

Appendix 1

Where to Study Criminology/Criminal Justice and related fields of study/work in Canada

A 1995 Statistics Canada Report revealed that not only are employment prospects bleak and getting bleaker for high school graduates but, as the author of the report said, “times are tough, and if you want to make headway you had better study hard and get a university degree” (Howe, 1995). Although a generic statement, it can hardly be disputed today that seeking post-secondary education for almost any line of work is prudent.

As can be seen in this appendix, colleges in eastern Canada tend to focus on more practical applications of criminal justice employment while the western provinces tend to have a cross-section of applied and two-year university transfer-based programs. Nevertheless, given the number of programs available across the country it can safely be said that criminology and criminal justice have emerged as an academic and professional discipline. Students interested in gaining employment in this field are astute if they obtain specific training in the area that most interests them.

An area of study not covered in this appendix, but which attracts a great number of students, is criminal law. It might appear to be a logical assertion that a degree in criminology/criminal justice would place you at an advantage when applying to law school. Chambliss and Yassa (1995) failed to confirm this in their survey of American universities. In fact, they found that American law schools ranked students with undergraduate degrees in English, philosophy, and economics as preferred. Criminology/criminal justice programs ranked among the lower three! A similar survey conducted of Canadian law schools by Winterdyk (1997a) revealed that no preference was given to any undergraduate background. Rather, academic performance, LSAT scores, and letters of reference were used in the selection process.

The following list has been drawn in part from <http://www.canadian-universities.net/Community-Colleges/Programs/Criminology.html> (retrieved March 24/05). For reasons of consistency and practicality, the list of programs is by region. Since the first edition of this text, a number of schools have added graduate level programs expanding the options for students.

Note: *Most of the programs listed below may be accessed through the Internet link sited above. It is also possible that the references are incomplete. Although other sources were visited, the one used for this appendix was the most comprehensive. Given that the site is comprehensive, I have provided only a cross-section of all the university and college programs across the country. Any omissions are only the result of my sampling. For example, BCIT (British Columbia Institute of technology) offers a one year (post crim/criminal justice diploma) course in Forensic Investigation similarly Mount Royal College in Calgary offers an online certificate in Forensic Evidence. Hence, there is no shortage of programs across the country as schools attempt to respond to the growing field of criminology/criminal justice and as it becomes more professional. Therefore, students might also be interested in visiting the site above as related fields of study are also identified.*

EASTERN REGION—Atlantic Provinces and Quebec

Criminology

Memorial University of Newfoundland (St. John's)

- Division of Continuing Studies

Saint Mary's University (Halifax)

- associated with their sociology program
 - BA (Major and Honors) in Criminology
 - MA and PhD in Criminology

St. Thomas University (Fredericton)

- BA (Major) in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Université de Montreal (School of Criminology)

- BSc, Major in Criminology / Master of Criminology / PhD in Criminology

CEGEPs (Quebec)

John Abbott College (Montreal)

- Professional Police Program: 6 semesters
- Correctional Intervention: 6 semesters

Marianopolis College (Montreal)

- Law and Social Justice: 5 credits taken in conjunction with another program

Dawson College (Montreal)

- Law and Society: 4 semesters

Ontario

Criminology

Université d'Ottawa

- BA, MA, MA (applied), and PhD in Criminology

University of Toronto

- BA, MA, and PhD in Criminology
- Combined LLB & MA in Criminology / Combined JD (Juris Doctor) & MA in Criminology

York University

- Division of Social Science (Criminology)
BA (Major & Honours) in Criminology

Waterloo University (Kitchner – Waterloo)

- Interdisciplinary Program (Legal Studies & Criminology)
BA & Honours

University of Windsor

- Department of Sociology & Anthropology (Criminology)
BA (Major & Honours) in Criminology

MA in Sociology (Specialization in Criminology) / PhD in Sociology
(Specialization in Social Justice)

Criminology and Criminal Justice

Carleton University (Ottawa)

- BA (Major & Honours) in Criminology & Criminal Justice

Police Learning Foundations

Algonquin (Ottawa)

- Diplomas in security and alarm systems technician; security management; and Police learning foundations
- Four semester programs

Cambrian (Sudbury)

- Diploma in police education,

Native justice education

- Four semester programs

Canadore (North Bay)

- Police learning foundations:

4 semesters

Conestoga (Kitchener)

- Police learning foundations:

4 semesters

Confederation (London)

- Police learning foundations:

4 semesters

Durham (Oshawa)

- Police learning foundations:

4 semesters

Fanshawe College (London)

- Police learning foundations:

4 semesters

Georgian College (Barrie)

- Police learning foundations:

4 semesters

Correctional Worker/

Community Worker

Algonquin (Ottawa)

- Diploma: 4 semesters

Cambrian (Sudbury)

- Diploma: 4 semesters

Canadore (North Bay)

- Diploma: 4 semesters

Centennial (Scarborough)

- Diploma: 4 semesters

George Brown (Toronto)

- Diploma: 4 semesters

Lambton (Sarnia)

- Diploma: 4 semesters

St. Lawrence (Kingston)

- Diploma: 4 semesters

Sheridan (Oakville)

- Diploma: 4 semesters

Sir Sandford Fleming (Peterborough)

- Diploma: 4 semesters

WESTERN PROVINCES

Criminal Justice/Criminology

University of Manitoba

- Department of Sociology (Criminology)
BA, Major in Criminology

University of Regina

- The program is called Human Justice Service
- Three-year program with a strong practicum

University of Saskatchewan (Saskatoon)

- Department of Sociology (Aboriginal Justice & Criminology)
BA, Major in Sociology (Concentration in Aboriginal Justice & Criminology)

Lethbridge Community College (Lethbridge, AB)

- Two-year diplomas in corrections, law enforcement, and security
- One-year certificate available to Aboriginal persons only

Red Deer (Red Deer, AB)

- Two-year university transfer

Mount Royal College (Calgary)

- 4 year Applied Justice Studies Degree

University of Alberta (Edmonton)

- Department of Sociology (Criminology)
BA, Major in Criminology / MA in Criminal Justice / PhD (Concentration in Criminology)

Camosun (Victoria, BC)

- Diploma or associate degree: 2 years

Douglas College (New Westminister, BC)

- Certificate—1 year and diploma—

2 years

- Areas: corrections, criminology, law enforcement, and a transferable agreement to third year at Simon Fraser University (SFU)

Kwantlen (Surrey, BC)

- Same as Douglas College

Langara (South Vancouver, BC)

- Same as Douglas College

New Caledonia (Prince George, BC)

- See Douglas College

Simon Fraser University (Burnaby, BC)

School of Criminology

- BA (Major & Honors), MA, and PhD in Criminology

Malaspina University College (Nanaimo, BC)

- BA Major in Criminology

University College of Fraser College (Abbotsford, BC)

- BA (Major and Minor) in Criminal Justice
 - BA General Studies, Police Studies Option

Royal Roads University (Victoria, BC)

- Organizational Leadership & Learning Division (Justice & Public Safety Leadership)
MA in Leadership & Training (Specialization in Justice & Public Safety Leadership)

Yukon College (Whitehorse, YT)

- Two-year certificate in criminal justice, northern justice/criminology

Note: If you visit the link provided above, you will notice that there are now a wide range of related criminology/criminal justice programs. The following list represents different types of programs/diplomas available:

- Conflict and Dispute Resolution
- Conservation Enforcement
- Correctional Worker and Services
- Court and Tribunal Agent
- Investigation
- Police
- Private Security
- Probation Officer
- Security
- Security Management