

# Criminology and Social Justice

MA

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# Criminology and Social Justice (MA)

This three-semester graduate program combines theoretical training in criminology and socio-legal studies, with real-world knowledge and experience. Deeply connected to one of the world's most diverse urban centres, students can choose one of three program streams (course work only, course work and a major research paper, or course work and a field placement), each of which includes classroom learning and various experiential opportunities for students to apply their knowledge and develop career-related skills. The program prepares students for professional and leadership roles in private, public and non-profit sectors related to social justice, including local communities, NGOs, government, international organizations, the legal profession and academia.

## Research Areas

- Canadian national security law and policy
- Gender, feminist and women's studies
- Harm reduction approaches in justice systems
- Historical studies on public order, political culture and urban governance
- Human rights and migration
- Indigenous justice
- International perspectives on crime
- Policing and "race"
- Public perceptions of crime and justice
- Victims and the justice system
- Violence and communities
- Youth justice policy and the administration of justice

## Sample Courses

- Criminology and Social Justice Seminar
- Critical Engagement with Criminological Theories
- Field Placement
- Inequality, Social Justice and Criminal Justice
- Justice Policy
- Practitioners Seminar
- Additional courses offered by other Ryerson MA/PhD programs

## Admissions Information

### MA

- Completion of a 4-year bachelor's degree in criminology or related discipline
- Minimum GPA or equivalent of 3.00/4.33 (B); however, due to the competitive nature of the admissions process, meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee admission
- Curriculum vitae
- Statement of interest
- Two letters of recommendation
- Writing sample

Applicants may be required to provide certification of English language proficiency. For more information, visit [ryerson.ca/graduate/futurestudents/admissions/english-language.html](http://ryerson.ca/graduate/futurestudents/admissions/english-language.html).

## At a Glance



The Department of Criminology faculty members come from such diverse disciplines as criminology, law, sociology, women's studies and history.



Since 2011, Criminology faculty have secured over \$4 million in external funding as principal investigators (PI) or co-PIs from a range of sources, including the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice, Public Safety Canada, Defence Research and Development Canada, Metropolis, the Ontario HIV Treatment Network and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

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