

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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The School of Criminology provides specialized multidisciplinary training which allows to understand crime in all its complexity. The training focuses on several disciplinary areas: criminal law and criminal practices; psychological processes involved in the transition to the crime; social factors acting out and social mechanisms of creation of criminal law and the conditions of its application; study of human behavior in its interaction with biological, social and psychological dimensions.

Your profile

- Are you interested in issues of deviance;
- you plan to perform duties in the field of prevention and repression of crime;
- you place the individual at the center of your concerns and you want to be socially useful;
- you are looking for a training that prepares you for the response on the ground.

Your future job

Fields of action of the criminologist are:

- the Courts (federal and local) and prisons;
- the youth welfare: social service courts, facilities for children in care teams in the community, etc.;
- the prevention services created under security contracts and society;
- the Mental Health and Addiction;
- the social assistance to individuals (remand prisoners, detainees, victims, etc..) in the homes of justice in victim services, etc.;
- the research.

Your programme

The master offers:

- an interdisciplinary approach to deviance from the norm (sociology, law, psychology and biology);
- a specialized training in legal matters in connection with the crime and the penalty;
- an applied learning intervention: Maintenance behaviors, conflict management and crisis situations, etc.;
- extensive methodological tools;
- an internship in the field;
- the possibility of a part of your master abroad.

Specializations

The Master in Criminology offers a Professional focus "criminology of the intervention" and a Research focus. The professional focus interdisciplinary in critical criminology 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.

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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** et contribuer à l'élaboration de réponses et d'actions concrètes et contextualisées.
- Approcher les réactions sociales formelles et informelles et les « situations-problèmes » auxquelles elles s'appliquent en articulant les différents angles d'analyse disciplinaires et en tenant compte des limites de chaque discipline et de leurs interrelations.
- Appliquer une méthodologie rigoureuse qui, tout en composant avec les incomplétudes, permette tout à la fois de problématiser la « solution » pénale et de résoudre les « situations-problèmes », au moyen de débats constructifs entre les diverses disciplines mobilisées par les criminologues.
- Dans ce dialogue transdisciplinaire, faire preuve de réflexivité et de recul critique, vis-à-vis d'autrui et de soi-même.
- Analyser, évaluer, restituer clairement et établir des liens entre des informations et des points de vue différents, en interaction avec les acteurs et institutions impliqués dans les « situations-problèmes ».
- Élaborer des stratégies et des actions concrètes en faisant preuve d'ouverture et de créativité
- Confronter théorie et pratique, notamment à travers une expérience de stage, afin d'apprendre à porter un regard critique sur le fonctionnement d'une institution et sur un ou plusieurs type(s) de situations problématiques.
- **Analyser les pratiques d'intervention et leurs logiques** pour apprendre à se positionner dans divers champs d'intervention avec pertinence et réflexivité.
- Connaître, comprendre, analyser et porter un regard critique sur différentes institutions (par exemple : les organisations policières, les tribunaux, les prisons, l'aide à la jeunesse, l'aide aux justiciables, la santé mentale ...) qui font l'objet des études de criminologie.
- Comprendre, analyser et critiquer de manière argumentée et selon une approche transdisciplinaire les fondements théoriques, la pertinence et les limites des principaux modes, techniques et pratiques d'intervention des criminologues.
- Différencier la pluralité d'intervention et leurs types de finalités et penser l'articulation entre, d'une part, la prévention/protection et le traitement et, d'autre part, la répression, la sanction, la probation, la guidance, la médiation, la réparation...
- Maîtriser et appliquer les outils méthodologiques liés à l'élaboration, la mise en œuvre et l'évaluation des pratiques d'intervention dans les divers champs qui intéressent le criminologue.

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⌘ LANGL2623	Professional Integration Seminar for Criminologists 🟡
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LIST OF FOCUSES

The specialised subject: interdisciplinary in critical criminology is dedicated to students from the Université catholique de Lille who come to follow courses during a quadrimester at the UCLouvain as well as to students from the UCLouvain who will go on exchange to the Université catholique de Lille.

- > [Professional Focus : Criminological Intervention](#) [en-prog-2024-crim2m-lcrim210s]
- > [Research Focus](#) [en-prog-2024-crim2m-lcrim230a]
- > [Professional Focus : interdisciplinary in critical Criminology](#) [en-prog-2024-crim2m-lcrim220s]

PROFESSIONAL FOCUS : CRIMINOLOGICAL INTERVENTION [30.0]

The professional focus is considering the actual and current issues in criminological intervention, with the assistance of field professionals involved in the formation of criminologists and mobilizing their skills in a practical setting.

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- 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...)

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Content:

○ Criminology of Intervention

Two courses from the following :

⊗ LCRIM2302	Clinical Approaches of Conflicts' and crisis' situations ■	Christophe Janssen	FR [q1] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐	X
⊗ LCRIM2304	Ethical Issues in Criminology ■	Bertrand Renard	FR [q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐	X
⊗ LCRIM2307	Victims and Victimology ■	Christophe Janssen Bertrand Renard	FR [q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐	X
⊗ LCRIM2309	Crime, justice et culture ■	Marie-Sophie Devresse	FR [q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐	X
⊗ LCRIM2311	Theories of Security ■	Christian-Paul De Valkeneer Vincent Francis	FR [q1] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐	X

○ Interdisciplinary approaches in criminology

Two courses from the following :

⊗ LCRIM2303	Interdisciplinary Approach of Criminalistics ■	Sonja Bitzer	FR [q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐	X
⊗ LCRIM2305	Interdisciplinary Approach of Criminological Practices ■	Martin Vander Elst	FR [q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐	X
⊗ LCRIM2306	Interdisciplinary Approach of Delinquency : Prevention and Treatment ■	Chloé Branders Jérôme Englebert Johan Kalonji Ditunga	FR [q1] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐	X
⊗ LCRIM2308	Interdisciplinary Approach of Security ■	Christian-Paul De Valkeneer Vincent Francis	FR [q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐	X
⊗ LCRIM2310	Interdisciplinary Approach of terrorism	Fabienne Brion Christian-Paul De Valkeneer Jean-Marc Hausman	FR [q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐	X

○ Theoretical Perspectives in criminology

One course from the following :

⊗ LCRIM2501	In-Depth psycho-analytical Perspectives in criminology ■	Antoine Masson	FR [q1] [30h] [6 Credits] 🌐	X
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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

RESEARCH FOCUS [30.0]

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

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Alternatives

> [Master \[120\] in Criminology](https://uclouvain.be/en-prog-2024-crim2m-programme) [<https://uclouvain.be/en-prog-2024-crim2m-programme>]

MASTER [120] IN CRIMINOLOGY

- Mandatory
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 - △ ⊕ Not offered in 2024-2025 or the following year
 - Activity with requisites
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⊗ LCRIM2310	Interdisciplinary Approach of terrorism	Fabienne Brion Christian-Paul De Valkeneer Jean-Marc Hausman	PR [q2] [30h] [6 Credits] 		x
○ LCRIM2311	Theories of Security	Christian-Paul De Valkeneer Vincent Francis	PR [q1] [30h] [6 Credits] 	x	x

Supplementary classes

To access this Master, students must have a good command of certain subjects. If this is not the case, in the first annual block of their Masters programme, students must take supplementary classes chosen by the faculty to satisfy course prerequisites.

The training added to some students depending on the program followed previously :

- **Belgian university bachelor degree** (law, psychology and other programs): maximum additional training 15 credits
- **Belgian non-university bachelor degree:**
 - Social worker assistant in law, in psychology, administrative sciences and public administration
Adding more training (15 to 30 credits)
 - Nursing, Nursing, Mental Health and Psychiatry, Educator specialized in psycho-educational support, Communication, Social Counselor, Social Ecology, Human Resource Management
Adding more training (30 to 60 credits)
- **Belgian Master degree of non-university higher education:** maximum additional training 15 credits (to be defined at the time of admission).
- **undergraduate degree from a foreign university**
access to application file. A maximum of 60 credits of additional training can be added to your program.
Subject to acceptance of the dossier.
- **You have professional experience of at least five years in criminology sector**
access to file, access via the valuation of acquired experience (VAE). A maximum of 60 credits of additional training can be added to program.
Subject to acceptance of the dossier.

The access for students of the High Schools were revised under the Decree "Paysage". This joint proposal from the Universities of the French Community of Belgium must be validated by the Academy of Research and Higher Education (ARES).

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Maximum 60 credit(s)

⊗ **Bachelier universitaire en droit qui n'a pas suivi la mineure en criminologie**

○ LECRI1508

Introduction to general clinical and criminological Psychology

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](#).

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'accompagnement du mémoire" has prerequisite(s) LECRI1507
- LECRI1507 - Practical Research Seminar in Criminology
- LCRIM2302** "Approches cliniques des situations de conflits et de crises" has prerequisite(s) LECRI1508 ET LCRIM2301
- LECRI1508

- 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

LCRIM2308 "Approche interdisciplinaire de la sécurité" has prerequisite(s) LCRIM2101 ET LCRIM2111 ET LCRIM2106 ET LCRIM2110

- LCRIM2101 - Qualitative methodology in Criminology and practical exercises
- LCRIM2111

CRIM2M - Information

Access Requirements

Master course admission requirements are defined by the French Community of Belgium Decree of 7 November 2013 defining the higher education landscape and the academic organisation of courses.

General and specific admission requirements for this programme must be satisfied at the time of enrolling at the university.

Unless explicitly mentioned, the bachelor's, master's and licentiate degrees listed in this table or on this page are to be understood as those issued by an institution of the French, Flemish or German-speaking Community, or by the Royal Military Academy.

In the event of the divergence between the different linguistic versions of the present conditions, the French version shall prevail.

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Specific access requirements

Proof of a sufficient command of the French language (level B1 of the [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)) must be provided.

Proof of level B1 can be provided by :

- an officially certified certificate of language course attendance at the required level in the student's previous academic career (diploma and transcripts) ;
- an official certificate or an international certificate recognised by the admissions jury: DELF- DALF / TCF / TEF.

The degree must be awarded by an academic institution recognized by UNESCO or recognized by AUF (see <https://www.whed.net/home.php> and https://www.auf.org/les_membres/nos-membres/).

University Bachelors

Diploma	Special Requirements	Access	Remarks
UCLouvain Bachelors			
All Bachelor UCLouvain	With the Minor in Criminology	Direct access	
All Bachelor UCLouvain	Without the Minor in Criminology	Access with additional training	Additional training to be determined depending on the program followed previously: maximum 15 credits
Others Bachelors of the French speaking Community of Belgium			
All Bachelor		Access with additional training	Additional training to be determined depending on the program followed previously: maximum 15 credits
Bachelors of the Dutch speaking Community of Belgium			
Bachelor of Science in de criminologische wetenschappen		Direct access	
Other Bachelor		Access with additional training	Additional training to be determined depending on the program followed previously: maximum 15 credits
Foreign Bachelors			

Every holder of a foreign Master

Access based on application

Subject to approval of application

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>.

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

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: the research focus prolongs the core courses by going into more depth on major theoretical views, not by giving the student encyclopaedic knowledge but rather with a view to highlighting the link between epistemological, theoretical and methodological options.

Evaluation

The evaluation methods comply with the [regulations concerning studies and exams](#). More detailed explanation of the modalities specific to each learning unit are available on their description sheets under the heading "Learning outcomes evaluation method".

Each course on the programme includes an oral or written exam, possibly completed by a project leading to a report which forms part of the evaluation.

The internship involve the preparation of a report being evaluated.

The work on the dissertation involve the drafting of a document which will be presented orally to a jury.

Mobility and/or Internationalisation outlook

During the second semester of the second year of the Master, students can participate in an Erasmus exchange with other university institutions.

Erasmus (Europe) :

- Belgique (Gent),
- Espagne (Granada - Madrid - Salamanca),
- France (Poitiers),
- Hongrie (Budapest)
- Oslo (Norvège).

Mercator (Amérique du Nord) :

- Canada (Université d'Ottawa),
- Canada (Université de Montréal).

Possible trainings at the end of the programme

- [Teacher Training Certificate \(upper secondary education\) - Sociology, Political Sciences, Anthropology](#)

Multiple **certificates** are available to holders of a master's degree in Criminology:

- [Approche multidisciplinaire de l'abus sexuel](#)
- [Approche interdisciplinaire des droits de l'enfant](#)
- [Gestion des politiques de sécurité urbaine](#)
- [Médiation locale, pénale et scolaire](#)

Doctoral training in criminology : [Ecole doctorale en criminologie](#)

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Curriculum Management

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