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Criminology Frequently asked Questions

1) What module changes are coming to the Sociology Department?

New admission to the Criminology Major will be discontinued effective September 1, 2026. Intent to Register 2025 will be the last opportunity to request admission to the Criminology major. All students currently enrolled in the module or entering the module by September 1, 2025 will be able to finish the module.

2) What modules are not changing?

All of the sociology modules (Honours Specialization, Specialization, Major, and Minor) as well as the Criminology minor are not changing. Power and Justice courses will continue to be offered.

3) Why is the Criminology Major being discontinued?

An external quality review recommended that the department discontinue the criminology modules. The department does not have enough tenure track faculty who are criminologists. Past students have raised concerns with the quality of the program. The department will offer new and updated courses in the department's four areas of strength: 1) Health and the life course, 2) Social Demography and Migration, 3) Power and Justice, and 4) Work and the Economy.

4) I am a current Criminology Major student, will this change affect me?

No, it will not. All students who are currently enrolled in the Criminology Major by September 1, 2025 will be permitted to graduate with the module. Module requirements must be completed by August 31, 2030.

5) Will the department offer fewer Criminology courses?

No, the department will offer new and additional courses under the area of Power and Justice. The department is updating its course material in this area. Look out for new courses in 2024-25 such as Soc 3423F/G – Rethinking Punishment, Soc 3463F/G – Crime and the City, Soc 4344F/G – Digital Data.

6) Where can I find out more about modules and courses offered in the Department of Sociology?

Come to our Town Hall on February 7th 2024 at 4:30pm in the Weldon Community Room. The Department Chair and Undergraduate Chair will discuss our offerings and answer student questions. Visit our website: <https://sociology.uwo.ca/undergraduate/index.html>

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