

Crime and Criminal Justice

(IDC4U1/INTCRM)

This course combines the expectations of the Inter-disciplinary Studies, Grade 12, University course with a relevant selection of expectations from other disciplines including: Canadian and World Studies (CLU4U & CHY4U), Social Studies and the Humanities (HSB4M), English (ENG4U) and Science (SNC4M).

Crime and Criminal Justice will focus on crime, criminal behaviour and the legal institutions within our society. The diverse aspects of crime will be examined from the sociological, psychological and biological perspectives. Using crime statistics and data analysis, students will understand a current and quantitative view of crime in society. In addition, forensic investigations, the role and importance of the police and correctional services within our society will be studied.

The Basics

Criminology

- What is Crime? Its varying definitions
- What is Criminology? Diverse perspectives and what Criminologists do

Measuring Crime

- Sources of data on Crime
- Understanding and analysis of crime data and statistics

The Theoretical

Society and the Criminal

- Crime from a Sociological Perspective: Sociological Theories
- Case Study: Why are people attracted to gangs and gang life?

Born a Criminal?

- Biological theories and perspectives of crime
- Psychological theories and perspectives of crime
- Case Study: The psychopath and notorious criminals

The Practical

Forensics

- The use of science in Criminology
- Skill development in Crime solving
- Crime Scene Investigation

Police and Corrections

- Roles, Functions, Responsibilities and Institutions
- National and International agencies and institutions
- Preventing Crime