

# Department of Criminology

## Letter of Intent

When preparing your project, pay particular attention to [plagiarism](#). The same rules apply as for your academic work. No form of plagiarism will be tolerated by the members of the evaluation committee and will result in immediate rejection. The use of artificial intelligence to answer the following questions is considered plagiarism.

Name of applicant

uOttawa Student number (if applicable)

Students must complete their mandatory courses in the language of their program stream. In accordance with the [University's Academic Regulation A-1](#) on Bilingualism, all students have the right to produce their written work in the official language of their choice, regardless of the course's language of instruction.

**Please indicate if you are bilingual and if you would consider admission in the other language in case we are not able to provide an offer of admission in your preferred language stream.**

Yes

No

*Note: candidates may be required to complete a language exam or provide other equivalent proof of bilingualism later in the admission process.*

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**Explain your motivation to complete an MA in Criminology with the Department of Criminology at the University of Ottawa (indicating the chosen option).**

Detail any prior academic and/or professional experiences that were particularly significant to your learning and that have inspired you to pursue graduate studies (Ex: courses you have taken, volunteer positions, field or co-op placements, projects demonstrating analysis skills, specific articles you have read, significant awards or other scholastic achievements, etc.). *100 words max*

**Do you have previous research experience** in the form of an undergraduate honors thesis, research stream program at the undergraduate level, lab or research team experience, or the completion of a significant research project in a university course? Yes/No, if so, explain briefly. *100 words max*

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**For Thesis/Major Research Paper (MRP) Stream applicants only**

Please **explain the specific area(s) and question(s) of research** you would like to explore in your thesis or MRP. Identify at least **one potential supervisor** (maximum three) and explain why you believe your research interest(s) align with their [work](#). While there is no expectation that students contact potential supervisors in advance of their program application, please indicate if you have been in contact with any potential supervisors. *200 words max*

**For Course Stream applicants only**

Explain your **interest in the course stream and the learning outcomes** you are hoping to achieve (Ex. specific topic, research interests, etc.). What will a course-based MA contribute to your academic and professional trajectory? *200 words max*

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### **For Field Placement applicants**

The field placement is a 12-credit experiential learning component of the MA in Criminology and may be taken with any program stream option. Students will immerse themselves in the complex realities of their host organizations for a minimum of 360 fieldwork hours during the fall semester of their second year of studies. Students will concurrently attend the field placement seminar during which they will critically analyze the discipline from theoretical and experiential lenses. Please note that spaces are limited and admission to the field placement is not guaranteed. For more information, please see our webpage: <https://www.uottawa.ca/faculty-social-sciences/criminology/field-placement>

Please indicate below if you are interested in having the internship program included in your offer (in the event that you are accepted into our program), taking into account the course profile of the options with internships (see <https://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/graduate/master-arts-criminology/> ). 50 words maximum.

### **For applicants to the specialization in Feminist and Gender Studies**

For more information, please see our webpage: <https://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/graduate/master-arts-criminology-specialization-feminist-gender-studies/>

Please indicate below if you are interested in having the specialization in feminist and gender studies included in your offer (in the event that you are accepted into our program), taking into account the course profile of the options with this specialization (see <https://catalogue.uottawa.ca/en/graduate/master-arts-criminology/> ). 50 words max

### **Optional - All applicants**

The Department of Criminology encourages and welcomes applications of all students from criminology and related disciplinary backgrounds. Along with our commitment to French/English bilingualism at the University of Ottawa, and uOttawa's aspiration of being a vibrant Franco-Ontarian and Franco-Canadian community, we are committed to including underrepresented groups in our department. We aspire to represent Black, Indigenous, People of Colour (BIPOC) and other racialized students, students with disabilities, students with lived experience of criminalization, first-generation students, as well as students with a non cis gender identity. As we strive to expand our EDI (equity, diversity, and inclusion) goals, we offer students the opportunity to identify their belonging to one or more of the aforementioned groups to develop pools of students eligible for departmental bursaries focused on supporting underrepresented groups in academia. If you wish to self-identify, [please complete this form.](#)

**Please note that this information will not be included in the evaluation of your admission. It will be independently retrieved, only if you are accepted, in order to determine eligibility for potential financial support.**

1 Students self-declaring Indigenous identity must meet the criteria outlined in the University of Ottawa's assessment criteria for First Nations, Inuit and Métis applicants eligible for dedicated admissions streams, reserved seats or scholarships and bursaries intended for Indigenous students. Please review the assessment procedure here: [University of Ottawa Eligibility for Focused Admissions, Scholarships, and Bursaries for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis People](#)