

Criminology at Trent

Criminology at Trent provides students with a tool kit of theories, research skills, and factual information to enable them to think critically about the criminal justice system. Building on a common core of required courses in theory and research methods, the Criminology program offers a wide range of courses on topics such as law & policy reform, social inequality, criminal justice, deviance, criminalization, and incarceration.

Students will build a solid foundation in legal research methodology and theoretical application that will prepare them for success in a variety of workplace settings. Criminology students at Trent learn alongside faculty experts in Sociology, Law, Gender & Social Justice and Indigenous Studies, gaining skills and knowledge to better understand the systems at play for both criminals and victims.

Why Trent Co-op?

Trent students are problem-solvers, critical thinkers, and excellent communicators. Our co-op students are ready and eager to take on new learning experiences, which means your workplace gains a team member with fresh ideas, diverse perspectives, and valuable knowledge. With our university-wide Indigenous Course Requirement, our students gain a foundational understanding of the history, traditions, cultures, and knowledge of Indigenous peoples which is an essential perspective they can bring to your organization. Hosting a Trent co-op student allows you to instill core skills and expertise early on in students' careers which will benefit your future recruitment and hiring efforts.

Co-op work terms are 12 - 16 weeks long and 35 hours/week, giving students the opportunity to manage well-defined special projects at your organization.

Work Term Schedule

	Fall	Winter	Summer
Year 1	Study Term 1	Study Term 2	Study Term 3
Year 2	Study Term 4	Study Term 5	Work Term 1
Year 3	Study Term 6	Study Term 7	Work Term 2
Year 4	Work Term 3	Study Term 8	

How can a Criminology student help you?

- Conducting research and analyzing crime data
- Critical thinking and design of new programs
- Development of and engagement with community-based responses to violence, harm, and social disadvantage.

Co-op Employer Responsibilities

- Provide position-specific training and job orientation, ensuring all workplace policies are provided to the student
- Ensure you have the appropriate WSIB or alternative insurance coverage for the co-op position
- Have a supervisor dedicated to overseeing the student's work and providing feedback
- Pay the student for their time and treat them as an employee
- Complete a midterm and final evaluation of the student's performance
- Communicate with the Co-op Team as needed throughout the work term

Hiring a Co-op Student

- Co-op employers post their positions on the Co-op Job Board on the Student Experience Portal. To create an employer account on the portal, visit trentu.ca/sep.
- Job applications will be bundled and sent to employers after their position closes.
- Employers can invite candidates to interview using the Interview tab on the Student Experience Portal or by contacting the Co-op Team or the candidate(s) directly.
- Employers will complete midterm and final evaluations on the student's performance and the work term experience.



Hiring students in Criminology Co-op could qualify you for wage subsidy programs like the Student Work Placement Program and Canada Summer Jobs. Providing a paid work term can also earn you a credit of up to \$3,000 through the Ontario Co-operative Education Tax Credit.

Upcoming Work Terms	Preferred Posting Timeline	Work Term Start
Summer 2025	January - February 2025	May 2025
Summer 2026	January - February 2026	May 2026
Fall 2026	May - June 2026	September 2026