University of Pretoria Yearbook 2017

BAHons Criminology (01240262)

Duration of study	1 year
Total credits	120

Programme information

Closing date for applications: 31 July annually.

Admission requirements

- An appropriate bachelor's degree.
- Pass all undergraduate Criminology modules (level 1,2 and 3) as well as at least 70% in each of the final-year modules in Criminology.
- Only a limited number of students are admitted to this programme.

Additional requirements

- A compulsory module KRM 701 Methodology must be passed as a prerequisite for KRM 781.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Core modules

Theories 702 (KRM 702)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	DS
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Quarter 1 or 2 or 3 or 4

Module content

*Closed – requires departmental selection
Various theories explaining the causes of crime are studied. Because most of the existing theories were developed in the United States of America, attention is given to the possibility of using these theories within the South African context.

Victimology 703 (KRM 703)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Quarter 1 or 2 or 3 or 4

Module content

Victimology involves the scientific study of the crime victim. Examples of themes to which attention are given include the following: Restorative justice, victimisation vulnerability of women and children, susceptibility of farmers and farm workers to victimisation, victims of vehicle hijacking, victims of human trafficking and the victimisation vulnerability of foreign migrants.

Psychocriminology 706 (KRM 706)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Social Work and Criminology

Period of presentation	Quarter 2

Module content

In psychocriminology attention is given to psychological disorders that may lead to the committing of crime, or that are regarded as criminal in nature by the legal system and psychological disorders that may occur as a result of having been the victim of crime. Specific themes to which attention are given include the following: defence and criminal liability with regard to mental disorders, personality disorders, suicide; sexual offences and substance abuse.

Forensic criminalistics 707 (KRM 707)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Quarter 1

Module content

Due to the multidisciplinary, concurring and co-ordinating nature of criminalistics, the subject cannot be regarded as a separate discipline with its own unique methods and techniques. Criminalistics involve an integrated process that includes the following
• identification of criminal actions and the persons involved in it, whether dead or alive;
• fieldwork methods and techniques of the criminal investigator; and
• laboratory analyses carried out during the investigation process.

Economic offences 709 (KRM 709)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Quarter 4

Module content

The culture of materialism and financial success that currently prevail in South Africa gives rise to an increasing number of economic related crimes being committed. These offences and more specifically the characteristics, causes, cost and various types of economic crimes will receive attention in this module. Considering that a large number of offenders employ their skills within group context to obtain political power, organised crime is regarded as an important component of this module. The structure, characteristics and forms assumed by organised crime activities are addressed. In addition, some of the economic crimes that are committed exclusively for their economic benefits are also studied.

Criminology and the criminal justice system 710 (KRM 710)

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 other contact sessions per week, 1 practical per week, 3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Afrikaans and English is used in one class
Academic organisation	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Quarter 4

Module content

A criminological approach to the interaction between police, courts and the Department of Correctional Services. During this module, a community outreach project is also undertaken in collaboration with the police focusing on crime prevention in a specific geographical area.

Research report: Criminology 781 (KRM 781)

Module credits	30.00
Prerequisites	KRM 701
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Social Work and Criminology
Period of presentation	Quarter 3

Module content

Independent research based on a relevant topic; the completed research process will be presented in a research report.

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