

At Louvain-la-Neuve - 120 credits - 2 years - Day schedule - In French

Dissertation/Graduation Project : **YES** - Internship : **YES**

Activities in English: **NO** - Activities in other languages : **NO**

Activities on other sites : **NO**

Main study domain : **Criminologie**

Organized by: **Faculty of Law and Criminology (DRT)**

Programme acronym: **CRIM2M** - Francophone Certification Framework: 7

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CRIM2M - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

The goal of the master is to offer the students the theoretical and methodological resources to understand criminality and penalty and, more generally, deviance and social control.

The professional focus master aims to help students specialise in intervention in order to be able to teach in sectors aiding and protecting young people, the police, executing penalties and criminal measures, legal aid and dealing with delinquency.

The research focus master aims to train students in careers in research and analysis in the fields of psychological or sociological criminology and criminal policy.

Skills developed :

- Deeper understanding and critical analysis of criminality and penalty, deviance and social control, and the scientific work devoted to these phenomena;
- Conducting interviews ; intervening in situations of conflict and crisis, reflecting on intervention practices
- Wording of research questions; building up research tools; carrying out empirical research; thinking about research practices.

Knowledge to acquire :

- Major theories in psychological and sociological criminology from the crime to the administration of criminal justice;
- Intervention and research methodology ;
- Legal matters in relation to criminality and penalty.

On successful completion of this programme, each student is able to :

- **Maîtriser** de manière intégrée **un corpus de connaissances relatives aux disciplines principales** (droit, psychologie, psychiatrie, sociologie, sciences médico-légales) autour desquelles s'articule la criminologie, corpus sur lequel le diplômé s'appuie pour comprendre et réfléchir une « situation-problème » intéressant la criminologie.
- Maîtriser le corpus de lois et de règles qui d'une part érigent certaines situations en infractions et d'autre part définissent et organisent les façons dont les autorités publiques les appréhendent et les résolvent.
- Maîtriser les théories psychologiques, psychiatriques, sociologiques et médico-légales mobilisées par la criminologie pour expliquer ou problématiser ces situations, phénomènes définis comme criminels ou perçus comme déviants.
- Étudier les processus de création des lois et des règles, leur application, ainsi que les usages et effets de la pénalisation des situations.
- Analyser de manière approfondie les éléments politiques, économiques, sociaux et psychiques en jeu dans la réaction sociale formelle et informelle.
- Analyser de manière approfondie les processus psychiques et sociaux en jeu dans les passages à l'acte et dans les carrières déviantes.
- Analyser de manière critique ce que la problématisation criminologique des situations pénalisées ajoute ou enlève à leur intelligibilité.
- **Maîtriser et mobiliser la rigueur de la méthodologie** indispensable à toute intervention et à toute réflexion sur des questions intéressant la criminologie.
- Faire preuve de la rigueur, de la précision et de l'esprit critiques indispensables à toute démarche scientifique.
- Réfléchir de manière scientifique les phénomènes qui intéressent la criminologie en fonction des facteurs psychologiques, psychiatriques, médico-légaux, sociologiques, économiques, politiques, historiques et culturels.
- Maîtriser et mobiliser les outils d'analyse tant statistiques que qualitatifs pertinents pour l'étude de problématiques données.
- **Analyser de manière critique, selon une approche transdisciplinaire et réflexive, des « situations-problèmes » intéressant la criminologie**

Detailed programme by subject

CORE COURSES [90.0] Mandatory

- Mandatory
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Year

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LANGL2623	Professional Integration Seminar for Criminologists	Nathalie Heiderscheidt (coord.) Jean-Paul Nyssen	EN [q1] [30h] [3 Credits]		x

o Apprenticeship in criminology

LCRIM2221	Stage et séminaire de supervision du stage		FR [q1] [300h+30h] [12 Credits]		x
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o End of Study Thesis in Criminology

LCRIM2222	Seminar and thesis supervision	Sonja Bitzer Chloé Branders Fabienne Brion Fabien Carrié Christian-Paul De Valkeneer Marie-Sophie Devresse Jérôme Englebert Vincent Francis Christophe Janssen Johan Kalonji Ditunga Dan Kaminski Bertrand Renard Frédéric Vesentini	FR [q2] [15h] [2 Credits]		x
LCRIM2200	End of study Thesis		FR [q1 or q2] [] [15 Credits]		x

Year

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✂ LCRIM2502	Critical Perspectives in clinical Criminology 📄	Jérôme Englebert	EX [q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐		x
✂ LCRIM2503	Foucauldian Perspectives in Criminology 📄	Fabienne Brion	EX [q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐		x
✂ LCRIM2504	Marxist Perspectives in Criminology 📄	Fabienne Brion Marie-Sophie Devresse	EX [q1] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐		x

PROFESSIONAL FOCUS : INTERDISCIPLINARY IN CRITICAL CRIMINOLOGY [30.0]

- Mandatory
- ✘ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2023-2024
- ⊖ Not offered in 2023-2024 but offered the following year
- ⊕ Offered in 2023-2024 but not the following year
- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2023-2024 or the following year
- Activity with requisites
- 🌐 Open to incoming exchange students
- 🚫🌐 Not open to incoming exchange students
- (FR) Teaching language (FR, EN, ES, NL, DE, ...)

[Click on the course title to see detailed informations \(objectives, methods, evaluation...\)](#)

This purpose is dedicated to students from the Université catholique de Lille who come to follow courses during a quadrimester at UCLouvain as well as to students from UCLouvain who will go on an exchange stay at the Université catholique de Lille.

Year

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Alternatives

○ LECRI1504	Elements of Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure	Jean-Marc Hausman Christelle Macq	FR [q1] [60h] [7 Credits] 🌐
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○ Pour les étudiants étrangers qui n'ont pas eu de cours de sociologie

○ LPSP1007	Sociology: education, health and work	Marc Zune	FR [q1] [30h] [4 Credits] 🌐
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⌘ Autre bachelier universitaire qui n'a pas suivi la mineure en criminologie

○ LECRI1501	History of Criminology	Dan Kaminski	FR [q2] [30h] [4 Credits] 🌐
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○ LECRI1504	Elements of Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure	Jean-Marc Hausman Christelle Macq	FR [q1] [60h] [7 Credits] 🌐
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○ LECRI1508	Introduction to general clinical and criminological Psychology	Christophe Janssen	FR [q1] [30h] [4 Credits] 🌐
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⌘ Assistant social

○ LECRI1501	History of Criminology	Dan Kaminski	FR [q2] [30h] [4 Credits] 🌐
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○ LECRI1502			
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Course prerequisites

The **table** below lists the activities (course units, or CUs) for which there are one or more prerequisites within the programme, i.e. the programme CU for which the learning outcomes must be certified and the corresponding credits awarded by the jury before registering for that CU.

These activities are also identified **in the detailed programme**: their title is followed by a yellow square.

Prerequisites and student's annual programme

As the prerequisite is for CU registration purposes only, there are no prerequisites within a programme year. Prerequisites are defined between CUs of different years and therefore influence the order in which the student will be able to register for the programme's CUs.

In addition, when the jury validates a student's individual programme at the beginning of the year, it ensures its coherence, meaning that it may:

- require the student to combine registration in two separate CUs which it considers necessary from a pedagogical point of view.
- transform a prerequisite into a corequisite if the student is in the final year of a degree course.

For more information, please consult the [Academic Regulations and Procedures](https://uclouvain.be/fr/decouvrir/rgee.html) (<https://uclouvain.be/fr/decouvrir/rgee.html>).

Prerequisites list

- LANGL2423** "English Communication Skills for Students in Criminology" has prerequisite(s) LANGL1823
- LANGL1823 - English receptive skills for students in criminology
- LANGL2623** "Professional Integration Seminar for Criminologists" has prerequisite(s) LANGL2423
- LANGL2423 - English Communication Skills for Students in Criminology
- LCRIM2109** "Droit de l'exécution des peines" has prerequisite(s) LECRI1504 OU LECRI1504B
- LECRI1504 - Elements of Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure
 - LECRI1504B - Elements of procedure law
- LCRIM2200** "Mémoire" has prerequisite(s) LECRI1503 ET LECRI1507
- LECRI1503 - Introduction to Criminology
 - LECRI1507 - Practical Research Seminar in Criminology
- LCRIM2221** "Stage et séminaire de supervision du stage" has prerequisite(s) (LECRI1504 OU LECRI1504B) ET LCRIM2101 ET LCRIM2107 ET LCRIM2110 ET LCRIM2111 ET LCRIM2301
- LECRI1504 - Elements of Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure
 - LECRI1504B - Elements of procedure law
 - LCRIM2101 - Qualitative methodology in Criminology and practical exercises
 - LCRIM2107 - Protection of Youth : Institution and Practices
 - LCRIM2110 - Police Law and Practice
 - LCRIM2111 - Quantitative methodology in Criminology and practical exercises
 - LCRIM2301 - Psychological and sociological Interviewing
- LCRIM2222** "Séminaire d'accompagnement641 0 0 -1 57.70397" Séminaire 20.04pinaire 20.04pinaire 20.04pinaire 20.04pinaire 20.04purch Seminar
- - LCRIM2101
 - LCRIM2107

- LCRIM2104 - Criminal Sociology
- LCRIM2106 - Penology
- LCRIM2107 - Protection of Youth : Institution and Practices
- LCRIM2108 - Criminology and Psychiatry and practical exercises

LCRIM2307 "Droit des victimes et victimologie" has prerequisite(s) (LECRI1504 OU LECRI1504B) ET LECRI1508

- LECRI1504 - Elements of Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure
- LECRI1504B - Elements of procedure law
- LECRI1508 - Introduction to general clinical and criminological Psychology

All Bachelor

Access based on application

Subject to approval of application

Additional training to be determined depending on the program followed previously: maximum 60 credits

Non university Bachelors

> Find out more about [links](#) to the university

Non-university bachelors who have access to the master's degree in criminology will have to add to their master's program **additional training** that can reach a maximum of 60 credits (to be determined depending on the program followed previously)

Diploma	Access	Remarks
BA - assistant(e) en psychologie - crédits supplémentaires entre 15 et 30		
BA - assistant(e) social(e) - crédits supplémentaires entre 15 et 30		
BA - conseiller(ère) social(e) - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60		
BA - éducateur(trice) spécialisé(e) en accompagnement psycho-éducatif - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60		
BA de spécialisation en santé communautaire - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 45		
BA de spécialisation en santé mentale et psychiatrie - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 45		
BA en communication - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60		
BA en droit - crédits supplémentaires entre 15 et 30		
BA en écologie sociale - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60		
BA en gestion des ressources humaines - crédits supplémentaires entre 30 et 60		
BA en sciences administratives et gestion publique - crédits supplémentaires entre 15 et 30		
BA en soins infirmiers - crédits supplémentaires entre 45 et 60		

Additional training to be determined depending on the program followed previously: maximum 60 credits

Holders of a non-University 2nd cycle degree

Access based on application.

Access based on validation of professional experience

> It is possible, under certain conditions, to use one's personal and professional experience to enter a university course without having the required qualifications. However, validation of prior experience does not automatically apply to all courses. Find out more about [Validation of priori experience](#).

Adults who wish to enhance their professional experience or personal achievements in the field of criminology (justice houses, police, prisons, crime prevention...) will apply to the Admission Commission of the School of Criminology by submitting a VAE file.

Candidates must be able to justify at least 5 useful years of personal and/or professional experience, including successful years of higher education. For more information, please visit <https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/drt/ecri/vae.html> (<https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/drt/ecri/vae.html>).

They will be able to accede to the Master in Criminology with the addition of additional teaching determined according to the previous course (maximum 60 credits). For more information, visit <https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/drt/ecri/mon-programme-de-cours.html> (<https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/drt/ecri/mon-programme-de-cours.html>).

Access based on application

Access based on application : access may be granted either directly or on the condition of completing additional courses of a maximum of 60 ECTS credits, or refused.

Admission of students holding a non-Belgian degree

1. Conditions of admissibility of an application for admission to the Master's degree in criminology

The admission file of students who have successfully completed an undergraduate degree (minimum 3 years) **in Europe** will only be examined by the Admissions Commission of the School of Criminology if the student has obtained at least 60% (or 12/20) average for all successful academic years.

The admission file of students who have successfully completed an undergraduate degree (minimum 3 years) **outside Europe** will only be examined by the Admissions Committee of the School of Criminology if the student has obtained at least 65% (or 13/20) of average for all successful academic years.

This admissibility criterion is strictly applied.

2. Eligibility criteria

Academic level of the candidate

There is no universal rule because of the great diversity of backgrounds and institutions of origin. In general, however, typical cases of refusal are significantly longer than the norm for undergraduate and graduate students. Profiles with marked deficiencies in fundamental subjects for the Master in Criminology such as criminal law, sociology, clinical psychology, methodology are also typically refused.

The jury decides on the admissibility of candidates on the basis of the elements emerging from their entire file, the quality of the training followed and/or the subjects seen in the field of human and social sciences.

The admissions jury determines admissibility on the basis of the dossier and, if it deems it necessary, an individual interview.

Holders of a Master's degree in specialised criminology have direct access to the Master's degree programme in criminology with an in-depth focus.

Holders of a master's degree in criminology with a thorough purpose have direct access to the master's programme in criminology with a specialised purpose.

Admission and Enrolment Procedures for general registration

- Adults wishing to enhance their professional experience or personal achievements in the field of criminology are invited to visit <https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/drt/ecri/vae.html> (<https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/drt/ecri/vae.html>).
- Candidates of foreign nationality will submit their application to the Registration Service, place de l'Université, 1 - B 1348 Louvain-la-Neuve, according to the procedure described at <http://uclouvain.be/fr/etudier/inscriptions>.
- Registration as a student "élève libre" is described on <https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/drt/ecri/eleve-libre.html> (<https://uclouvain.be/fr/facultes/drt/ecri/eleve-libre.html>).

Teaching method

First year of the master

Cross-disciplinary training in sociology, psychology and law

Second year of the master

Professional focus: the professional focus prolongs the core courses through cross-disciplinary training made up of criminological integration courses.

The student's understanding of criminality, penalty will be put to the test through a 300h internship, which will also help him develop analytical and intervention skills.

Research focus:

