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.
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 exploring the understanding of complex social issues related to poverty and homelessness, drug addiction, racism, sexism, colonialism, 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 a variety of roles and challenges 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  
- Identify, explain, evaluate, and critique various systems of knowledge production  
- Synthesize multiple perspectives in innovative ways  
- Engage with the social world.

SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES  
- Think critically to understand social problems  
- Understand and conduct qualitative and quantitative research  
- Communicate learning effectively through presentations, post and new media  
- Write 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  
- Volunteer at world-class institutions, such as the John Howard Society or St. Joseph’s Hospitality Centre  
- Collaborate with faculty on research projects, experiential learning trips, and policy briefs.

WHY STUDY CRIMINOLOGY TODAY?  
- The Criminology program cultivates evidence-based research, critical analysis, and practical applications to explore and solve social problems at the local and global levels. The program centers on the critical examination of social structures that continue to be root causes of crime. Participation in criminology involves victimization, inequality, and oppression. Students are urged to develop their knowledge and skills about complex social, political, and legal systems to assist them in developing microconceptions and realities of crime, and to identify strategies for prevention and change. As one of the largest programs at King’s University College, Criminology is proud to deliver critical, practical, and progressive research programs to help you engage, participate, and make a difference in the social world.

ENGAGE IN LOCAL AND GLOBAL COMMUNITY  
- Meet with faculty to discuss course requirements and plan for a successful degree path  
- Update your co-curricular record  
- Connect with alumni for informational or career opportunities  
- Prepare graduate school or law school applications  
- Attend Life After King’s mentoring program  
- Attend alumni information sessions and career fairs

THINK, IMAGINE, CREATE  
- 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 your office hours

ALUMNI PROFILE  
Jalen Jackson  
Senior Program Officer, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada  
Graduation Year: 2022

"During the first 20 minutes of an interview, I was asked an experiential learning question 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 rewarding and push my limits as a student. This experiential learning course and others offered by King’s allowed 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 impact our clients in a way that makes them feel supported, while also making better informed decisions and managing risks. As a unit, we provide an array of expertise and resources to foster the capability for communities to help themselves, and this promotes access and allows me to discuss issues and themes concerning services within the workplace.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ALUMNI  
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