

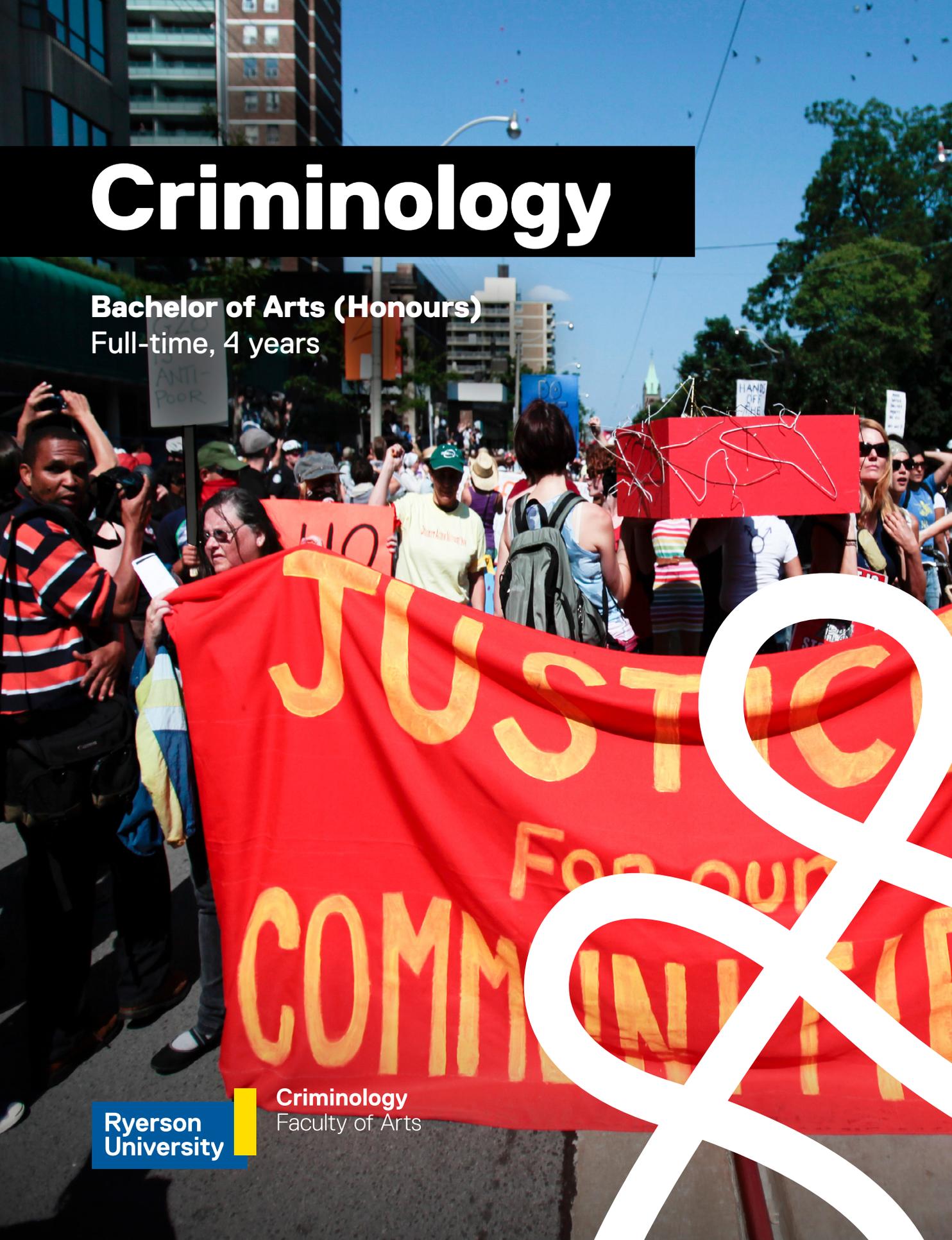
# Criminology

**Bachelor of Arts (Honours)**

Full-time, 4 years

**Ryerson  
University**

**Criminology**  
Faculty of Arts





# Where

# inspiration meets

# impact

## About the Program

Understand the nature of **crime** and **justice** and their relationship to the **police, courts, prisons**, and other systems of regulation. Explore the concerns of victims, prisoners, and communities. Think critically about issues in **law, social inequality, Indigenous justice, ethics, criminalization**, and **crime control and prevention**. Assess the critical issues of race, class, and gender on the administration of the criminal justice system and wider institutions of justice and social control.

Our BA in Criminology focuses on the criminal justice system and its relationships with communities, individuals (as victims and/or perpetrators), and professionals (prosecutors, police officers, youth workers). You will learn about central issues facing the system, why some issues are so controversial, as well as some of the innovative and creative changes which are possible in handing down justice in the future.

The field of criminology is interdisciplinary, as is the faculty in the department. Our professors have backgrounds in disciplines as diverse as **law, criminology, sociology, women's studies, history, geography, political science** and **social and political thought**. They conduct research in areas such as: the **operation of the youth justice system, human rights and national security, the criminalization of dissent, restorative justice, sex worker and drug user rights, surveillance studies, policing and social control, Indigenous governance**, and **victims in the criminal justice system**. The intellectual diversity and cutting-edge research contribute to the vitality of the department and will enhance your overall educational experience.

## Program Highlights

The **Criminology Course Union (CCU)** promotes and advances the interests of students enrolled in the program. It hosts numerous events, such as **networking socials, career nights, documentary screenings, charity fundraisers**, and exciting presentations and workshops put on by various organizations. It also has **rewarding volunteer initiatives** all year round. Its goal is to make all students enrolled in the Criminology program experience the smoothest transition possible from high school to university while offering many educational initiatives.

Our undergraduates have also gone on to complete Masters and PhD programs in a range of fields, for example **law, criminology and social justice, socio-legal studies, immigration and settlement, social work, public policy and administration, health policy and equity**, and **communication and culture**.



## Program Structure

In the first year, you are introduced to Criminology through core courses that critically address **policing**, the **criminal courts**, and the **prison system in Canada**, as well as the main theories of **crime** and the **nature and extent of crime in Canada**.

You acquire key skills through courses in **Academic Writing** and **Research and Critical Thinking**, and choose electives from a broad range of areas, such as **Business, Law, and Natural Sciences**.

This is one of 10 bachelor of arts programs that share a one-year foundation.

## Typical First Year

Semester 1 - FALL	Semester 2 - WINTER
Critical Thinking I - SSH 105	Academic Writing and Research - SSH 205
Introduction to Canadian Criminal Justice - CRM 100	Introduction to Criminology - CRM 102
In addition to that you must choose <b>6 Electives</b> (3 each semester) for your first year.	

## Careers

Work towards defending social justice and human rights through inventive solutions to the fundamental justice issues of our time: **policing, courts, corrections, non-governmental support agencies, social and victim support services, community-based diversion or restorative justice programs, correctional or case work with prisoners, ex-prisoners, or young people in conflict with the law, support services for women, victims of crime and others.** For those wanting to continue their education the Department of Criminology offers a Masters degree in Criminology and Social Justice.

Career Paths include:

- Victim Support Worker
  - Community Outreach Worker
  - Women and Children's Rights Officer
  - Conflict Mediator
  - Lawyer
  - Legal Assistant
  - Youth Advocate
  - Refugee and Migrant Advocate
  - Public Policy Analyst
  - Police or Correctional Officer
- and more...

# How to Apply

## Academic Requirements

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent with a minimum of six Grade 12 U or M courses including the following program specific requirements.

Typically, a minimum overall average of 70% establishes eligibility for admission consideration; subject to competition individual programs may require higher pre-requisite grades and/or higher overall averages:

- a minimum grade of 70% or higher will be required in Grade 12 U English/Anglais (ENG4U/EAE4U preferred).

Criminology welcomes applications from prospective students of all nationalities and gender identities, regardless of age, disability, race, religion, or sexual orientation.

For more information visit:

[ryerson.ca/programs/undergraduate/criminology](https://www.ryerson.ca/programs/undergraduate/criminology)

For more information on Admission to the Criminology program visit: <https://www.ryerson.ca/admissions>

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*My studies at Ryerson have provided me with the foundational knowledge needed to succeed. I learned more than I expected when analyzing the criminal justice system through a gendered or race-based lens, considering the challenges posed by specific populations, and looking at areas in need of reform. Professors were knowledgeable and did a great job of balancing academic research with pertinent real-life cases."*

- **Stephanie Cheung**, former Criminology Student