

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEGREE IN CRIMINOLOGY AND JUSTICE?

The comprehensive Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree in Criminology and Justice at UOIT will provide you with an extensive understanding of crime and the justice system, preparing you to pursue a career in criminology, justice, social service or further education. The Criminology and Justice program at UOIT will help you to build an integrated approach to justice services through the examination of each of the justice system's components, including the victim. Specializations are available in: Criminal Justice as well as Youth, Crime and Justice. For more information about this program, please visit the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities website at

socialscienceandhumanities.uoit.ca/undergraduate/programs/criminology-justice

WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP IN THE CRIMINOLOGY AND JUSTICE PROGRAM?

A degree in Criminology and Justice will allow you to develop a number of skills with application in a variety of work contexts. Some of the skills you will acquire and/or develop in the Criminology and Justice program include:

Analytical and Critical Thinking	Decision Making	Persuasion	Problem Solving
Oral and Written Communication	Research	Planning and Organization	Teamwork

EMPLOYERS HIRE PEOPLE NOT DEGREES!

Think beyond your program when choosing a career. To find the right career, you will need to take into account your interests, skills, work preferences and values. The list below is meant to give you some ideas, but it is not exhaustive. Don't limit yourself!

WHAT ARE MY CAREER OPTIONS WITH A DEGREE IN CRIMINOLOGY AND JUSTICE?

Criminology and Justice is an interdisciplinary field that opens up possibilities for careers such as:*

Activist	Foreign Service Worker	Lobbyist	Probation Officer
Addictions Counsellor	Humanitarian Aid Worker	Mediator	Psychopathology Specialist
Bailiff	Immigration Officer	Medical Investigator	Public Policy Analyst
Border Services Officer	Insurance Investigator	Military Officer	Public Relations Specialist
Communications Specialist	Judge	Paralegal	Researcher
Coroner	Lawyer	Police Officer	Victim's Advocate
Correctional Officer	Legal Aid Worker	Politician/Political Aide	
Criminologist	Librarian	Private Security Officer	

*Please note that many of the occupations listed above may require further education, certifications or work experience in conjunction with your degree.

WHERE HAVE PREVIOUS UOIT SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES GRADS WORKED?

Government of Ontario

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services

Canada Border Services Agency

HOW CAN I GET SOME PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE?

A degree on its own is generally not enough to land you your dream job. Practical experience is critical, not only to give you the qualifications you need to be competitive, but also to help you better understand your own interests, skills, personality and work values so that you can be confident that your next career step is the right fit for you.

There are a number of ways for you to get some real-world experience and information about potential careers related to Criminology and Justice. These include:

Practicum – Placements with community organizations are offered to a limited number of fourth-year Social Science and Humanities students. The Pre-Practicum Process begins in third year. For more information, visit socialscienceandhumanities.uoit.ca/undergraduate/experiential-learning.php

Volunteering - If you have little or no work experience, unpaid work experiences are a great way to get your foot in the door, allowing you to develop your skills through hands-on experience, learn more about your interests and make valuable contacts to add to your network for potential paid work opportunities down the road. For more information, find the volunteering resource at uoit.ca/careertools

Informational Interviews - Informational interviews allow you to get the inside scoop on potential career paths from individuals working in the field. For information on how to set up and conduct informational interviews, find the Informational Interview resource at uoit.ca/careertools

Get Involved- The Faculty of Social Science and Humanities has several clubs and organizations dedicated to, among other things, organizing experiential learning and professional opportunities for their members. For more information, visit socialscienceandhumanities.uoit.ca/about/student-clubs.php. See also your-sa.ca for information about other clubs offered by the Student Association. Check out uoit.ca/getinvolved for information about the **Student Involvement Record**.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Student Portal – There are a number of career resources on the Student Portal to get you started in your career research process, including links to Criminology and Justice professional association websites, job leads and information about further education. For more information, visit: uoit.ca/careercentre

Career Counselling – Email careercentre@uoit.ca to book a career counselling appointment if you would like to discuss your career development, including issues such as: career indecision; identifying your skills, interests, work values and personality style as it relates to the workplace; feeling overwhelmed, anxious or confused about the career planning or decision-making process; and overcoming barriers to career development.

Academic Advising – Email sshadvising@uoit.ca to set up an appointment to discuss questions related to your academic path within the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities.