Criminology

**Offered As:**
- Major
- Minor

*Open to students of other Faculties:*

**What is it about?**
Criminology is an interdisciplinary field in the social sciences, drawing especially upon the research of sociologists, but with important contributions from the fields of anthropology, psychology, law, history, etc. The programme seeks to promote an understanding of how and why crime occurs, including both individual, group and community factors. It also provides a framework for learning about the process and operations of the criminal justice system from the point of contact with the police through to imprisonment.

The programme is useful for students who wish to assume a professional position in the criminal justice system and anyone else having a general interest in crime and its control.

**Offering Department:**
Department of Sociology

**Pre-requisite requirements and/or other conditions for declaring the major/minor:**

**Major:**
- SOCI1001 and 2 out of the following (not more than one from the same discipline):
  - GEOG1002/GEOG1003/GEOG1005/GEOG1012/GEOG1016/GEOG1017 or POLI1003 or PSYC1001/PSYC1004 or SOWK1001/SOWK1002/SOWK1004/SOWK1011/SOWK1012/SOWK1013 or SINQ1002

**Minor:**
- SOCI1001

For details, please check with the Department of Sociology.

**Career opportunities:**
The programme is useful for students who wish to assume a professional position in the criminal justice system or those wanting to work with offenders. For details, please check with the Department of Sociology, Faculty or CEDARS (Careers & Placement)

**Further information:**
- [https://sociology.hku.hk/programmes/undergraduate/criminology/](https://sociology.hku.hk/programmes/undergraduate/criminology/)

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* Note: Students pursuing curricula with major / minor programme(s) must complete at least one major programme from their home Faculties upon graduation.

Disclaimer: The information mainly applies to students admitted in 2020-2021 and thereafter. For students from different cohorts, the information is only for reference. Please check with Faculty/offering department for details. The pre-requisite requirements / conditions are subject to changes by Faculties from time to time, and students are advised to check with their Faculty Office in case of doubt.