

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A CRIMINOLOGY DEGREE?



Employers want people who can think critically and develop innovative ways to solve problems using evidence-based research.

The Criminology program prepares you for a wide variety of careers, professional degree programs, and graduate studies. Our graduates are working in a number of fields, including some of the following:

Social Services

- Social worker
- Victim support worker
- Addictions counselling
- Youth outreach

Health

- Public health
- Mental health
- Addictions worker
- Occupational therapist

Law, Security, & Enforcement

- Lawyer
- Correctional officer
- Police or customs officer
- Mediator

Education

- Teacher, professor
- Librarian
- Academic counselor
- Researcher

Government and NGOs

- Statistics Canada
- Indigenous Services Canada
- Human rights
- Policy analysis

Business

- Data analytics
- Human resources
- Marketing
- Social media

ONLINE RESOURCES



- **King's University College Career Connect**
👉 kings.uwo.ca/career-connect
- **King's University College Job Board**
👉 www.kingsjobboard.ca/jobs
- **King's University College Alumni Services**
👉 kings.uwo.ca/alumni/benefits-and-services
- **Western University Student Success: Find Work**
👉 success.uwo.ca/careers
- **Pillar Nonprofit Network for London Region Opportunities**
👉 www.pillarnonprofit.ca/jobs

A PLACE TO BECOME



The Criminology program prepares you for a wide variety of graduate and professional study fields. Our graduates have gone on to these careers or schools:

EMPLOYMENT

- Associate Lawyer, Health and Personal Injury, Lerner LLP (London, ON)
- Counsel, Insurance Defense, Aviva Trial Lawyers (Toronto, ON)
- Partner, Family Law, Miller Thomson LLP (Guelph, ON)
- Police Constable, Toronto Police Service
- Electronic Surveillance Coordinator, Salvation Army Correctional and Justice Services (London, ON)
- Case Manager, Bluewater Methadone Clinic (Sarnia, ON)
- Community Impact Coordinator, United Way Elgin Middlesex (London, ON)

GRAD SCHOOL

- MA in Criminology and Sociolegal Studies, University of Toronto
- MA in Criminology, University of Guelph
- MA in Social Work, University of Calgary
- JD, Queen's Law School, Queen's University
- JD, University of Ottawa Law School
- PhD in Sociology, University of Toronto and Western University
- PhD in Sociological Criminology, University of Guelph

LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE **CRIMINOLOGY PROGRAM**
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WELLNESS RESOURCES
STUDENT AFFAIRS
👉 kings.uwo.ca/wellness

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Interdisciplinary** academic program that focuses on real-world research and theoretical training
- **Strong focus on local, national, and global inequalities**
- **Practical and modern research training** that provides students with the tools they need to design and conduct academic and professional research
- **Education about ongoing and emerging complex social issues** which encourages students to develop evidence-based solutions
- **Experiential learning** opportunities in classrooms through applied research and through travel-based learning in Canada and beyond
- **Leading researchers in the field** who are dedicated and committed to teaching, mentoring, and collaborating with students

Criminology

The study of crime in social context



What is Criminology?

Criminology is the study of crime in a social context. As a social science, we explore crime and criminalization in relation to individuals, the police, corrections, the judiciary, the state, and social responses. We consider complex social issues, misconceptions and realities of crime, and strategies for prevention and social change. Our program aims to show and explore criminalization in historical and current social contexts, while also challenging social inequalities and social exclusions that remain in the 21st century.

EXPERIENCE GUIDE

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THE CRIMINOLOGY PROGRAM IS FOR STUDENTS WHO:

- Are interested in social problems, particularly as they relate to crime, victimization, and the criminal justice system
- Want to develop, enhance, and engage advanced qualitative and quantitative research methods, including survey design and regression techniques, interviewing, focus groups, and ethnographic research
- Are interested in expanding their understanding of complex social issues related to poverty and homelessness, drug addiction, racism, sexism, colonization, disability, human security, environmental degradation, physical and mental challenges
- Wish to participate in local and regional experiential learning opportunities led by world-class faculty

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The Criminology program is aimed at engaging students and others in lifelong, ongoing reflection of the taken-for-granted assumptions of human experience. Students who complete a Criminology degree will be well prepared to take on challenging tasks and provide evidence-based solutions to social problems that persist in the 21st century. With the knowledge and skills gained in the program, students will be particularly valuable in careers in government, law and law enforcement, education, health, social work, the non-profit sector, and business. Through the completion of a degree in Criminology, you will build knowledge, skills, and experience.

KNOWLEDGE

- Develop critical research skills to analyze and interpret the complexities of a variety of social issues with a focus on their intersections with crime and criminal justice
- Identify, explain, evaluate, and critique various systems of knowledge production about the social world
- Gain theoretical and practical understanding of the criminal justice system and its effects
- Relate social issues to the criminal justice system and articulate how broader social forces shape individual experiences of criminalization and victimization

SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

- Think critically to understand social problems
- Understand and conduct qualitative and quantitative research
- Communicate learning effectively through presentations, posters, and new media
- Writing in a variety of forms, including research essays, critical reflections, policy analysis, and creative writing
- Synthesize multiple perspectives in innovative ways

EXPERIENCE

- Work with local community-based organizations
- Participate in local, national, and international experiential learning or semester exchange programs
- Learn and develop new communication skills, including the use of social media and podcasting
- Collaborate with faculty on research projects, experiential learning trips, and policy briefs

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Criminology program combines evidence-based research, critical analysis, and practical applications to explore and solve social problems at the local and global levels. The program centres on the critical examination of social structures that continue to be root causes of crime, criminalization, victimization, inequality, and oppression. Students are urged to think critically and creatively about complex social, political, and legal issues to understand misconceptions and realities of crime, and to identify strategies for prevention and social change. As one of the largest programs at King’s University College, Criminology is proud to deliver critical, practical, active, and innovative teaching and research to help your engage, understand, and effect change in the social world.

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CRIMINOLOGY TODAY?
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A PLACE TO BE

FIRST YEAR	MIDDLE YEARS	GRADUATING YEAR
<div>THINK Imagine, Create</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Make an appointment to meet with faculty during office hours▪ Participate in the KAMP Program to meet upper-year student mentors▪ Join the King's Sociology and Criminology Association and participate in social and academic events▪ Review your program requirements and plan for a successful degree path▪ Sign up for the co-curricular record</div>	<div></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Reach out to faculty about possible undergraduate research opportunities▪ Explore options for community-based or experiential learning courses▪ Become a notetaker through King's Accessibility Services▪ Consider a work-study position at The Write Place or elsewhere on campus▪ Attend department-, KSCA-, and KUCSC-sponsored events</div>	<div></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prepare your résumé, CV, or portfolio for the job market▪ Attend graduate school and law school information sessions▪ Prepare graduate school or law school applications▪ Sign up for Life After King's mentoring program▪ Attend employer information sessions and career fairs</div>
<div>DISCOVER Possibilities</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Meet with the Indigenous Cultural Educator or Campus Ministry Development and Peace Group▪ Learn how to use the resources in the Cardinal Carter Library▪ Make appointments with The Write Place to review your work▪ Sign up for intramurals and explore Western Mustang sporting and social events▪ Attend the King's Undergraduate Research Conference</div>	<div></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Check out the Life After King's series to learn about Alumni pathways▪ Become a Soph or Off-Campus Don to support fellow students▪ Explore your interests by volunteering on or off campus▪ Meet with your academic counsellor to make key academic decisions▪ Write for <i>The Regis</i> or <i>Western Gazette</i>▪ Investigate leadership roles offered by King's and Western through the Club System</div>	<div></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Meet with faculty to discuss graduate school, professional programs, or the job market▪ Discuss reference letters from faculty who know you and your work▪ Review your résumé with Career Services and learn about job search tools▪ Participate in on-campus leadership programs and events</div>
<div>ENGAGE In Local and Global Community</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Attend King's International multicultural events▪ Volunteer at community-based organizations, such as the John Howard Society or St. Joseph's Hospitality Centre▪ Consider joining the KUCSC as a first-year or program representative</div>	<div></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Explore experiential learning opportunities▪ Investigate opportunities to work as a research assistant or in a work-study▪ Get involved with the KSCA or KUCSC▪ Participate in the King's Undergraduate Research Conference</div>	<div></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Check out internships offered by governmental or non-governmental organizations▪ Meet with alumni for informational interviews▪ Consider contributing to the King's Undergraduate Research Journal</div>

THE KING'S ANNUAL CHECKLIST

- ☐ Meet regularly with the Academic Dean's Office to ensure you are on track towards your degree requirements
- ☐ Check out programs offered by Student Affairs
- ☐ Continually review your financial aid
- ☐ Check out opportunities to work on campus or off campus throughout your degree
- ☐ Volunteer and support your community at King's
- ☐ Use the library resources offered by the Cardinal Carter Library
- ☐ Check out Career Connect regularly
- ☐ Meet with faculty during their office hours

ALUMNI PROFILE



Jalen Jackson
Honours Specialization Criminology
Graduation Year: 2022

“ During the first 20 minutes of an advanced experiential learning course that the department offers, my adrenaline started to pump with excitement. In those moments, I knew this would be a different type of learning that could be enjoyable and push my limits as a student. This experiential learning course and others offered by King’s allow students to tackle real-world problems, engage in community work, and develop skills sought by employers. The skills I acquired in this course prepared me for my current role. ”

CURRENT CAREER
Junior Program Officer, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC)
CAREER OVERVIEW
“As a Junior Program Officer for IRCC, I get the opportunity to support my colleagues in projects that help improve tools to assist IRCC officers in making better-informed decisions and managing risks. As a unit, we provide analytical expertise and resources to bolster the integrity capacity for IRCC decision-makers. Additionally, I am a part of the Anti-Racism Committee, which promotes awareness and allows me to discuss issues and themes concerning racism within the workplace.”

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ALUMNI
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