



# THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

## Master of Arts in Criminal Justice

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### Options

- MA Courses and Thesis
- MA Courses and Project
  
- Length:            Full time 24 months            Part Time 48 months
- Credit Hours: 27

### OVERVIEW

The 24 month program provides opportunities for graduate training in theory, methods and research, as well as options to learn in research field placements related to potential future domains of employment such as policing, corrections, social services and policy development. The program may be completed part time or full time and students may pursue a course and project-based or course and thesis-based program of study. Because of its flexibility and options for practical and applied studies, the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice will appeal to both in-service professionals as well as traditional students pursuing advanced studies in the social sciences.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

- a) Strong understanding of contemporary criminal justice theories;
- b) Strong grasp of research methodology, study design and application;
- c) Knowledge of critical and historical perspectives on the criminal justice system, its agents and its strengths and limitations in assisting the socially disadvantaged;
- d) Ability to understand the application of evidence-based practice, and;
- e) Capacity for policy development.
- f) Students completing the course and thesis-based program will achieve competency in graduate level theory, methods and research sufficient to qualify for further doctoral study.
- g) Students completing the course and project-based option will develop thinking, writing, policy development and research skills suitable for a mid-level planning/research officer position in government or the non-profit sector.

## COURSES

GCJ 7101	(3 credit hours)	Conceptualizing Criminal Justice*
GCJ 7105	(3 credit hours)	Youth & Criminal Justice System
GCJ 7116	(3 credit hours)	Program & Policy Evaluation
GCJ 7117	(3 credit hours)	Seminar in Research Design*
GCJ 7130	(3 credit hours)	Constitutional Issues in Criminal Law*
GCJ 7140	(3 credit hours)	Seminar in Criminal Justice Policy*
GCJ 7300	(3 credit hours)	Seminar in Critical Criminal Justice Theory
GCJ 7500	(3 credit hours)	Colonialism and Criminal Justice in Canada
GCJ 7654	(3 credit hours)	Interdiscpl. Perspectives Preventing Wrongful Convictions
GCJ 7800	(6 credit hours)	CJ Research Field Placement
GCJ 7802	(3 credit hours)	Field Placement in Criminal Justice

\*Required

GCJ 7801	(3 credit hours)	Research Project
GCJ 7900	(9 credit hours)	Thesis

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for admission to the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice, students will preferably hold a recognized Honours degree in Criminal Justice or Criminology with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 or higher. Students with a **four year** social science degree, strong backgrounds in theory and methods and a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher will also be considered.

Students without a strong background in criminology or criminal justice may be asked to take additional courses at the third or fourth year level or complete a qualifying year.

Individuals with five or more years of experience at the line level (police officer, probation officer) in the justice field may be given credit for CJ-3800/6 field placement, although this will only be put towards qualifying year courses. There may be other professional experiences that can be considered.

## ADMISSION

- Application is available **on-line**.
- Applications open on **November 1<sup>st</sup>**.
- Only **complete** applications (including letters of reference) for full time students received by **February 1<sup>st</sup> will be considered for funding**.
- Please note that the University of Winnipeg forwards the requests for letters to your referees only once your application is complete. Please ensure that your referees have

sufficient time (1 to 2 months notice) to have forwarded their letters by February 1<sup>st</sup>, if you wish to be considered for funding.

- Full time or Part-time admissions start course work in September of each year.
- Applicants are strongly urged to familiarize themselves with the research specialties of the faculty in the Criminal Justice department. Applicants should ensure their proposed research topics align with these research specialties. Please scroll down for information on potential supervisors.

## **FEES**

For more information on fees, please consult: <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/graduate-studies/fees/index.html>

Continuance fees are charged to students who do not finish their programs within specified time limits.

## **FUNDING & AWARDS**

Applications with references received by February 1<sup>st</sup>, qualify for open funding.

Information on awards and how to apply is outlined on the Graduate Studies Links. Internal awards information can be accessed at: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/graduate-studies/funding/uw-fgs-awards/the-university-of-winnipeg-graduate-studies-awards-scholarships.html>.

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Information on services for international students can be found at:

<https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/graduate-studies/future-students/international-students.html>

## **THESIS AND RESEARCH PROJECT OPTIONS**

Students who decide to do a 9 credit hour **Thesis** complete 18 hours of course work. Information on the thesis option can be found here: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/criminal-justice/docs/gcj-7900-description.pdf>

Students who decide to do a 3 credit hour **Research Project** complete 24 hours of coursework. Information on the project option is here: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/criminal-justice/docs/gcj-7801-description.pdf>

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact Graduate Program Chair Dr. Michael Weinrath at [m.weinrath@uwinnipeg.ca](mailto:m.weinrath@uwinnipeg.ca) or 204-786-9100.

## Faculty Research Supervision Areas

Students must identify a professor whose research interests match their own in their application to the Criminal Justice Master's degree. Below is a list of faculty and the areas that they are suited to supervise graduate students.

Faculty Member	Supervision Areas
<b>Dr. Michelle Bertrand</b> Associate Professor	Psychology and the law; eyewitness memory; police lineups; comprehension of judicial instructions; jury representativeness.
<b>Dr. Bronwyn Dobchuk-Land</b> Assistant Professor	Racism, colonialism and the criminal justice system; community policing; neighbourhood responses to crime and punishment; crime prevention; gangs; carceral abolition theory and practice; social policy
<b>Dr. Kelly Gorkoff</b> Instructor	Theories of governance & the state; corporatization of public institutions; sex work/prostitution programming and legislation (adult and youth); public inquiries; violence against women
<b>Dr. Steven Kohm</b> Professor	Crime in film and popular culture; news media and crime; governing online sexual exploitation; urban governance.
<b>Dr. Kevin Walby</b> Associate Professor	Public policing; private security; corporate security; surveillance; risk; imprisonment and punishment; freedom of information law; urban governance.
<b>Dr. Michael Weinrath</b> Professor	Corrections, legitimacy and procedural justice, program evaluation, fear of crime, victimization, high risk and drunk driving.