3315(3) The Canadian Legal System  
POL-3411(3) Indigenous People in Canada and the Law  
POL-3415(3) Indigenous Justice and Canadian Law

##### **Psychology**

PSYC-2101(3) Introduction to Data Analysis  
PSYC-2102(3) Introduction to Research Methods  
PSYC-2400(3) Social Psychology I  
PSYC-2410(3) Social Psychology II  
PSYC-2430(3) Psychological Approaches to Social Issues  
PSYC-2920(3) Drugs and Behaviour  
PSYC-3700(3) Abnormal Behaviour in Adults  
PSYC-3710(3) Abnormal Behaviour in Children and Adolescents

##### **Religion & Culture**

REL-2801(3) Introduction to Indigenous Spirituality  
REL-2803(3) Indigenous Sacred Narratives

##### **Sociology**

SOC-2105(6) Race, Ethnic & Indigenous Relations  
SOC-2107(3) Criminological Theory  
SOC-2108(3) Sociology of Deviance  
SOC-2125(3) Intro to Quantitative Research Methods  
SOC-2126(3) Intro to Research Design and Qualitative Research  
SOC-3223(3) Green Criminology  
SOC-3233(3) Green Justice

##### **Urban and Inner City Studies**

UIC-2010(3) Métis Identity, Culture and Rights  
UIC-2020/IS-2020/POL-2020(3) Colonization and Indigenous People in Canada  
UIC-3210/IDS-3210(3) Community Organizing for Social Justice  
UIC-3240(3) Poverty and the Law  
UIC-3050(3) Immigration and the Inner City

##### **Women's and Gender Studies**

WGS-3001(6) Indigenous and Critical Race Feminisms

## EXAMPLE OF A THREE-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAM IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

With a bit of foresight, a student will be able to plan a progressive education that will also take advantage of the liberal arts offering available at UWinnipeg. The following is a possible route for students, but it is only one example. Individual programs may differ substantially. Required courses are denoted with an \*.

<b>Year 1</b>		<b>Year 2</b>		<b>Year 3</b>	
CJ-1002(3)	Intro Criminal Justice*	CJ-2100(3)	Foundations in CJ*	CJ-3205(3)	Professional Ethics in Criminal Justice*
(6)	Science Requirement	CJ-2114(3)	Quantitative Methods & Research Design in CJ*	CJ-3107(3)	Crime, Media and Popular Culture
(6)	Humanities Requirement	CJ-2115(3)	Qualitative Methods & Research Design in CJ*	CJ-3130(3)	Criminal Procedure
POL- 1018(3)	Issues in Canadian Politics, Government & Democracy	CJ-2120(3)	Policing in Canada	CJ-3470(3)	Forensic Psychology
POL-1020(3)	Why Politics Matters	CJ-2130(3)	Criminal Law*	CJ-2204(3)	Community Corrections
PSYC-1000(6)	Intro Psychology	CJ-2203(3)	Institutional Corrections	CJ-3117(3)	Crime Careers
SOC-1100(3)	Intro Sociology I	ANTH-2304(3)	Intro Forensic Anthropology	UCI-3240(3)	Poverty and the Law
		POL-2410(6)	Human Rights & Civil Liberties in Canada	CJ-3500(3)	Interpersonal Violence
		HIST-2610(3)	Indigenous Peoples of Canada to 1815	PSYC-2920(3)	Drugs and Behaviour
		HIST-2611(3)	Indigenous Peoples of Canada since 1815	CRS-2221(3)	Restorative Justice
	Total 30 hrs.		Total 30 hrs.		Total 30 hrs.

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

All course descriptions for all undergraduate programs can now be found in one large PDF called "All Course Descriptions" in the Academic Calendar section of the University website:

<http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/index.html>